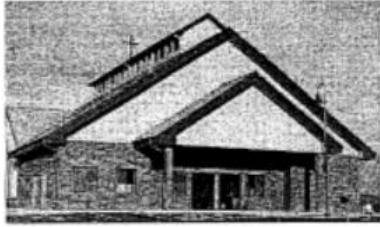


The Eternal Light



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PASTOR'S PAGE – NOVEMBER 2020 – ESLC

“Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.” [Col. 2:6,7]

What a great time for Thanksgiving! The stock market goes up and down, and it is difficult to predict what will become of our investment and retirement accounts. The election creates great uncertainties. We have entered into “flu season,” and the pandemic has increased in intensity. While it looked for a while that we were headed for a strong economic recovery, the threat of further shut downs and isolation still looms. Many people have been out of work for months, and many may have to start over in a new job once the threat is over. Our national debt has increased dramatically, threatening the economic future of our young people for years to come. And many people remain in need of financial assistance just to eat and survive. Oh, and many people have been isolated and socially distanced for months, a severe change from our usual interactions and fellowship.

What shall we say to all of this? Keep your chin up? Believe in America? This is just cyclical, it will all get better? Trust our politicians, they'll deliver on all their promises? Well, as the Scripture says: “It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.” [Psalm 118:8,9]

The apostle emphasizes the importance and the blessings of faith in Jesus. He urges us to be rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith. We have received Jesus, His forgiveness, mercy, new life in relationship with God, and the assurance of eternal glory in heaven. If God so loved us as to give us these gifts in His Son, He will surely also give us all the things that we truly need [Rom. 8:32] His promise is to be with us always, to work all things together for our good and blessedness. His love endures forever.

Now is a time to walk in this faith, to actually exercise it! As you have received Jesus, so walk in Him. The solution for temptations to depression, disgust, anxiety, and perhaps even despair, is to make sure we are rooted and built up in Jesus, established in our faith and trust in His wondrous love for us! And practically speaking, it helps a great deal to be abounding in this faith “with thanksgiving.” Frequently remembering the blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus, along with all of the physical blessings we also have from God, and to give thanks to God often, strengthens our faith and trust in His goodness and love.

We may not always have the physical blessings we currently enjoy. This will almost certainly be the case as we age. We may not have the wealth and riches and luxuries that seem to be within reach. We may have to continue struggling with the pandemic and isolation. We may end up having to deal with worse problems and difficulties. But we will always have God's forgiveness and eternal life. And He has promised to supply us with our daily bread. We have His assurance: “I will never leave you, I will never forsake you.” [Heb. 13:5]

Let us be rooted and built up in Jesus, established in our faith and trust in His love, and abounding in this faith with thanksgiving! This will bring us the constancy, courage, peace, and joy that we will need in facing difficult times! God grant it to us all!

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the months of September/October were:

September 27	\$3,350
October 4	\$4,535
October 11	\$4,693
October 18	\$3,250
October 25	\$2,545

This weekly average (\$ 3,675) compares to our 2020 weekly budget needs of \$4,540.

REMINDERS

Please be responsible!!! For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

Have you checked out the newly revised and **updated ESLC website**? It contains lots of important information including the Eternal Savior church calendar and who will be serving each week. You can also find Pastor Rhode's daily devotion and archived sermons. Please check it out at www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org.

Sunday School and **Midweek Thursday services** have been temporarily suspended. **Adult Bible Class** is now **online** each Sunday at 10:30 AM. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link.

Mid-week Bible Study also meets **online** on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link.

Children's bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for a copy.

Prayer request cards are available on a table in the narthex. If you would like to include a prayer request in Sunday's prayers, please email Pastor pastor@eternalsavior-lutheran.org or secretary secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org

Parking spaces in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

Large print worship service folders and assisted listening devices are available. Please ask an usher if needed.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Reredos Committee

What is a reredos? It's an ornamental wall or screen behind the altar. When we built this church (already 15 years ago!) we had planned that at some point we would do something more with the wall behind the altar - the reredos. We do have some funding available for this project in the form of memorial funds specifically designated for this purpose.

At present we have no definite plans for what we will do with the reredos. We need ideas, we need a plan. So we have a wonderful opportunity for those who might be interested to help determine just what we want to do here. **A few people have already expressed an interest in serving on this committee. We still need more on this committee.** If interested, please speak to Robin Warnken or Pastor Rhode.

We are still in need of “Clorox” wipes at church. If you can donate a container please help us out! Thanks, in advance! We also need volunteers to help us wipe down surfaces at church after worship services!

The Deacon's Fund supports Emergency Family Assistance, Redeemer Lutheran in Denver, ULC, and other charities as well. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. The agencies have expressed great gratitude. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex! Thanks!!!

Annual Voters' Assembly will be held on Sunday, **November 15th** at **10:30 am**. We will be emailing a ZOOM invitation to everyone.

King Soopers has changed their system for charitable donations. We are now enrolled in the King Soopers Community Rewards program! To register for the program go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>. Click on the “create an account” button or the “sign in” on the right hand side of the page. If you are creating an account, you will fill in your information, including a valid email address and a King Soopers loyalty card. Once you have created an account click on the “save” link in the upper left, and then on King Soopers Community Rewards link. Then click on “enroll” and you will be able to search for groups. Use Eternal Savior Lutheran Church or SL909 to link your card to Eternal Savior. **Once enrolled, a percentage of all your purchases will go to our Youth Group every time you use in your loyalty card! Thanks!!!!**

WinGS – LWML NEWS

Women In God's Service (WinGS) is a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). If you are a member of an LCMS church, you are a member of LWML. All WinGS events are open to each and every woman of Eternal Savior Lutheran Church. Your individual participation, ideas, and interaction are a blessing to everyone in attendance.

ENGAGING

ENCOURAGING

EQUIPPING

ENJOYING

Each and every woman member of ESLC is a Woman in God's Service

On October 11, Ladies from Eternal Savior WinGS participated in LWML Sunday. They wore their purple and donated their Mites as part of the service. After service, there were backpacks with goodies for the children, gift bags for the ladies and mints for all. Thank you to all who took part and contributed to the mission work of the LWML.

Upcoming Events:

I am looking for ideas to replace the annual Christmas Party and a way to provide for the ingathering which will allow Bethesda Home personnel a means to make sure each resident has something under the tree at Christmas. Last year we provided funds for the purchase of gift cards as requested by Bethesda.

June 2021 seems far away at the moment, and given the very interesting, as well as restrictive and uncertain times we now live in, thinking of traveling to the National Convention in Lexington, KY is still an uncertainty. However, the Rocky Mountain District will be selecting 2 candidates as a Young Woman Representative to attend the convention. These young ladies are chosen from all of the applicants as submitted by any society in any of the RMD Zones. Please see the information below and note the deadlines as listed. If you are interested, now is the time to ask for an application. Also, all ladies (and spouses) interested in attending, need to be making plans soon. Registration and room reservations typically open up in January and the best accommodations go quickly. Convention dates are June 24 – 27, 2020.

If you are an LCMS woman who is between the ages of 22–35 who has always wanted to visit the serene rolling hills of Kentucky, look no further than the 2021 LWML National Convention!

Two young women applicants can join in this exciting gathering of Lutheran Women—practically for free. Convention registration, meals, room, and travel will be covered by your District LWML Board. And how will you get to the Bluegrass State? Arrangements for flying with other representatives from the District may be an option, just ask your Society or Zone LWML Presidents, they would be happy to help.

Young Women Representatives will get a chance to bond with other young women from around the country! Share memorable experiences, meet new friends, and praise our Lord together!

All you have to do is fill out the application and send it to Lisa Weber, Committee on Young Women Chairman no later than January 15, 2021.



Monthly Mite Collection - The next mite collection will be **Sunday, November 8**. One of the LWML Rocky Mountain District's mission grants is **Support for University Lutheran Chapel** for \$8000. For more information on the district grants visit lwmlrmd.org/missions/ **Thank you for supporting the mission grants with your mites and prayers.**

Women's Bible Study – due to COVID-19 Women's Bible Study is cancelled until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Spahr.

SERVANT SCHEDULE

As things are still uncertain due to COVID-19, please be advised that ESLC Weekly Servant Schedule may not be up to date. Please check with Pastor if you have questions. We are not currently using the sound system. If you are unconfident serving in your role – please just let us know.

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, John Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Jonathon Hurst, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	David Sherrets
Snow	Tom Stahly
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Breitweiser

Sunday, November 8

Organist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	Cindy Griffin
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, John Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley(r), Marc Ertle
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	Tom Stahly
Snow	Tom Stahly
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, November 15

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Paul Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elders(s)	Dave Sherrets, Wayne Thomas
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	Tom Stahly
Snow	Tom Stahly
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Spahr

Sunday, November 22

Organist	Marge Paugh
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Usher(s)	Tom Stahly, Paul Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Wayne Thomas(r)
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	David Sherrets
Snow	Kevin Cowley
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Griffin

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Jonathan Hurst, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	Marc Ertle
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, November 29

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Walt Oehlkers, Bob Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Marc Ertle
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	Ed Warnken
Snow	Kevin Cowley
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	OPEN

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt	2	3	4 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	5	6	7
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22 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt	23	24	25 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	26 9:00 AM Worship Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt	30					

For livestreaming video, please go to church's Facebook page or ESLC website <https://eternalsavior-lutheran.org/>



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

THE LORD'S PRAYER — NOVEMBER 1-13

This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) gives thanks for God's abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection. In all things we give thanks for His love and mercy.

Give thanks as you pray:

- 1.** Give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Ask Him to empower Christians to follow their example of faith and good works.
- 2.** Give thanks for the saints on earth. Pray that His Church might continue in the true faith and proclaim the saving Good News.
- 3.** Thank God that He is our heavenly Father. Rejoice that God invites us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children.
- 4.** Thank God that His name is holy. Rejoice that all can trust in the Lord, for His Word is truth.

- 5.** Thank God for His Kingdom. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would provide workers for the harvest field.
- 6.** Thank God for His will. Pray that His will is done. Not ours.
- 7.** Thank God that His will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Pray that God would keep us firm in His Word and faith until we die.
- 8.** Thank God for daily bread. Pray for all those who are hungry today.
- 9.** Thank God for forgiveness. Repent. Rejoice that your sins are forgiven by Christ.

10. Thank God for forgiveness. Pray for the strength to forgive those who have sinned against you.

11. Thank God that He leads us out of temptation. Ask God to lead you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

12. Thank God that He delivers us from evil. Rejoice that Jesus has won the victory over sin, death and the power of the devil.

13. Thank God that He hears our prayers for Jesus' sake. Rejoice that God promises to hear our prayers as a loving Father.



NOVEMBER *Pray For Us Calendar*

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE APOSTLES' CREED — NOVEMBER 14-30

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Give thanks as you pray:

14. *Thank God that He is the God who saves. Pray that all might fear, love and trust in Him alone.*

15. *Thank God that His name is trustworthy. Call upon Him in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.*

16. *Thank God for Sabbath rest. Hold His Word sacred. Gladly hear and learn it.*

17. *Thank God for your parents. Thank Him for all those in authority. Pray for the strength to obey.*

18. *Thank God for your neighbor, that you might help in any need.*

19. *Thank God for Christian marriage. May all learn to love as Christ loves His Church.*

20. *Thank God for what He has provided for you. May all learn the secret of being content.*

21. *Thank God for the people in your life. May we speak well of them and explain everything in the kindest way.*

22. *Thank God for your home. Rejoice and be content in what He has provided for you.*

23. *Thank God for the people God has provided in your life.*

24. *Thank God for the Ten Commandments. Pray for strength to rejoice in His will and to walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name.*

25. *Thank God for creation.*

26. *Thank God for His Son Jesus Christ.*

27. *Thank God for the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. Rejoice that Christ's death has purchased and won you from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil.*

28. *Thank God for the promise of Christ's return. The Church prays, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*



29. *Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.*

30. *Thank God for St. Andrew, apostle. St. Andrew, Peter's brother, heard John's cry to "Behold the Lamb of God" and followed Jesus.*

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