

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
November 22, 2020  
Final Countdown



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study continues on Zoom on Tuesday evenings.

Meals on Wednesdays

Online only until further notice due to COVID cases and State/County levels

Advent take-home kits pickup times starting today and drive through communion today!

Help us decorate for Advent

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come, for God gathers us here,  
with that community called faith:  
where the hungry are served first,  
where the thirsty drink life's water.

We come, for God welcomes us here  
into that home called grace:  
where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;  
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

We come, for God reunites us here,  
sisters and brothers in that family called love:  
where the imprisoned model justice,  
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

## HYMNS

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (Vs 1,3,4)  
Give Thanks

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## TIME OF PRAYER

### UNISON PRAYER

God of strange reversals and healing mysteries, we thank you for giving us a Divine King who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Enable us, when we are confronted by the vulnerability and suffering of others, to make those choices that will keep us in tune with your generous love, and thereby create small colonies of heaven where you are truly worshipped and glorified. For your name's sake. **Amen!**

### SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER (MUSIC)

### LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I

CEB

Ephesians 1:15-23

**Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that <sup>16</sup> I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, <sup>19</sup> and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's**

power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. <sup>20</sup> God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, <sup>21</sup> far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. <sup>22</sup> God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

LESSON 2      CEB

Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> "Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

<sup>34</sup> "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. <sup>35</sup> I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

**<sup>40</sup> “Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’**

**<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> I was hungry and you didn’t give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn’t give me anything to drink. <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you didn’t welcome me. I was naked and you didn’t give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’**

**<sup>44</sup> “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn’t do anything to help you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer, ‘I assure you that when you haven’t done it for one of the least of these, you haven’t done it for me.’ <sup>46</sup> And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life.”**

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

That’s the real trick, isn’t it?

HYMN

All Who Love and Serve Your City

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BEGINNING OF COMMUNION LITURGY (blessing and distribution at drive through)

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Let us pray.

**O God,  
who desires good for all creatures,  
satisfy our hunger not just for food,  
but for freedom, truth, justice and love.**

**O Risen Christ,  
you revealed yourself to us  
as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people.  
We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service.**

**O Holy Spirit,  
bless these gifts and abide in our hearts  
so that our gifts and our actions  
may live out our faith,  
glorify God,  
and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

—from [A Service for the Eve of Thanksgiving](#) written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, a pastor of the ELCA, and posted on [Liturgy by TLW](#).

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Vs 1 & 4)

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