

THANKSGIVING EVE
November 26, 2025
6:30 pm



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

While it is true that fall and Christmas can bring busyness and chaos to our lives, Thanksgiving is placed right in the middle of the two to give us a chance to slow down and reflect on what God has given us. We look back to who we are as children of God and how our heavenly Father has given us so many blessings this last year. This discipline of pausing and reflecting is what brings us joy and allows us to see God's hand in our lives. Our nation has been richly blessed by God. Each of us has received mercies new every morning. The key to contentment and peace is neither the abundance of gifts nor an absence, but a heart that returns thanks to the source of those gifts. Today we pause to do that, as a nation, as a people, and as Christians.

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(verses 1-3)

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE DAY

Pastor: In the first year of the presidency of George Washington in 1789, a Day of National Thanksgiving was set aside for the last Thursday of November. Since that time, Americans have celebrated this day in remembrance of all the blessings which God has poured down upon this nation and her citizens.

In the presidential proclamation for Thanksgiving Day in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln had this to say:

"It is the duty of nations as well as of citizens to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord ...

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

HYMN: LSB 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(verses 4-5)

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend
you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: On this Thanksgiving Eve let us confess our neglect of God's good gifts and pray for forgiveness and faith.

People: Lord God, we confess that, though every good and perfect gift comes from You, we have not always been aware of Your goodness nor have we paused to give You the praise and thanks that You are due. Open our eyes as we open our hands that we may know Your mercy, receive Your forgiveness and give You our heartfelt gratitude, not only this day but all our days.

Pastor: Paul says in Philippians 4:19 “And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: LSB 806

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.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

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.

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.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together,

All: God of all, thank You for the life You give me, the goods which You supplied to me, the power to make a difference in this world. Be with me in my daily tasks, my daily joys, my daily sorrows, so that every day, every minute belongs to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you. Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and

honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-17

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: LSB 895 Now Thank We All Our God

- 1 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.
- 2 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 ills In this world and the next!
- 3 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.

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SERMON

1st ARTICLE OF APOSTLES' CREED

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.

OFFERING AND TREASURE BOX

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Simple Thanks” – Zion Choir

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs. Thank You, Lord,

People: for food, health, clothing, and homes.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for the many freedoms we enjoy.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for a just government.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for teachers, pastors, family, and friends.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for the gifts You give to Your Church.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord,

People: for Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and Your Word.

(A moment of silence to give thanks to God.)

Pastor: Thank You, Lord, for Jesus Christ, Your only Son, through whom You give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in Your Kingdom.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: With joy and gladness let us pray the prayer Christ Jesus taught us.

All: 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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

- 3 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.

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COMMUNION HYMN: (Tune: LSB 965) My Country, Tis of Thee

- 1 My country tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side, Let freedom ring!

2 My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love. I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture fills
Like that above.

- 3 Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song. Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

4 Our father's God to, Thee, Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
 Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
 The Supper is ended.
 O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of His teaching,
 Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 His grace did invite us,
 His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
 To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
 Our faith ever sharing,
 In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
 With Your feast You feed us,
 With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
 Then may all the living
 With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, all things are Yours, and yet Your goodness provides for us more than we deserve or dare ask. Equip our hearts with Your Spirit, that we may learn gratitude and offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all that You have provided,

most of all for the treasure of salvation that is ours through the merits of Christ, our Savior, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You are one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSINGS FOR THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May the Lord of all creation shower His blessings and favor upon you.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with His presence and fill your loved ones with peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of His eternal Kingdom.

People: Amen.

Pastor: And may Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen, Amen.

CHOIR BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!