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Sundays with Zion

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Bible Hour 11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day – November 28, 2024

Please observe a few minutes of quiet time as you prepare for worship. We invite you to **pray** and read the **Scriptures** for the day.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY *(Please see "Words to prepare our hearts and lives" on page 9)*

ALL WORSHIPERS are asked to please fill out the information sheet in the bulletin. Before we begin, you are also invited to pray and to read the Scripture for today's worship.

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as You gather us together to worship You in spirit and in truth, prepare us to receive the preaching of Your Word and all Your life-giving gifts such that we would repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Rescuer, and grow in caring service for all. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

As We Gather

In our busy lives we hear people often cry out, "I've got too much on my plate!" Why do we get so overwhelmed with life? Perhaps we may be filling our plates with all the wrong stuff? Let's explore what it means to have a "Thanksgiving Plate."

Stand

The Everlasting Love Of God

How vast the everlasting love of God
How sure and faithful as the morning
This love so great for us could never fail
Nor end for it had no beginning

How strong the Father's beating heart for us
What mercy runs to meet the sinner
As rivers yearn to reach the lowest place
His grace shall flow to me forever

Chorus

Oh the everlasting love of God
It shall ever be my song
So immense and free more than life to me
The everlasting love of God

How great and precious my Redeemer's blood
How pure the passion of the Savior
My sins are drowned beneath this mighty flood
My soul is swept away with wonder *Chorus*

How deep the measure of the Spirit's work
Who dwells in us who seals the promise
God's love through time and all eternity
Shall stand and we shall stand upon it
What now could separate us from it *Chorus x2*

The everlasting love of God

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Invocation

Matthew 28:19

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Introit

Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: v. 33

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you,

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the ground.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Prayer of Giving Thanks

P Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Holy Scripture

Matthew 6:25-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Creed's First Article with its Explanation

L We Confess the Faith that Christ has given us, on this day focusing on the First article of the Creed:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

L What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

LSB 893



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
 Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
 He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
 And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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Message

“What’s On Your Plate?”

Pastor Russ Hess

Giving Thanks

All are invited to voice particular blessings for which they are grateful to God

Offering

Please leave a yellow attendance sheet for your household in the plate at the front with any offerings you may have. Everyone is welcome to place any non-perishable food donations at the base of the altar for our neighbors in need. **Please freely ask someone to help you bring these offerings forward.**

(You can also click on the Online Giving button at ZionLutheranNH.org to set up one-time or recurring payments when you are at home or even now in worship, which may take you only 2 minutes)

While we bring these offerings, please join in singing the following song.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



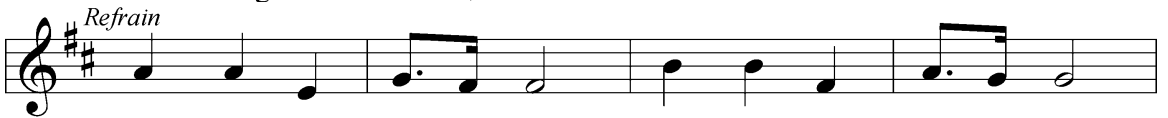
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Stand

Prayers of the People

- L** Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive. The day is now past, and we commit it to You. We entrust to You the night and rest in Your peace, for You are our help, and You neither slumber nor sleep.
- C** **Hear us for the sake of Your name.**
- L** Gracious God, You give life to the seed, rain to the plant and fruit to the harvest. Receive our thanks for the rich bounty the earth has provided and for the daily bread that supplies all we need for this body and life.
- C** **Teach us to be generous with Your gifts, willingly sharing with those in need.**
- L** Almighty God, You bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of our lives. Prosper the work of farmers and all those who labor to bring food to our table.
- C** **Grant them seasonable weather that they may gather in the fruits of the earth in abundance and proclaim Your goodness with thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
- L** We give You thanks, O God, for the saints who have gone before us, in whose lives Your great faithfulness is shown.
- C** **Grant us faith like theirs, which trusts in Your enduring Word, that we also may be found faithful by the next generation of believers.**
- L** Gracious Father, guard in Christ Jesus the hearts and minds of all who suffer in our midst.
- C** **Grant them health in accord with Your perfect will, and give them Your peace that surpasses all understanding.**
- L** Heavenly Father, God of all concord, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace.
- C** **Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and, according to Your will, end all conflicts in the world.**
- L** Teach us to examine our hearts that we may recognize our own inclination toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity. Help us, by Your Word and Spirit, to search our hearts and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and discord, so that in our lives we may be at peace with all people.

C Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

L O Lord, our God, since we do not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes out of Your mouth, bless those who proclaim Your Word, that we may hear it and live.

C Teach us the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need, helping us to do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

L Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



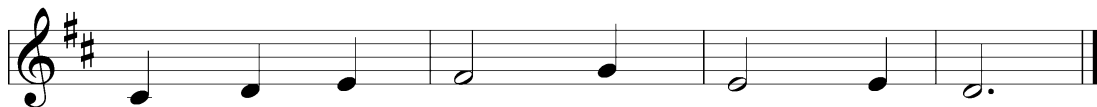
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

Words to prepare our hearts and lives

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful means of grace given to us by God. Christ gives His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and growth in His love and service. We also remember and praise God for the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf on the cross. Out of pastoral concern and care and taking to heart the word in 1 Corinthians 11:36, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." To receive this means of God's grace properly we should positively answer the following:

- Do I need forgiveness for sin?
- Do I believe in Christ as my Savior and have been Baptized?
- Do I believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?
- Do I desire to turn from sin and live for God and others in love and service?

If you are unsure and /or desire to learn more about what it means to take the Lord's Supper, please speak with an elder or pastor before or after the service. Those not partaking of the Lord's Supper, including children, are invited to come forward with arms folded across the chest to receive a blessing.

Grape juice is available in the center of the serving tray.

God's Blessings!

Prayer before Communing

O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make me ready to receive the most holy Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

After Receiving Communion

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving Body and Blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths feasted on this holy meal, we may by faith obtain and forever enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, eternal life in Christ, and unity with one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
 There is no more for heaven now to give
 He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
 My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
 To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to his
 Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
 Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
 For by my side the Saviour he will stay
 I labour on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 892



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Benedicamus and Benediction

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



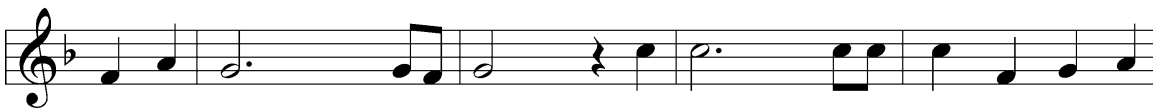
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__



Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am



strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of



what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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◆ The **VISION** of Zion Lutheran Church ◆

In response to God's amazing grace and love
Zion Lutheran Church is a place of refuge
where children, youth and adults are:

GROUNDED in God's unchanging Word,

REACHING OUT with the Good News of
Jesus Christ locally and globally,

ACCEPTING others in the same loving way
God has accepted us,

CHANGING into committed Christ followers, and

EMPOWERED to be Christ's hands and feet
joyfully serving others.

Our Core Values

We Believe:

- ◆ We are saved by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ. (*Eph. 2: 8-9; Rom. 3:22-24; Titus 3:4-7*)
- ◆ Jesus is the Way, the Truth & the Life! No one comes to the Father except through Him! (*John 14:6; Acts 4:12*)
- ◆ Scripture is the Word of God. It is without error and our only source for life and faith! (*2 Tim. 3:16; John 20:31; 2 Peter 1:20-21*)
- ◆ Baptism & the Lord's Supper are the means by which God touches our lives with His grace. (*Rom 6:1-7; 1 Peter 3:21; Matt 26:26-28; 1 Cor 11:23-26*)
- ◆ God has chosen us to proclaim the Gospel to our community and world. (*Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15*)
- ◆ In the power of God working through the Holy Spirit & Prayer. (*John 14:26; Acts 4:31; Mark 11:24; Phil 4:6-7*)
- ◆ We desire to remain a loving (*1Cor 13; 1John 4:7-11*) , caring family of God.
- ◆ We cherish our Lutheran heritage.