

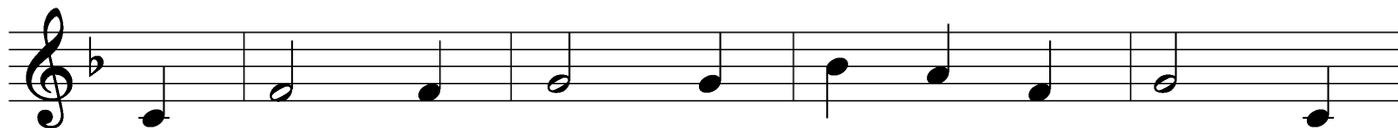
# Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Thanksgiving Service

Remain seated

Sung responsively as indicated by Minister and Congregation



M:

The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et



night and peace at the last.



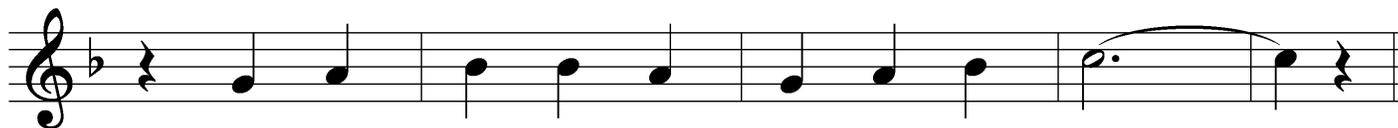
C:

**A - men.**



M:

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



C:

**to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**



M:

to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,



C:

**your truth at the close of day.**

Tune: Dale A. Witte

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,



who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever-more.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Martin Rinkert, 1586–1649  
 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text and tune: Public domain

### Confession

CW 226

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C: the maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for personal reflection*

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**C: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words,  
 in our deeds, and in all that we have not done.  
 Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

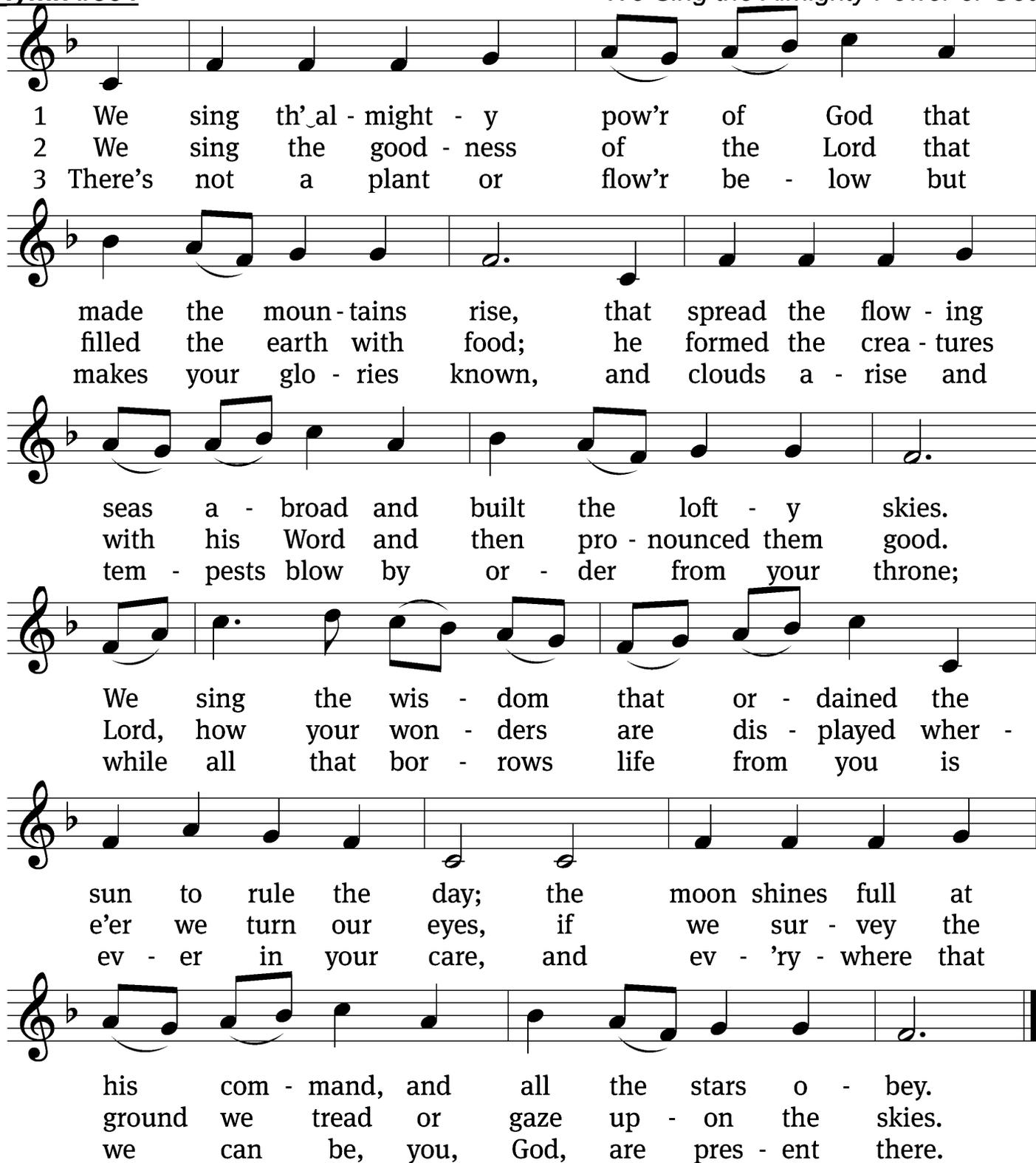
M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,  
 and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,  
 when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn #504

"We Sing the Almighty Power of God"



1 We sing th'al - might - y pow'r of God that  
2 We sing the good - ness of the Lord that  
3 There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but

made the moun - tains rise, that spread the flow - ing  
filled the earth with food; he formed the crea - tures  
makes your glo - ries known, and clouds a - rise and

seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.  
with his Word and then pro - nounced them good.  
tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;

We sing the wis - dom that or - dained the  
Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher -  
while all that bor - rows life from you is

sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at  
e'er we turn our eyes, if we sur - vey the  
ev - er in your care, and ev - 'ry - where that

his com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
ground we tread or gaze up - on the skies.  
we can be, you, God, are pres - ent there.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: English; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

## Prayer

**M:** Lord, you speak to us in the wonders of your creation and the words of your inspired Scriptures. Let your Word enlighten our eyes and enliven our spirits that we may tell of your saving deeds to the ends of the earth, for you rule over the entire creation with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## Reading

2 Kings 4:38–44

<sup>38</sup>Elisha returned to Gilgal and there was a famine in that region. While the company of the prophets was meeting with him, he said to his servant, “Put on the large pot and cook some stew for these prophets.”

<sup>39</sup>One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs and found a wild vine and picked as many of its gourds as his garment could hold. When he returned, he cut them up into the pot of stew, though no one knew what they were. <sup>40</sup>The stew was poured out for the men, but as they began to eat it, they cried out, “Man of God, there is death in the pot!” And they could not eat it.

<sup>41</sup>Elisha said, “Get some flour.” He put it into the pot and said, “Serve it to the people to eat.” And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. “Give it to the people to eat,” Elisha said.

<sup>43</sup>“How can I set this before a hundred men?” his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, “Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: ‘They will eat and have some left over.’ ” <sup>44</sup>Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 15:30–38

<sup>30</sup>Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. <sup>31</sup>The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

<sup>32</sup>Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.”

<sup>33</sup>His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?”

<sup>34</sup>“How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked.

“Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.”

<sup>35</sup>He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. <sup>36</sup>Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. <sup>37</sup>They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>38</sup>The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.

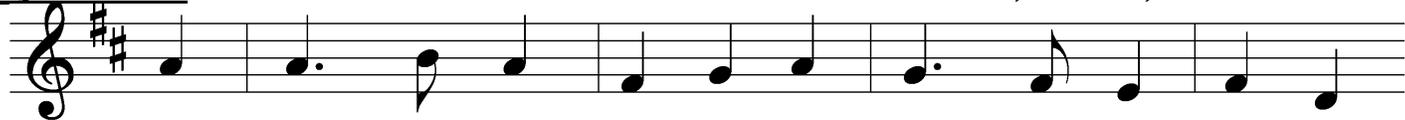
M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Hymn #609**

*"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"*



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.  
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt. Tune: Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, Haarlem, 1626  
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**Sermon Text**

*2 Kings 4:38-44*

**Sermon**

*"Give Thanks to the Lord"*

- 1. God blesses our food*
- 2. God provides our food*

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## Hymn #508

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
he crowns the year with bless - ing, with plen - ty and with peace.  
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, abr., alt. Tune: Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613  
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Please stand

### Prayer

M: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C: listen to my cry.**

M: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

**C: hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

M: In righteousness I shall see you;

**C: when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

M: O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick (*including...*), give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C:** 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.

## Hymn #951

*"The Song of Simeon"*

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Text: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev. Tune: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev. James E. Engel, 1925–1989  
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**M:** Guide us waking, O Lord,  
**C:** **and guard us sleeping**  
**M:** that awake we may watch with Christ  
**C:** **and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**M:** Let us praise the Lord.  
**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Blessing

**M:** The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless  
us and keep us.  
**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Closing Hymn #506

*"For the Fruits of His Creation"*



1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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