

Thanksgiving



Worship

Zion Lutheran Church ~ November 2021

PRELUDE

VIDEO “Where Thankfulness Begins” FreeBridge Media

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: **God’s love is everlasting.**

Pastor: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: **Come let us come before God with thanksgiving.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ #881 ELW “Let All Things Now Living”

THANKSGIVING DIALOG

Pastor: We enjoy God’s blessings every day of the year.

People: **And we try to remember to thank God every day.**

Pastor: But today is a special day to remember all that God has done for us and to give thanks and praise to God.

People: We give thanks to God for our homes and families.

Pastor: We give thanks to God for jobs and school.

People: We give thanks to God for healthy bodies and medical care when we need it.

Pastor: We give thanks to God for the seasons and the wonders of creation.

People: We give thanks to God for food and clothing.

Pastor: We give thanks to God for neighbors and friends.

People: We give thanks to God for the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: And as we give thanks, we remember the needs of others. For those who have no jobs and those who never get the chance to go to school.

People: We praise and thank God, for all the ways that God has blessed our family. We want to be doers of God's word and not just hearers. We will strive to praise God by using our blessings to help your people in need.

PSALM 126

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-33

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE ~ Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ #840 ELW "Now Thank We All Our God"

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, You have gathered us together this Thanksgiving as one body. We are grateful not only for the gift of life itself, but also for the many gifts of friendship, love, devotion and forgiveness that we share in common.

We thank You, dear God, for showing us how to return our thanks by speaking the Name of Jesus, living lives of service, by genuine deeds of hospitality, by extending kindness to the stranger and by showing concern for one another.

Help us to show Your grace and mercy to one another. Allow us to see the full spectrum of Your gifts and the marvelous diversity of all your people. Use us to make You visible and know to others in countless ways so that Your great love for us might be mirrored in our love for one another.

As we again prepare to celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving, help us live our lives with ever grateful and humble hearts. Bless us this day and all days without end, forever and ever.

People: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN ~ #821 ELW "Shout to the Lord"

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Pastor: May Thanksgiving be more than a special day; may it be for us a way of life.

People: **We have been enriched in every way for great generosity. Thanksgiving to our God!**

Pastor: Appreciate anew the good earth that is our inheritance from a loving God.

People: **We celebrate again God's goodness to our ancestors and God's continuing provision for us.**

Pastor: The God who has answered our prayers asks our help in answering the prayers of others.

People: **We will not forget the source of our good life or think we can keep it by hoarding it.**

Pastor: God, who raised mountains and stills roaring seas, will dwell with us to calm and uplift.

People: **Grant us, O God, to live peaceably with all your love and with thankfulness at the heart of all we do.**

POSTLUDE

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