

*Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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**Welcome** *Today we would like to thank Andrea Nesbitt for reading the lessons.*

**Greeting**

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

*C: And also with you.*

**Song – You Servants of God** <sup>1</sup>

You servants of God, your master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a loud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the lamb

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

**A Thanksgiving** (Written by John L. Bell & Graham Maule. From [A Wee Worship Book](#). Wild Good Resource Group, Wild Goose Publications. © 2015. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-736240. All rights reserved)

L: O God, you summon the day to dawn; you teach the morning to waken the earth.

*C: Great is Your name, great is Your love.*

L: For you the valleys will sing for joy, the tress of the fields shall clap their hands.

*C: Great is Your name, great is Your love.*

L: To you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,  
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy:

*C: Great is Your name, great is Your love.*

L: Your love and justice shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

*C: Great is Your name, great is Your love.*

**Prayer of the Day**

**A Reading** : 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and

steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

### **Psalm 96:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

### **A Reading: Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why

are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord

## **Reflection**

### **Song: We Give Thee but Thine Own<sup>2</sup>**

We give thee but thine own, what-e're the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace –it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:  
what-e're we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

## **Prayers of the People**

We pray: *Lord, in your mercy...* and respond: *Hear our prayer.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us;

*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, and 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.*

## Benediction

### Hymn – O God Beyond All Praising<sup>3</sup>

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown-  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gifts from heaven from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious saviour, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## Dismissal

L: Go now to love and serve to the Lord. *C: Thanks be to God*

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