

# Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

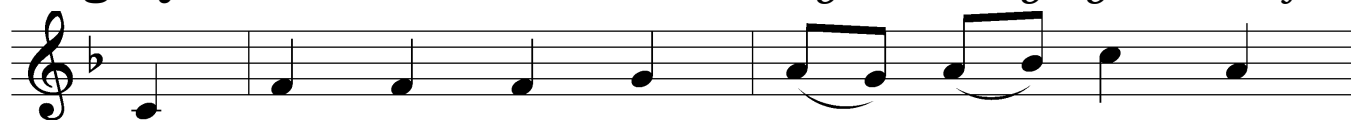
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Thanksgiving Eve

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## Opening Hymn #504

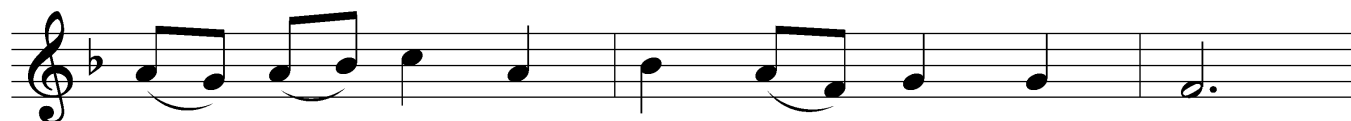
*"We Sing the Almighty Power of God"*



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



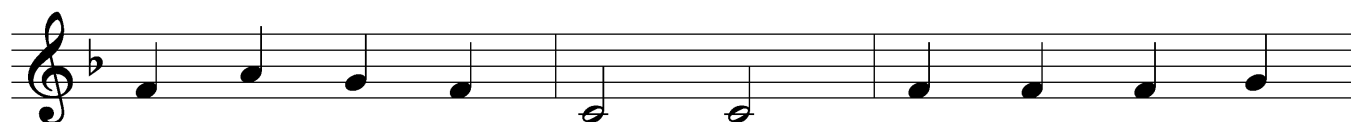
made the moun - tains rise, that spread the flow - ing  
filled the earth with food; he formed the crea - tures  
makes your glo - ries known, and clouds a - rise and



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.

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## Gathering Responses from the Psalms

M: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;

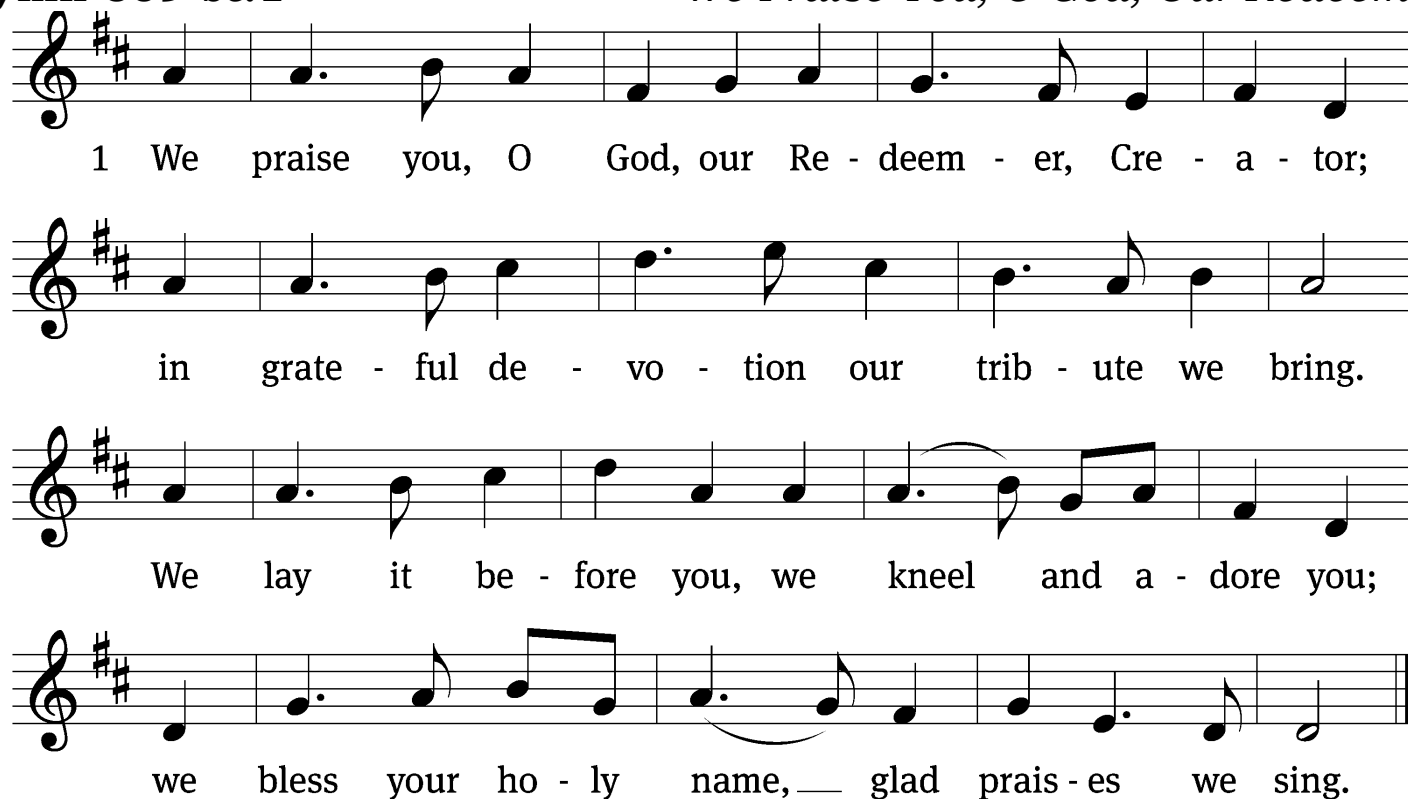
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

**C: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving!**

M: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

## Hymn 609 st.1

*“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer”*



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.

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M: Let all the earth sing praise to God!

**C: Let the sound of his praise be heard in all the world!**

M: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**C: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy.**

M: Let us exult in God's steadfast love!

## Hymn 609 st.2

*“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer”*

 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

M: Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

**C: My soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in his salvation.**

M: Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

**C: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart!

### **Hymn 609 st.3**

*“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer”*

 With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

### **The First Reading**

*Ezra 6:3,9-10a,19-22a*

<sup>3</sup>In the first year of King Cyrus, the king issued a decree concerning the temple of God in Jerusalem:

Let the temple be rebuilt as a place to present sacrifices, and let its foundations be laid. It is to be sixty cubits high and sixty cubits wide,

<sup>9</sup>Whatever is needed—young bulls, rams, male lambs for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, and wheat, salt, wine and olive oil, as requested by the priests in Jerusalem—must be given them daily without fail, <sup>10</sup>so that they may offer sacrifices pleasing to the God of heaven and pray for the well-being of the king and his sons.

<sup>19</sup>On the fourteenth day of the first month, the exiles celebrated the Passover. <sup>20</sup>The priests and Levites had purified themselves and were all ceremonially clean. The Levites slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the exiles, for their relatives the priests and for themselves. <sup>21</sup>So the Israelites who had returned from the exile ate it, together with all who had separated themselves from the unclean practices of their Gentile neighbors in order to seek the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>22</sup>For seven days they celebrated with joy the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because the LORD had filled them with joy by changing the attitude of the king of Assyria so that he assisted them in the work on the house of God, the God of Israel. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 148E sts.1-2.4-6***"All You Works of God, Bless the LORD"*

1 All you works of God, bless the LORD!  
2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove,  
4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing his worth,  
5 Come, hu - man - i - ty, sing a - long,  
6 Bless the LORD, all you pure of heart;



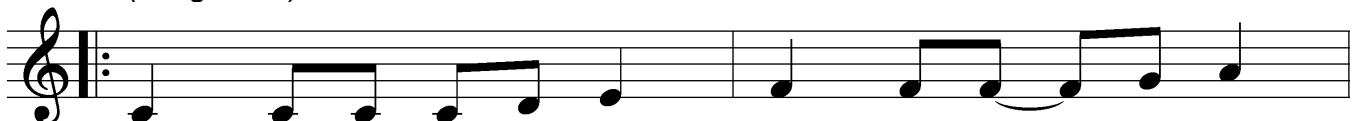
All you an - gels, now bless the LORD;  
stars of heav - en, now sing his love;  
all you green things that grow on earth;  
sing, you peo - ple of God, a song;  
all you hum - ble, his praise im - part;



come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,  
dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,  
seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,  
priests and ser - vants, your LORD now bless,  
God the Fa - ther and Son a - dore,



praise the LORD and his maj - es - ty:  
heat and fire, you ice and snow:  
beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:  
join, you spir - its and souls at rest:  
bless the Spir - it for - ev - er - more!

**Refrain (sung twice)**

Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



all you works of God, bless the LORD!

## **The Second Reading**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*St. John 15:4-11*

<sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

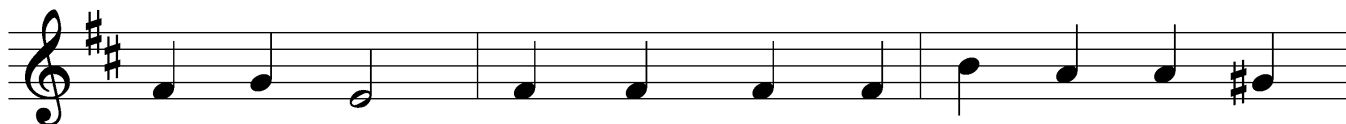
*Be seated.*

# Hymn #621

*"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*



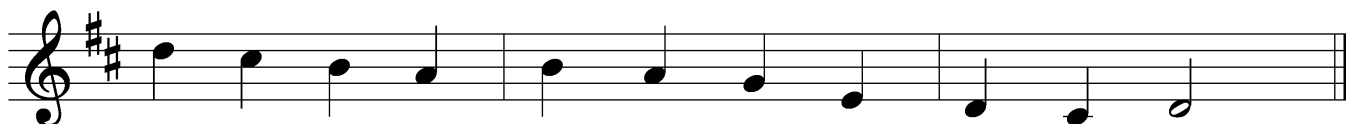
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,  
frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,  
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,  
res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,  
all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!  
al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

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## Sermon Text

*Ezra 6:3,9-10a,19-22a*

## Sermon

*"Celebrate the Lord's Blessings With Joy"*

## Hymn #508

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”



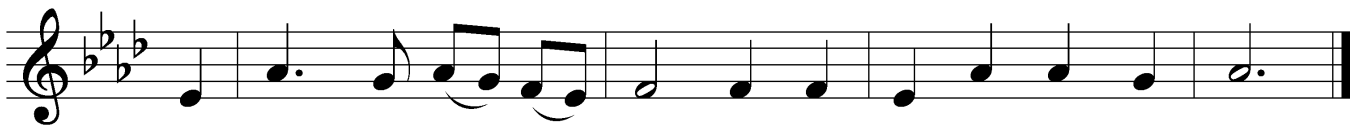
1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



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.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Let us give thanks to our heavenly Father, who made us and provides for us; who guards and protects us, upholds and sustains us; who loves us with redeeming love in Jesus Chris, his Son.

## Hymn 597 st. 1

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way



with count-less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.

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M: Let us give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, who became flesh for us; who gave his life upon the cross for our redemption and was raised for our justification; who pleads for us before the throne of grace, and will come again to receive his faithful ones into everlasting joy.

## Hymn 597 st. 2

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*



Oh, 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 ills  
in this world and the next.

M: Let us give thanks to the Holy Spirit, by whom we are brought to saving faith in Jesus, united with God's people in his holy family, graced with all the gifts of God, and empowered to live as God's beloved children, now and to all eternity.

### Hymn 597 st. 3

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

♪ 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 heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

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### 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.

### Blessing

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

### Closing 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-phantly 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

*Hymn continues next page.*

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!"

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