

The Eternal Light



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NOVEMBER 2021 PASTOR'S PAGE – ESLC

“These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!” Psalm 50:21-23

When we “forget” God things deteriorate rather quickly. So God is quick with His Word to confront us, to rescue us, and to set us back on the right path. It is a dangerous thing to be “forgetful” in our relationship with God – we drift into habitual sin, habitual ingratitude, and perhaps even impenitence and hardness of heart. Where impenitence reigns there is no experience of God’s gracious mercy and love, which alone compels and shapes our renewal in the image of God and binds us to Him. Obviously, this forgetfulness negates any sense of obligation to “offering thanksgiving” as our sacrifice to God or to “glorify” God. When we have lost touch with God’s gracious mercy and forgiveness we have also lost “the salvation of God.”

It is easy to lose sight of God, to forget Him, when we are focused mainly on the things that we don’t have, especially if we consider these things essential or of great importance. This is the goal of advertising – to create perceived “need” and to promise gratification and “contentment” with the purchase of some product, so that we become compelled to be “consumers.” But focusing on what we don’t have interferes with rejoicing in the things that God has given us – and ambitious consumers are not likely to be content with what we already have. All of this erodes offering thanksgiving to God and rejoicing in His love. Discontentment breeds contempt for God, forgetting Him, and focusing on our efforts to get more and more for ourselves. This may be “the American way,” but it is a sure way to lose God and His salvation, and to drift into many sins. Given what God has already blessed us with, especially His forgiveness, eternal life, and salvation in Christ Jesus, surely ingratitude and lack of thankfulness to God is truly a terrible and dark sin – and dangerous!

The flip side of this is to be so wrapped up in the material things that we have – possessions, privilege, prerogatives, pleasures – that we forget about God. This is also an easy thing to do – for our pleasures are alluring and spell-binding. We get focused on them and never look up – and pretty soon time has flown by and we have become habituated into forgetfulness of God and ingratitude. This also breeds contempt for God and is dark and dangerous sin which can lead to loss of faith and “the salvation of God.”

We are creatures of habit, so “ordering our way rightly” is important. Regular church attendance means regularly confessing our sins, regularly receiving God’s forgiveness and mercy, being reminded regularly of God’s blessings, and regularly giving Him the sacrifice of thanksgiving – which glorifies Him. This preserves us from “forgetting” God and keeps us in faith and salvation. This keeps us in the way that leads to eternal life, the joys and glory of God’s heavenly kingdom. It keeps our attention focused on God’s blessings, and this is what actually produces contentment, gratitude, and greater enjoyment of life. We are freed then to be generous in offering God our grateful service to His kingdom – our generous offerings of time, talent, and treasure.

If this has not been your “way” let this Word of God correct you and encourage you. As our day of “national thanksgiving” approaches, consider ordering your way rightly – by including the sacrifice of thanksgiving to God, glorifying and worshiping Him, as the most important part of your Thanksgiving celebration. Make this “way of life” your daily habit and practice, so that you remain close to God at all times. Let us also pray God that our whole nation might “remember” God and heed His gracious Word of instruction!

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the months of September/October were:

September 19	\$3,361
September 26	\$1,699
October 3	\$5,931
October 10	\$13,163
October 17	\$2,440

This weekly average (\$5,319) compares to our 2021 weekly budget needs of \$4,819.

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 archived sermons. Please check it out at www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org.

Adult Bible Class is now online and live each Sunday at **10:40 AM**. We are currently studying **second Timothy**. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link or join us in the fireside room.

In **Sunday School** we are now studying **Enduring Faith curriculum**, Unit 7, "**Jesus Comes For Us**". We are now having Sunday School live. Opening is in the Narthex, classes are outdoors so long as the weather stays good. If we go back into the building, we will follow the Boulder County mask policy.

Mid-week Bible Study are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM and Thursday mornings at 11 am. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link. In the evening class we are studying the book of **Malachi**. On Thursday mornings at 11 am we are studying the book of **Joel**.

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.

Dear friends in the Savior: The materials emailed out to you regarding the pastoral transition process are stored on the Google drive at this location: <https://bit.ly/ESLC-Pastoral-Transition> This is also where you will be able to access any updates! Tom and Keith

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.

Reredos Committee - The Reredos Committee has had its third meeting with more discussion on the wall design. A spreadsheet has been posted on google drive for committee members to note their preferences for different design elements We plan to meet once per month. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Robin Warnken.

Quilting. The quilters have started up again after the COVID-19 break. Most of us kept busy at home during Covid time. Orphan Grain Train picked up 111 baby quilts and 26 full quilts in 2020 and picked up another 21 boxes early this June, which included 36 full and 29 baby quilts. Added to the previous years this gives a grand total of 1,356 quilts delivered to Orphan Grain Train. We meet every **Thursday** morning at church from **9:30 till 11:30 am**. We always welcome new people. We tie our quilts so you don't have to know how to "quilt". Come and play with fabric and make some new friends! See Diane Oehlkers 303-666-9627 for more information.

The Deacon's Fund supports Emergency Family Assistance, 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!!!

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!!!!

SERVANT SCHEDULE

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 7

Organist Linda Thompson
Usher(s) Roger Landowski, Kirk Anderson
Greeter(s) Teri Nagel
Counter(s) Sam&Lynn Kelley
Elder(s) Ryan Lambrecht, Wayne Thomas
Altar Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth Ed Warnken
Lawn/Snow Tom Stahly
Flowers Raben

Sunday, November 14

Organist Linda Thompson
Cantor Cindy Griffin
Usher(s) Roger Landowski, Kirk Anderson
Greeter(s) Keith&Polly Cowley
Counter(s) Sam&Lynn Kelley
Elder(s) Rogere Landowski (r), Ryan Lambrecht
Altar Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth OPEN
Lawn/Snow Tom Stahly
Flowers OPEN

Sunday, November 21

Organist Marge Paugh
Usher(s) Keith Cowley, Paul Reuer
Greeter(s) Jeff&Larissa Reuer
Counter(s) Marge Paugh, Jayne Rhode
Elder(s) Jeff Reuer, Kirk Anderson
Altar Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth Kirk Anderson
Lawn/Snow Tom Stahly
Flowers OPEN

Thanksgiving Day, November 25

Organist Linda Thompson
Usher(s) OPEN
Greeter(s) Sam&Lynn Kelley
Counter(s) OPEN
Elder(s) Roger Landowski
Altar Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth OPEN
Lawn/Snow Kevin Cowley
Flowers OPEN

Sunday, November 28

Organist Marge Paugh
Cantor Pam Mayer
Usher(s) Keith Cowley, Paul Reuer
Greeter(s) Bob&Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s) M. Paugh, J. Rhode
Elder(s) Wayne Thomas (r), Jeff Reuer
Altar Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth OPEN
Lawn/Snow Kevin Cowley
Flowers OPEN

As we move toward re-normalizing worship in the next few weeks, this is a great time to begin thinking about your participation in the various servant roles. We would like to begin utilizing Greeters again, and Ushers, as well as Sound Booth operators! **We are in need of Counters and Greeters!** If you are interested in being either a Counter or a Greeter, please contact the church office. If you are on the servant list, and are comfortable with being present at worship, please give consideration to taking up these tasks again! There are other roles that are not signed up for, like altar, flowers, and snow removal. Also, please consider that we are entering the growing season and will need to have volunteers taking care of lawn and property! Thanks, in advance, for your willingness to serve!

Here is a message from Jayne Rhode:

Thank you all for your willingness to serve Eternal Savior as offering counters.

If for any reason you're unable to serve on the dates that you are scheduled for please arrange coverage by calling someone else on this list. Generally speaking, I'm able to help even last minute.

November 7th - Sam & Lynn Kelley

November 14th - Sam & Lynn Kelley

November 21st - Marge Paugh & Jayne Rhode

November 28th - Marge Paugh & Jayne Rhode

Bunge- 303-466-6172 (home)

Kelley-720-425-3388 (home)

Cindy Stahly- 303-664-0450 (home), 303-921-9163 (cell)

Marge Paugh- 303-430-5633 (home)

Jayne- 303-776-9817 (home), 303-775-7058 (cell)

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	3 1-4:00 PM Winkel @ Calvary 7:00 PM Bible Study	4 9:30 AM Quilting 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Confirmation	5	6 5:00 PM 50 th Anniversary Celebration
7 9:00 AM Worship and Communion with Pastor Hellmers 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Church Council	8	9 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Elders	10 7:00 PM Bible Study	11 9:30 AM Quilting 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Confirmation	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Deacons 6:00 PM ULC Meal	15	16 9:00 AM Bulletin /Newsletter Deadline	17 7:00 PM Bible Study	18 9:30 AM Quilting 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Trustees	19 9:00 AM Church Workday	20
21 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	22	23 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	24 7:00 PM Bible Study	25 Thanksgiving 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Worship	26 Office Closed.	27
28 1st Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	29	30 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline				

For livestreaming video, please go to church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/EternalSaviorLutheran 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.



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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.*

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

