

ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting, will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

Restrooms: are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.

Nursery: We encourage families to worship together. If an adult needs to step out of the chapel briefly with a child, the nursery is provided just outside the chapel near the restrooms.

For Kids: Activity sheets for young children are available on the bulletin table. Small bags with quiet activity items hang near the table.

ABOUT THIS EVENING'S THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We give thanks to God...

...who made us, provides for us, and protects us.

...who shepherds us, teaches us, and rules us by his powerful grace.

...who has mercy on us, heals us, and forgives us.

...who has given us the gift of eternal life so that we can serve him in joy all our days.

We give thanks to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

FILL OUT A "PRAYER OF THANKS" CARD

What are you grateful for?

How has God sustained you this past year through suffering, pain, or grief?

How has he worked all things for your good?

What unexpected blessings did you receive?

What promises of his have proved true for you?

How has he answered your prayers?

How have the blessings of wealth, health, work, family, or friends been graciously given?

Give these questions some thought as you worship. Later in the service, after the Apostles' Creed, the ushers will pass out a "prayer of thanks" card and a pen. You will have the opportunity to write down your thanks to God and place it in a basket. Pastor and Kevin, our Shepherding ministry director, will speak our prayers of thanks to God at the altar.

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

OPENING HYMN

623 O Bless the Lord, My Soul, sts. 1-2, 5



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me join and
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer - cies lie for -
5 His won-drous works and ways he made by Mo - ses known but



aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa - vors are di - vine.
got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness and with - out prais - es die.
sent the world his truth and grace by his be - lov - ed Son.



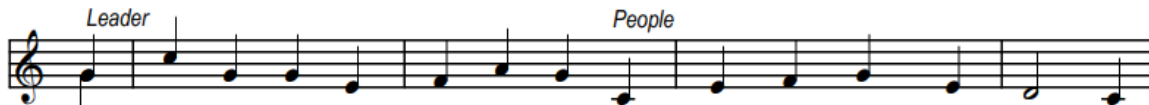
STAND

HYMN

Give Thanks to God



1. Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love en-dures for - ev - er.
 2. Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love en-dures for - ev - er.
 3. Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love en-dures for - ev - er.



Give praise to Him, the Lord of Lords. His love en-dures for - ev - er.
 He bro't us out from sin and death. His love en-dures for - ev - er.
 We join the song that nev - er ends: His love en-dures for - ev - er.



He spread the earth and sea and sky. He filled them all with light and life.
 He stood and stretched His might - y hand. He bowed Him - self, be - came a man -
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low!



May God a - lone be lift - ed high! His love en-dures for - ev - er.
 A gulf that on - ly love could span. His love en-dures for - ev - er.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! His love en-dures for - ev - er.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 100

¹Shout to the LORD with joy, all the earth.

²Serve the LORD with gladness.

Come before him with joyful songs.

³Know that the LORD is God.

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
his courtyards with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

**⁵For the LORD is good. His mercy endures forever.
His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you have made us the sheep of your pasture, and we have no more joyous privilege than to enter your gates and sing your praises. When we enter the courts of your house, fill our hearts with sincere thanksgiving for your never-ending grace; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BE SEATED

READING

Deuteronomy 8:10–18

Do not forget the LORD! Remember all he has done for you and give him thanks.

¹⁰Then you will eat, and you will be filled, and you will praise the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹Be very careful so that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and ordinances and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹²When you eat and are satisfied, and you build nice houses and move into them, ¹³and your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold increase, and everything that you have prospers, ¹⁴watch out so that your heart does not become arrogant and forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. ¹⁵Do not forget the LORD, who led you in the great and terrifying wilderness, where there were venomous snakes and scorpions, where the thirsty ground had no water, but the LORD made water come out of a flint rock for you. ¹⁶Do not forget the LORD, who in the wilderness fed you manna, which your fathers had not known before, to humble you and to test you so that it would be good for you later on.

¹⁷You might say in your heart, “My ability and the power of my hand have earned this wealth for me.” ¹⁸But then you are to remember that the LORD your God is the one who gives you the ability to produce wealth, to confirm his covenant that he promised to your fathers with an oath, as he does to this day.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 50A– God the Lord, the King Almighty, sts. 1, 3



1 God the LORD, the King Al - might - y, calls the earth from
3 God who owns the whole cre - a - tion needs no gift, no



east to west: shin - ing out from Zi - on's splen - dor,
food, no house; bring to him your heart's thanks - giv - ing,



cit - y love - li - est and best, comes our God! He breaks the
God Most High will hear your vows. Trust him in the day of



si - lence, robed in burn - ing maj - es - ty: "Gath - er all my
trou - ble, call to him who will re - deem; he will be your



cov - 'nant peo - ple, bound by sac - ri - fice to me."
strong de - liv - 'rer, his re - nown your dai - ly theme.

PSALM PRAYER

Lord, as giver of all things, you have no need for anything we could bring you. Everything we have comes from your hand. Open our hearts to give you thank offerings so that we realize more and more how good you are to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

Faith which looks to Jesus for mercy is also quick to thank him for it.

¹¹On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, ¹³they called out loudly, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they went away they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus responded, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHOIR & CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The choir sings stanza 2.

**Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

*We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield,
Wheat and tares together sown; unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
Gather all thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin.
There, forever purified, in thy presence to abide.
Come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

SERMON

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

At this time the ushers will pass out the worship welcome booklets. Fill out your information in the booklet and pass it down to others in your row.

The ushers will also pass out the "prayer of thanks" cards and pens.

FILLING OUT OF THE *PRAAYER OF THANKS* CARDS

Reflect on the thanksgiving prompts on the inside cover of this worship folder.

Take a moment to write down a prayer of thanks. Include your name, if comfortable doing so.

Place the prayer of thanks card in the basket when it passes down your row at the end of the thanksgiving offering song.

Pastor and Kevin, our Shepherding Director, will pray the prayers out loud at the altar after the sermon hymn.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING SONG

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

*You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

*So bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Forevermore*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*



2 Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,
 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,
 6 O - pen our eyes to see your love's in - tent,



for life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
 that gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,
 to know with mind and heart its depth and height;



for Christ, your Son, and for each hu - man face
 that knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"
 let thank - ful days in lov - ing la - bor spent



that shows your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
 as - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.
 re - flect the tru - ly Christ - like life and light.

PRAYER

God our Savior, we lift up your hands and hearts to you in prayer, giving thanks for all your blessings.

The minister and Shepherding Director offer up the prayers submitted by the congregation on the “Prayer of Thanks” cards.

Keep your goodness, mercy and love on our hearts and minds daily, that we remember you as the giver of all our gifts and abilities, and as our only Redeemer and Savior.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your mercy endures forever.

Give us thankful hearts, that we always acknowledge you as the giver of every good and perfect gift and that we use wisely what you give us,

for your glory and for our neighbor’s good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

HYMN

507 Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and



God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. The hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his
 o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
 love and re - joic - ing. With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
 raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Offerings may be placed in the plates near the doors as you exit the chapel.

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here and enter your phone number or email address to donate. (Members, please use a phone number or email address that is currently on file with the church).



AND NOW LET THE WEAK SAY,
"I AM STRONG."
LET THE POOR SAY,
"I AM RICH"
because of
what the
LORD HAS
done for us.
Give thanks!

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Choir: Clay Funk

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754 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

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