EDGEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Edgewood Lutheran

Loved by God in Jesus Christ, we are sent to share the love of God in the world.

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God of the Fertile Fields ACS 1063

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

God eternal and righteous One, Who created the heavens and the earth, we gather to give you thanks.

For breath that fills us with your life, For love that softens our hearts, For beauty revealed at every turn.

Christ redeeming and forgiving One, Who is always faithful and merciful. We gather to give you thanks,

For renewal, transforming our lives, For peace calming the chaos of our souls, For hope restoring our faith.

Spirit sustaining and compassionate One, Who calls us into relationship with the living God, We give you thanks,

For caring when our hearts are aching, For friends supportive in times of need, For generosity lavish and overflowing.

God who created the earth and the heavens, Eternal, Redeeming and Sustaining One, We gather to give you thanks,

We come with hearts full of gratitude, For all things good, We give thanks to You.

Let us pray.....

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

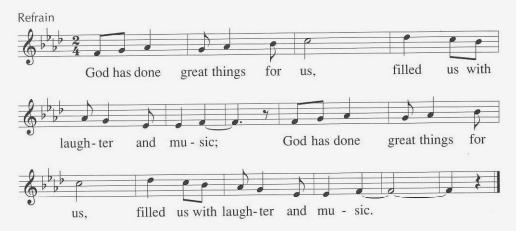
FIRST READING Joel 2:21-27

be glad and rejoice. for the LORD has done great things! ²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. ²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel. and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²¹Do not fear, O soil;

REFLECTION Paula Dusseljee

Psalm 126: God Has Done Great Things for Us 124



Verses

- 1. When our God led us back to freedom, like dreamers we beheld the promised land again; our mouths were filled with laughter and rejoicing.
- 2. We proclaimed to the nations what you had done for us; your mighty deeds of love, restoring us to life, you lead your people home to you rejoicing.
- 3. Come restore our fortune, renew us in your love, as rivers through the sand, as springs within the desert; those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind.

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all -

this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

REFLECTION Pastor Bill Uetricht

Choir Anthem Great is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. by Maureen Howell

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

HYMN OF THE DAY

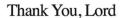
Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom ACS 1064

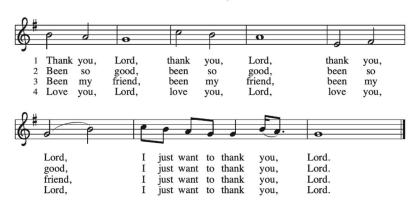
INTRODUCTION TO TIME OF PRAYER

Paula Dusseljee

We will sing us. 1 & 2 before prayers and sing us. 3 & 4 following prayers.

People are asked to spontaneously say what they are thankful for





Text: Traditional Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

VIDEO At the Table

OFFERING Tonight's offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

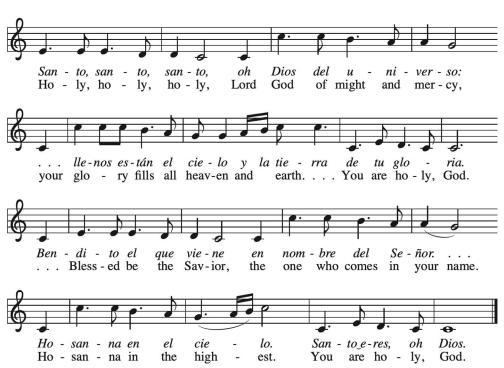
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

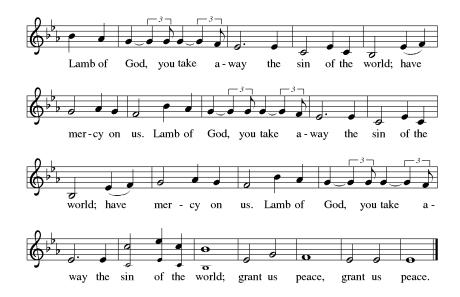
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, \oplus bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Now Thank We All Our God ELW 840

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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