

A dark, textured background featuring various autumn-themed elements. At the top, there's a large orange pumpkin. To its left, a smaller orange pumpkin and a sprig of green herbs. Below these, two more orange pumpkins are visible. On the right side, there are several large, dark red leaves. At the bottom, there's a sprig of green herbs with three small red berries, and another small orange pumpkin. The overall composition is centered around the text.

“Do not worry about anything,  
but in everything, by prayer and petition, with

# THANKSGIVING

let your requests be made known to God.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

## *Thanksgiving Worship*

November 22 & 23, 2023

HYMN (CW 609)

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

*On Wednesday evening this hymn will be sung by the quintet.  
Thanksgiving Day the congregation sings the hymn.*



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fath - ers; 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;  
To you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems 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,  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is be - side 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 - e'er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Tune: KREMSER (12 11 12 11) *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, Haarlem, 1626.

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. (spoken)**

## THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

*selected verses from Psalm 65*

**M:** Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

**C: O you who hear our prayer, to you all men will come.**

**(sung) Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days.  
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let your praise our tongues employ.  
All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.  
(CW 612:1)**

**M:** Those living far away fear your wonders;

**C: Where morning dawns and evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.**

**M:** You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

**C: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.**

**M:** You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

**C: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.**

**M:** The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

**C: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.**

**(sung) All the plenty summer pours, Autumn's rich o'erflowing stores,  
Flocks that whiten all the plain, Yellow sheaves of ripened grain –  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise, Grateful vows and solemn praise.  
(CW 612:2)**

**M:** Because our God of grace uses his mighty power to rescue us, we humbly approach his throne, penitent for our sins and begging for his full and free forgiveness.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**M:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**(sung) Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss and public wealth,  
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams, True religion's holier beams –  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise, Grateful vows and solemn praise.  
(CW 612:3)**

**M:** When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

**C: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts.**

**M:** We are filled with the good things of your house.

**C: We are filled with the blessings of your holy temple.**

**M:** You answer us, God our Savior, and you save us with awesome deeds of righteousness.

**C: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

**M:** You set the mountains in place by your strength, showing your mighty power.

**C: You calm the roar of the sea; you calm the peoples' uproar.**

**(sung) As your prospering hand has blest, May we give you of our best,  
And by deeds of kindly love, For your mercies grateful prove,  
Singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise."  
(CW 612:4)**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen. (spoken)**

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

*Be conscientious about carrying out the entire body of commands that I am giving you today so that you may thrive and increase and you may go in and possess the land that the LORD promised by oath to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> Remember the whole journey on which the LORD your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you and to test you, in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. <sup>3</sup> So he humbled you and allowed you to be hungry. Then he fed you manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known before, in order to teach you that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> The clothes you wore did not wear out, and your feet did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> So know in your heart that just as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> Therefore you are to keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by revering him. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of gullies filled with water, a land with springs and groundwater that flows out into the valleys and down the mountains, <sup>8</sup> a land with wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees for oil, and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land where you can eat bread and not be poor, where you will not lack anything, a land whose rocks are iron and from whose mountains you can mine copper. <sup>10</sup> Then you will eat, and you will be filled, and you will praise the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.*

## SECOND LESSON

1Timothy 2:1-4

*First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

*<sup>11</sup> On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out loudly, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”*

*<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they went away they were cleansed.*

*<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Jesus responded, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you.”*

*Be seated.*

HYMN (CW 610)

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and  
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our  
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,  
 life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts  
 now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our  
 And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us  
 With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With  
 in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And  
 ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
 free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
 thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

SERMON

Genesis 8:22

*22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

**Thank God that it's Thanksgiving Again!**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH (from Luther's Small Catechism, First Article)**

**C: I believe that God made me and all creatures, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, my senses, and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all my goods, and all that I need to keep my body and life; and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

## **GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register at this time.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THANKSGIVING**

**M:** Heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We remember your loving kindness and your mercies which are new every day.

**C: We join our voices in grateful praise.**

**M:** For the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest; and for the varied joys that every season brings;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** For the joys and comforts of life; for homes and families; for friends, neighbors, and coworkers; and for the love of those you have put into our lives;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** For the opportunities you give us to serve others; for the tasks and trials you place before us; and for the comfort we are blessed to bring to those around us;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**



**M:** For the gift of Jesus Christ; for the forgiveness of sins and justification in your sight that is ours through faith; and for the many and varied ways of living out this faith in our lives;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** For the sure and certain hope of heaven; for the promise that we will one day stand before your throne; and for the unending joy that will be ours when we join our voices with all the saints in your presence;

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

**M:** Until that glorious day, cause us to live our lives in gratitude to you.

**C: Send us out into the world to daily praise and thank you for all your undeserved blessings. 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.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen. (spoken)**

CLOSING HYMN (CW 613)

Come, You Thankful People, Come



1 Come, you thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of  
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal



har - vest - home. All be safe - ly gath - ered in  
 praise to yield; Wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown,  
 har - vest home, From his field shall in that day  
 har - vest - home; Gath - er all your peo - ple in,



Ere the win - ter storms be - gin. God our mak - er  
 Un - to joy or sor - row grown. First the blade and  
 All of - fens - es purge a - way, Give his an - gels  
 Free from sor - row, free from sin, There, for - ev - er



shall pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied. Come to  
 then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear. Lord of  
 charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the  
 pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide. Come with



God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest - home.  
 har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 all your an - gels, come; Raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–71, alt.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

## Serving us:

### Wednesday November 22: Thanksgiving Worship 6:30 pm

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

### Thursday November 23: Thanksgiving Worship 9:00 am

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Ushers: Gene Freund and *volunteer*

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## WELS Mission – Madison

Many of you are aware of the efforts to begin a new WELS mission in Dane County. At its meeting this past week, the church council voted to designate \$1300 from our Mission Fund to go towards the funding of this new effort. It was also decided to gather special gifts/offerings for the remainder of this year from any who would like to support the new mission. You may recall that the “ask” from the board overseeing the start of this new mission is \$4000 from each of the Dane county WELS congregations. Our hope is to raise \$4000 to send them in the early part of 2024, and then include a recurring, annual amount of \$4000 in our budget, beginning fiscal year ‘24/’25. Special gifts may be placed in the alms box in the narthex. Checks should be made out to Lord of Love Lutheran.



## Christmas Tree Set Up & Decorating: Sat. Nov. 25 at 9 am

*Refreshments served.*

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## Christmas Gift Wrapping Service - Peace Lutheran Eighth Grade Fundraiser

Do you ever find yourself up ALL night a few days before Christmas trying to wrap the MANY presents you have purchased for your friends and family? Why not save yourself some time while supporting the Peace Lutheran Eighth Grade as they raise funds for their annual end of year field trip?

Members of the Peace Eighth Grade class will be stationed in the fellowship area between services on **Sunday, December 3**, and **Sunday, December 10** from **9:00 - 10:15 AM** ready to wrap any and ALL gifts for you! Drop off your gifts to be wrapped and feel free to stay for Bible Study! You can pick up your wrapped gifts prior to the 10:30 AM service. There will be a free-will donation box available at the gift wrap table if you'd like to support the eighth graders in raising funds for their trip!

# WELS CHRISTIAN AID AND RELIEF

**“Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6).** Easier said than done, right? Life in this broken world is hard. So many problems. So much to worry about. But our gracious God tells us: “Don’t worry. Bring it to me. I love you. I’ll take care of you.” What a relief it is to bring all our wants and worries to God, trusting that he cares for us. What a pleasure to do so with a grateful heart, thankful for all the ways he does care for us. Our God is so generous! He gives us far more than we need. One of the reasons he does this is so we can show our thankfulness to him by

sharing his abundance with others. With your faithful participation and generous support, WELS Christian Aid and Relief seeks to help you share God’s abundance. We do this in three main ways: we offer relief for those impacted by natural disasters, we support humanitarian aid projects in our WELS mission fields both at home and abroad, and we help WELS congregations assist their members who are dealing with extreme medical or financial challenges. Your special gifts, shared from the abundance God has showered on you, provide critical assistance to people who are hurting and result in many opportunities to share the precious gospel of our Savior. We thank you and we thank God for you!

**Christian Aid and Relief grant totals for fiscal year 22-23:**

## **\$1,641,154**

**DISASTER RELIEF:** \$502,944 was utilized for disaster relief. Most recently we have provided disaster relief for those impacted by Hurricanes Ida and Ian, and the war in Ukraine.

**HUMANITARIAN AID:** \$708,958 helped to provide basic needs for people all over the world. Home missions receiving humanitarian aid grants include congregations in Canada, Colorado, New Mexico, Florida, and Texas. World mission fields in Africa, Asia, and Europe also received assistance.

**PERSONAL GRANTS:** \$429,252 was used to fund personal grants given through our congregations to assist people going through a health or financial crisis.

To learn more, visit [wels.net/relief](http://wels.net/relief) and [fb.com/WELSChristianAidandRelief](https://fb.com/WELSChristianAidandRelief).

If a need arises for humanitarian aid or disaster relief in your area, please contact Director Rev. Daniel Sims.

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