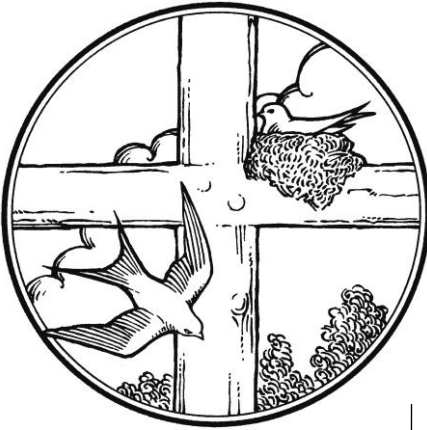


Zion Lutheran Church

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, 2023 † 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

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

The Old Testament reading for Thanksgiving Eve is from Deuteronomy, the eighth chapter.

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 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

I 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. Luke, the seventeenth 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

Gratefully Forgiven

Luke 17:11-17

Offertory

LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

P Lord in Your Mercy,
C Hear our Prayer



*The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and
drink without fear of drowning and deep enough for a
theologian to swim in without ever touching the bottom.*

St. Jerome (347-420)

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?

Communion Hymn	<i>Your Table I Approach</i>	LSB 628
Communion Hymn	<i>Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast</i>	LSB 577
Communion Hymn	<i>Be Present At Our Table, Lord</i>	LSB 775

Nunc Dimittis		LSB 199
Thanksgiving		LSB 200
Post-Communion Collect		LSB 201
Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction		
<i>Sit</i>		
Recessional Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	LSB 895



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Pastoral Consultation

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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.

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