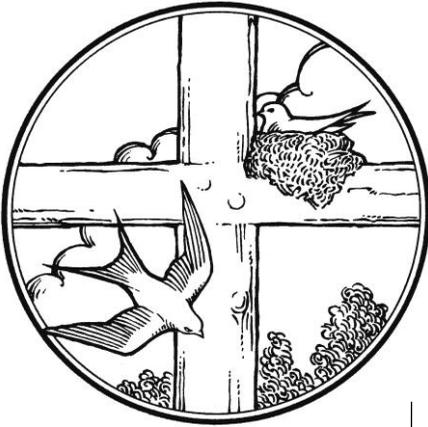


# Zion Lutheran Church

## The Divine Service

Thanksgiving Eve

### Welcome



#### Before Service Prayer

*O Lord, when the  
darkness covers us, let  
Thy righteousness  
dawn upon our souls,  
that we, who now  
prayerfully render  
thanks unto Thee  
after the labors of  
another day are done,  
may also come before  
Thy face in the  
morning, to pay Thee  
the vows of  
thanksgiving; through  
Jesus Christ, our  
Lord. Amen*

J.K. Wilhelm Loehe

The use of Christ's word in this kind of praise-full proclamation accomplishes something wonderful in us. As we sing the song of praise about Jesus, or even hear it sung, that song sings God's grace into us. It brings the Holy Spirit into our hearts and strengthens our faith in him; it fills us with the Holy Spirit (Eph - 20). Once the word of grace has sung itself into our hearts in a song of praise, that Spirit-filled word pervades our bodies with all their senses and enlightens our minds with all their affections. It sings Christ and his Holy Spirit into us. It fills us with joy and wonder, with awe and gratitude, with devotion and delight. As it sings of Christ, it changes us. It turns critics and cynics into thanks-givers and praise singers, people whose hearts are so full of God's goodness that they overflow with thanksgiving and praise. So once the word of grace has been sung into our hearts, it dwells there and produces a never-ending song of praise to God the Father.

John Kleinig, "What's the Use of Praising God?" *Lutheran Theological Journal* 38.2, p. 10

November 23, 2022 † 7:00 PM



*Divine Service, Setting Three*

## The Preparation

Processional Hymn

*Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*      *LSB 908*

*Stand*

Invocation

*LSB 184*

Confession and Absolution

## Service of the Word

Introit

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

- P** I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;\*  
I will sing praise to my God while I have | being.
- C** O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you | made them all;\*  
the earth is full of your | creatures.
- P** These all | look to you,\*  
to give them their food in due | season.
- C** When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;\*  
when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.
- P** When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,\*  
and you renew the face | of the ground.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;\*  
I will sing praise to my God while I have | being.

Kyrie

*LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

*LSB 189*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

Sit

**Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 41:41-42:2*

The Old Testament reading for Thanksgiving Eve is from Genesis, the forty-first and forty second chapters.

<sup>41</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” <sup>42</sup>Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. <sup>43</sup>And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup>Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” <sup>45</sup>And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

<sup>46</sup>Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. <sup>47</sup>During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, <sup>48</sup>and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. <sup>49</sup>And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

<sup>50</sup>Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him. <sup>51</sup>Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. “For,” he said, “God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father’s house.” <sup>52</sup>The name of the second he called Ephraim, “For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

<sup>53</sup>The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, <sup>54</sup>and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. <sup>55</sup>When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

<sup>56</sup>So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. <sup>57</sup>Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

<sup>1</sup>When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you look at one another?” <sup>2</sup>And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 145:15-16; 118:1*

**P** The eyes of all look to you, [O Lord,]  
and you give them their food in due season.

**C** You open your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever.

## Epistle Reading

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

The Epistle Reading is from First Timothy, the second chapter.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 17:11-19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise

to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

*LSB 655*

Sermon

In the Land of Our Suffering

Genesis 41:41-42:2

Offertory

LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord in Your Mercy,  
**C** Hear our Prayer

*Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.*

St. Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, Part I

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

Proper Preface

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

Distribution

*We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar. Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are invited to meet with the Pastor for Catechesis before communing. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.*

*The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?*

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| Communion Hymn                           | <i>Your Table I Approach</i>           | <i>LSB 628</i> |
| Communion Hymn                           | <i>Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast</i> | <i>LSB 577</i> |
| Communion Hymn                           | <i>Be Present At Our Table, Lord</i>   | <i>LSB 775</i> |
| Nunc Dimittis                            |  | <i>LSB 199</i> |
| Thanksgiving                             |  | <i>LSB 200</i> |
| Post-Communion Collect                   |  | <i>LSB 201</i> |
| Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction |  |                |
| <i>Sit</i>                               |  |                |
| Recessional Hymn                         | <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>        | <i>LSB 895</i> |



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## **Restrooms**

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

## **Nursery**

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

## **Congregational Membership**

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

## **Pastoral Consultation**

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

## **Sick and Homebound**

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

## **Pastor's Bible Study, Teen, and Children's Sunday School**

Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

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