

## THANKSGIVING EVE CELEBRATION

### PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

### WELCOME/OPENING BLESSING

### OPENING SONG "Red Book" 263 Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices,  
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*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 harm in this world and the next.*

*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.*

### PRAYER

### PSALM READING Psalm 67

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.*

### SONG OF THANKSGIVING "Green Book" 409 Praise and Thanksgiving

*Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer  
For all things living, Created good:  
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard  
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.*

*Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve you,  
That with our neighbor We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, We would work with you,  
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.*

*Father, providing food for your children,  
By your wise guiding Teach us to share*

*One with another, So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others May know your care.*

*Then will your blessing Reach ev'ry people,  
Freely confessing Your gracious hand.  
Where all obey you, No one will hunger;  
In your love's sway you Nourish the land.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Gracious God, you know our hearts, our desire to serve you with our lives,

**C: but you also know how human we are, Lord.....how we are tempted to put our desires first, to put our selfish wants before the needs of others. We admit our selfishness at times, our distraction with material things over loving relationships.....and our failure to thank you for all those blessings we do enjoy day by day.**

**Forgive us for these our failures, O God, free us by your grace to live in joyful gratitude for all our blessings in our lives.**

P: And God we thank you for your gracious forgiveness, which gives us the freedom to live as your blessed children. Thanks and praise to you for your forgiving love, O God, through Jesus, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### SONG "Green Book" 561 For The Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies;  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight:  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.*

*For yourself, best gift divine To the world so freely giv'n:  
Agent of God's grand design, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.*

#### SCRIPUTRE READING

#### I Timothy 2:1-4

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19

*On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."*

## SHORT VIDEO

### A BRIEF THOUGHT ON GIVING THANKS

Pastor Lucke

## SONG

### Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

1. **Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son  
(repeat)**
2. **And now, let the weak say "I am strong"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us,  
Repeat 1  
Repeat 2  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son,  
Give thanks.....give thanks.....give thanks.**

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: For all good gifts from your gracious hand,

**C: We give you thanks, good Lord.**

P: For the daily food we receive so abundantly,

**C: We give you thanks, good Lord.**

P: For health and strength, and joy in living,

**C: We give you thanks, good Lord.**

P: For those who toil to raise our food

**C: We give you thanks, good Lord.**

P: For those who practice the healing arts to nurture our lives

**C: We give you thanks, good Lord.**

P: For family and friends, for employment and income

**C: We give you thanks, good Lord.**

P: For those who care for us in our ups and downs,

**C: We give you thanks, good Lord.**

P: For those support systems in our times of need and crisis,

**C: We give you thanks, good Lord.**

P: And for all those blessings we cannot even remember and name,

**C: We give you thanks, good Lord.**

P: And most of all for your Son, our Savior,

**C: We give you thanks and praise, good Lord. Amen.**

SONG "Red Book" 241 To God be the Glory

*To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

**Refrain**

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

**Refrain**

*Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

**Refrain**

SHARING ENCOURAGEMENT "I'm thankful for....."

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG OF THANKS "Green Book" 557 Let All Things Now Living

*Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*His law he enforces, The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song lets us raise  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"*

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**