

Scripture Readings:

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Luke 17:11-19

Gift of Music: “Jesus Loves Me” SONG INSERT

Sermon: “Eternally Grateful” Rev. David Steffenson

\* Song: “For the Beauty of The Earth” SONG INSERT

\* Confession of Faith: “I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in times of danger and guards me from every evil. All this He does out of Fatherly and Divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore, I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.” *(from: Martin Luther)*

Litany of Thanksgiving: (Psalm 96)

L: Tonight we offer our thanksgiving & gratitude to the LORD, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts,

**C: The Lord be praised.**

L: For the tables we share and the bread we partake of within our communities, within our families, and within our homes,

**C: The Lord be praised.**

L: For the hands of friendship that have been extended to us and the grace we have received,

**C: The Lord be praised.**

L: For God’s continual provision in our lives,

**C: The Lord be praised.**

L: For the embrace of Holy Love in the gift of Jesus,

**C: The Lord be praised.**

L: For Your mercies that are new at dawn and sustain us through the day, echoing through the night,

**C: The Lord be praised.**

L: For the gift of Your Son and His blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

**C: The Lord be praised.**

L: For the new life that beats within us now.

**C: The Lord be praised.**

L: In all things, we give You thanks and join with creation's song,

**C: Great is the Lord and most worthy to be praised!**

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The Lord’s Prayer: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom & the power & the glory forever & ever. Amen.**

Song: “Now Thank We All Our God” SONG INSERT

\* Sending and Benediction: (Psalm 105)

L: Go from this place with joy, giving thanks to God, proclaiming His goodness, celebrating His love, and worshipping Him with your lives.

**C: For He is the Lord our God, faithful to a thousand generations.**

L: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and among you in the days ahead.

**C: Amen.**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Going Forth Song: “God Be With You” SONG INSERT

Postlude:

## Announcements

Emmanuel Lutheran Church offers thanks to Annie Kee, and the Staff & Residents of Madonna Towers for inviting us into their worship space tonight. Thanks for joining us for worship and fellowship, as we give thanks and sing praises to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Blessed Thanksgiving to you and yours! Please join us for refreshments following worship! Dessert is being served!

## Worship Servants Tonight: Thanks!

Pastor: Rev. David Steffenson

Pianist: Karen Salz

Gif of Music: Kid's Choir

Worship Leader: Julie Steffenson

Dessert & Hospitality Coordinator: Deb Vomhof

Head Usher: Darald Bothun

Greeters: Lee & Judy Pearce

## Calendar Items

Thursday, November 22—Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday, November 24—Emmanuel Lutheran Worship at 6pm. (Eve of Christ the King). No Saturday School.

Tuesday, November 27—Men's Bible Study at 8am; pastor's Text Study at 10:30am; Pastor Dave Steffenson preaches at the Homestead Care Chapel at 2pm.

Saturday, December 1—Eve of Advent I. Happy New Church Year!

**Thanks** for worshipping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Worship Service is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! May God grant us grace to be eternally grateful! Blessed Thanksgiving!

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**Worship  
Thanksgiving Eve  
Nov. 21, 2018  
6:00 p.m.**

## **Madonna Towers Chapel**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Gathering Music: Karen Salz

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

SONG INSERT

“How Great Thou Art”

SONG INSERT

Welcome/Announcements

\* Call to Worship: (Psalm 105)

L: Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people!

**C: For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

L: Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name! Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**C: For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

L: Search for God, and for His strength. Never stop looking for Him.

**C: For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

\* SONG: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” SONG INSERT

\* Prayer of the Day: Heavenly Father, our lives are filled with the abundance of your grace & mercy. We thank you for the good things of your creation that fill our lives. May our gratitude be so abundant that it flows into radical generosity that reflects your boundless love for all; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord! **Amen.**

**Returning Thanks** — by Paul Thigpen (Lessons in Being Thankful: Twelve Ways to Cultivate a Thankful Heart.)

Each one of the ten had a tale of personal horror to tell, but the stories were all the same. The nightmare had crept slowly across their bodies: white patches, lumps in the skin. Then the numbness had crawled up their limbs, stealing the feeling from fingers and toes. Finally, the faces had grown disfigured beyond recognition, and all that remained of the feet were crippled nubs. Worst of all were the jeers from the children whenever the men passed too near a village. “Lepers!” they screamed, spitting the word like a curse. So long ago these ten had been young and handsome, healthy and well-to-do, full of desires & dreams. But that seemed like another world, another lifetime. Now they were the walking dead. One morning, as they approached yet another village to beg, the crowds were cheering the name that for months had spread like a whispered wildfire through the leper colony: Jesus. The leper-healer from Nazareth stood by the village well, not far from the twisted outcasts. And He was looking their way. All at once ten hoarse voices erupted in unison: “Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!” He smiled – the first smile turned in their direction for many years – and said simply, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” He hadn’t even touched them. The ten examined one another. Clearly, nothing had changed. Were they once again the butt of a cruel joke? One of them, a Samaritan, turned back to the road, set his face toward Jerusalem and the temple, and motioned for his comrades to join him. “If the priests throw me out,” he said, “then let the crowds stone me. What’s left to live for?” He hobbled down the dusty path, his crutch making holes in the scorched clay. And as the others followed, the miracle came. They were cleansed. Suddenly. Totally. Unconditionally. Nine men shouted and raced down the road like boys in a game, peeling off their rags to welcome the sunshine on their now childlike skin. They never even looked back, never saw again the face whose light had dawned on their darkness and ended their nightmare. But one man – the Samaritan – spun around, ran to Jesus, and flung himself at His feet. Tears spilled down cleansed cheeks. He looked up, trembling, and whispered two words. “Thank you.”

## SONG SHEET

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

#### Refrain

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

### How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all The world Thy Hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed;

#### Refrain:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2. And when I think, That God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, My burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died To take away my sin. **Refrain**

3. When Christ shall come, With shouts of acclamation,  
And take me home, What joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow In humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain**

## **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear, Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who over all Things is wondrously reigning. And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen, All that is needful has been, Sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all That is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, Come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen, Sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

### **“Jesus Loves Me”**

*Kids sing verse 1; congregation with kids sing verses 2 & 3.*

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

3. Jesus loves me! He will stay, Close beside me all the way.  
Thou hast bled and died for me; I will henceforth live for Thee.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so

### **“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth & joy in heaven.  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

### **“Now Thank We All Our God”**

1. Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands & voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all harm, in this world and the next!

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
The Son and Him who reigns with them in highest Heaven;  
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

### **“God Be With You”**

*God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide,  
uphold you, With His sheep in love enfold you; God be with  
you till we meet again. **Refrain:** Till we meet, till we meet, Till  
we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with  
you till we meet again.*

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