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November 25 & 26, 2025 Thanksgiving Service

TODAY'S FOCUS

We can be content with our situation in life and thankful to God. He is the One who gives us all our blessings either by miracles or by giving us the ability to produce them.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

Zion has been serving the spiritual needs of people since 1885. We declare God's Good News of the perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of all. Our pastors and congregation are willing to serve you in any way. Please help yourself to any information found in the narthex. Visitors are invited to sign our guest register. May God bless your worship!

BEFORE WORSHIP

Prayer: O Lord, Maker of all things, You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. I thank You for granting me and all people Your blessings and enabling us to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach me and all your children to use all Your gifts carefully and faithfully. Hear our prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Personal Prayers and Meditation Pages 10 & 134, *CW*

Prelude

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" 610, *CW*

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love will be forever.
C: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: the Maker of heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord:

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Psalm 51:145; 32:5*

P: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. *Psalm 103:8,12; Romans 5:8; 8:1; Ephesians 1:7*
Be at peace. Your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray.
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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.** *Please be seated*

First Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 8:10-18

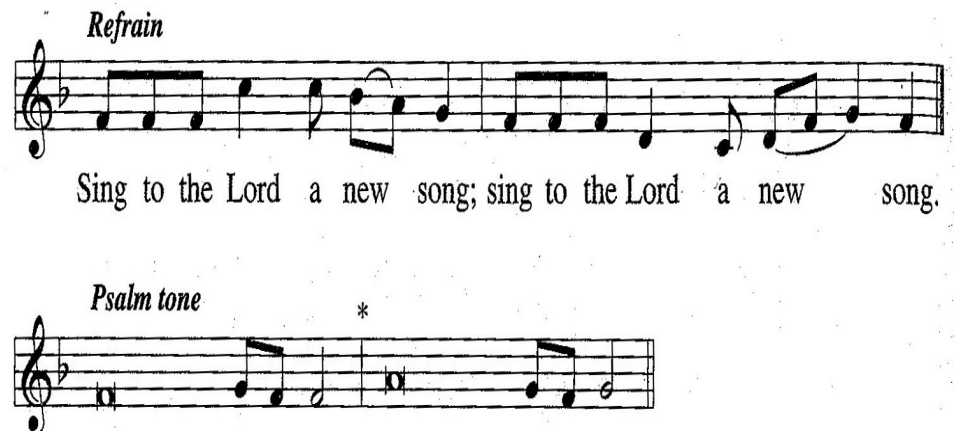
Not by the strength of our own hands nor by the ability of our own minds do we have all that we possess. It is God who gives us the ability to produce the wealth we have.

[10]When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. [11]Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. [12]Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, [13]and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, [14]then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. [15]He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. [16]He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. [17]You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." [18]But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100 Page 104, *CW*



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*
Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.*
Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;*
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;*

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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.

Refrain

Second Scripture Lesson Philippians 4:10-20

God will meet every one of our needs according to the riches He has given us in Christ Jesus. Therefore, we can be content in every and any circumstance of life.

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. [11]I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. [12]I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. [13]I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

[14]Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. [15]Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; [16]for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. [17]Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. [18]I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. [19]And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

[20]To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

P: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 17.
C: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His mercy endures forever.

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:11-19

The healing of the 10 lepers shows us that thankfulness comes not from counting our blessings, but from looking to and thanking the One who is the source of every good and perfect gift.

[11]Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. [12]As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance [13]and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

[14]When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

[15]One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. [16]He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him — and he was a Samaritan.

[17]Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? [18]Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" [19]Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

P: This is the holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn " Come, You Thankful People, Come" 613, *CW*

Sermon Deuteronomy 8:10-18

REFLECT ON YOUR JOURNEY AND SEE GOD

The Explanation of the First Article of the Apostle's Creed

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that He gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because He is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Our Thank Offering to Our God

Prayer of the Church *(Spoken by the Pastor)*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom as we 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.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn "We Thank You for Your Blessings" 615, *CW*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Richard Russow, H: 715-678-2204; C: 715-965-1782; O: 715-678-2208; RussowRnK@aol.com

Chairman: Jeff Lange, 715-748-4815

Organists: Kelly Hartl; Barb Reiter

Ushers & Greeters: Volunteers needed.

Altar Care: Lisa Gebert; Tom Onsager

Zion Lutheran Church invites you to an

Advent by Candlelight Service

Rainbow of God's Love

In the colors of the rainbow we continue to see God's unfolding promise, even as we express our hope in the Lord's advent.

(Featuring the music of Sojourner)

Sunday, December 13, 2026; 7:00 P.M.

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