

Thanksgiving Day + November 24, 2011 AD + 10:00 AM

“Grace and Mercy”



A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Welcome. More than food and clothing, home and family, we give thanks to the Triune God that He is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love through our Lord Jesus Christ. For that we owe Him thanks and praise today and every day throughout the year.

Parents: Children are welcome at our services. For parents who desire it, there is a nursery with an audio feed to the service downstairs.

*We praise you,
O God, our
redeemer,
creator; in
grateful devo-
tion our trib-
ute we bring.
We lay it be-
fore you; we
kneel and
adore you; we
bless your holy
name; glad
praises we
sing.
With voices
united our
praises we
offer and
gladly our
songs of
thanksgiving
we raise. With
you, Lord, be-
side us, your
strong arm
will guide us.
To you, our
great re-
deemer, for-
ever be praise!
~Julia C.
Cory,
1882-1963
A.D.*

PRELUDE

Trumpet Duet

... Purcell

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

“Come, You Thankful People, Come” green hymnal #407

THE INVITATORY

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.

All: Glory 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. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE VENITE

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

P: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

P: For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

C: **In his hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also his.**

P: The sea is his, for he made it; and his hands have molded the dry land.

C: **Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

All: Glory 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

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 65

C: Refrain:



Christ, our Lord, to you we raise This our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Choir: You are to be praised, O 'God, in Zion;*
to you shall vows be performed 'in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall 'all flesh come,*
because of 'their transgressions.

Our sins are stron'ger than we are,*
but you will 'blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your 'courts to dwell
there!*

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, |
by the holiness 'of your temple.

C: Refrain

Choir: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of '
our salvation,*
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are 'far away.

You make fast the mountains 'by your power;*
they are girded a'bout with might.

You still the roaring 'of the seas,*
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor 'of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your '
marvelous signs;*
you make the dawn and the dusk to 'sing for joy.

C: Refrain

Choir: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; |
you make it 'very plenteous;*
the river of God is 'full of water.

When all your mercies, O my God, my waking soul surveys, transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise. Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ; nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.
~Joseph Addison,
1672-1719 A.D.

You pre'pare the grain,*
for so you provide 'for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth 'out the ridges;*
with heavy rain you soften the ground and 'bless its increase.

C: Refrain

Choir: You crown the year 'with your goodness,*
and your paths over'flow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be 'rich for grazing,*
and the hills be 'clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
them'selves with grain;*
let them shout for 'joy and sing.

C: Refrain

PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord God, joy marks your presence; beauty, abundance, and peace are
the tokens of your work in all creation. Work also in our lives, that by
these signs we may see the splendor of your love and may praise you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

PSALM 103

Choir: Bless the LORD, 'O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his 'holy name.

Bless the LORD, 'O my soul,*
and forget not 'all his benefits.

**C: He forgives 'all your sins*
and heals all 'your infirmities;**

**he redeems your life 'from the grave*
and crowns you with mercy and 'lovingkindness;**

Choir: he satisfies you 'with good things,*
and your youth is renewed 'like an eagle's.

The LORD executes 'righteousness*
and judgment for all who 'are oppressed.

**C: He made his ways 'known to Moses*
and his works to the chil'dren of Israel.**

**The LORD is full of compas'sion and mercy,*
slow to anger and 'of great kindness.**

Choir: He will not al'ways accuse us,*
nor will he keep his an'ger forever.

He has not dealt with us according 'to our sins,*
nor rewarded us according 'to our wickedness.

**C: For as the heavens are high a'bove the earth,*
so is his mercy great upon 'those who fear him.**

**As far as the east is 'from the west,*
so far has he removed our 'sins from us.**

Choir: As a father cares 'for his children,*
so does the LORD care for 'those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof 'we are made;*
he remembers that we 'are but dust.

**C: Our days are 'like the grass;*
we flourish like a flower 'of the field;**

**when the wind goes over it, 'it is gone,*
and its place shall know 'it no more.**

Choir: But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures forever on 'those who
fear him,*
and his righteousness on 'children's children;

on those who 'keep his covenant*
and remember his command'ments and do them.

**C: The LORD has set his 'throne in heaven,*
and his kingship has dominion 'over all.**

**Bless the LORD, you angels of his, |
you mighty ones who 'do his bidding,*
and hearken to the voice 'of his word.**

Choir: Bless the Lord, all 'you his hosts,*
you ministers of his who 'do his will.

Bless the LORD, all you works of his, |
in all places of 'his dominion;*
bless the LORD, 'O my soul.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children. Heal the weakness of your people and save us from everlasting death, that with the saints and angels we may praise and glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Let All Things Now Living” green hymnal #557

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹“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. ²And 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. ³And 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. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For 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, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a 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. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

... Austin Lovelace

SECOND LESSON 1 Timothy 2:1-4

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” green hymnal #412
St. 1—All; St. 2—Choir; St. 3—All

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.
~F. Pratt
Green,
Born
1903 A.D.*

*We give thee
thanks, Al-
mighty God,
for these and
all thy gifts,
which we re-
ceive from thy
bounty. Who
lives and
reigns world
without end.
Amen.*

SERMON

“Grace and Mercy”

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

VOLUNTARY

“We Gather Together”

... Ferguson

Please stand.

OFFERTORY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Please kneel.

PRAYERS

P: O Lord, I cry to you for help.

C: In the morning my prayer comes before you.

P: Give me the joy of your saving help again,

C: and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

P: Let my mouth be full of your praise

C: and your glory all the day long.

P: Every day will I praise you,

C: and praise your name forever and ever.

P: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

C: O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

P: He redeems my life from the grave,
C: **and crowns me with mercy and lovingkindness.**

P: Lord, hear my prayer,
C: **and let my cry come before you.**

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

P: Let us pray . . .

Each prayer ends with “through Jesus Christ, our Lord,” to which the congregation responds, “Amen”.

P: We thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from sin and every evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

C: **Amen**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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**

P: Let us bless the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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

C: **Amen**

Please stand.

**A Prayer
Upon Leaving Church**
Almighty
God our Father,
your generous
goodness
comes to us
new every
day. By the
work of your
Spirit lead us
to acknowledge
your goodness,
give thanks
for your
benefits, and
serve you in
willing obedience;
through
your Son,
Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God” green hymnal #533

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Finale

... Manfredini

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +

To God alone be glory

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Today's Participants:

Pastor: Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Organist: Virginia Giese

Choir: Zion Lutheran Kantorei

Cynthia Reuter

Trumpeters: Mark Wendorff

Chad Premeau

Radio Announcer: Dick Ames

Elder: Grace Mueller

Altar Guild: Marge Larsen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharing God's Blessings

- Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Larry and Marilyn Schubring and Carol and Tom Seefeldt, in memory of their friend, Doretta Lehman .
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Donna Nuernberg: “All praise and thanks to God . . . the one eternal God” (LBW #533).
- The flowers at the lectern and pulpit are sponsored by Ken and Lois Haderlein, in loving memory of their grandson, Bobby Ritz.
- Today's bulletins are sponsored by Steve, Anna Mae, and Christina Zeinemann, in honor of the wedding anniversary of Steve's parents, Alfred and Joyce Zeinemann, married 63 years on November 25; and in remembrance of Anna Mae's parents, Anton and Genevieve Bittner, married 75 years last year on November 30.

The Thanksgiving Banner

Our gratitude to God centers in the cross of Christ for the great blessings of forgiveness and salvation. We offer heartfelt thanks for these blessings as well as for God's providential care of all his creation every day of our lives and every season of the year. The seasons of the year are illustrated with a snowflake for winter, a tulip for spring, a butterfly for summer, and a leaf for fall. Depicted at the bottom of the banner are God's people of every race and color, lifting up their hands in praise and all their voices to shout, "Now thank we all our God!"

Annual Christmas Tea

... will be held on Sunday, December 11 from 2—6 p.m. in Zion's church hall. This is a fundraiser for Zion. Thrivent is contributing up to \$1,600.00 for this event. Admission is \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Beverages, hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats and live musical entertainment. Tickets are on sale in the church office during the week, and after church services; or at the Everest Inn. Entertainment: 2:00 p.m.—Piano and Clarinet: Susan Hamilton and Dan Maguire; 2:30 p.m.—Zion Christmas Carolers; 3:15 p.m.—Violin Music: Marguerite Donnelly; 4:00 p.m.—Piano Music and Sing-a-Long: Barb Erdman; 4:45 p.m.—Donna Konkkel, pianist; 5:30 p.m.—Guitar Music: Ken Schauer and Tiny.

Zion's Snowflake Ornaments

The ornaments are available during the week at the church office. Cost of each ornament is \$10.

Helping Hands Needed!

Next week, we will have 5 days of cookie baking in the church kitchen and need help. One hour, one day, or whatever time works for you. Come and check us out., as we have fun, not hard labor, but "putsy" work. You can just sit and join us. Men are welcome, too! Each day we will be working from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen. Thanks for your time. ... *Phyllis Bliese*

Food Collection

We thank all who brought food for the pantry of The Salvation Army in Wausau. It will help those who turn to that agency for help in an emergency. We will receive gifts for the pantry through Sunday, November 27. Bring your gifts to the church office or place them in the conference room by the church office.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

... begins Saturday evening, November 26 and Sunday, November 27. Advent worship prepares us to welcome the newborn King into our homes and hearts.

Midweek Advent Services:

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Theme: "Fear"

November 30: "Meeting Fear"

December 7: "Wisdom's Beginning"

December 14: "Fear's Holiness"

December 21: "Joy in Fear"

Sunday School Pageant: Saturday, December 17 at 5:15 p.m.

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m.: Festival of Lessons and Carols

8:00 p.m.: Holy Communion (live broadcast on WSAU Radio, 550AM)

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25

9:00 a.m.: Holy Communion (live broadcast on WSAU Radio, 550AM)

Note: no 11:00 a.m. service

New Year's Eve: Saturday, December 31

6:30 p.m.: Holy Communion

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

When: Saturday, December 3

Where: Zion Church Hall

Time: 9 a.m. to noon (or until sold out)

Price: \$7.00 per pound

Bakers—You can help bake at church or home. Men are welcome, too!

Buyers—Be sure to tell your relatives and friends.

Decorators—Help us decorate the cookies.

Other Helpers—Take cookies from pans, pack for storage, make up trays of cookies to sell, fold boxes, etc.

Extra help is needed on Friday, Dec. 2 for pre-packaging cookies. Come to the church hall on Friday at 1:00 p.m.

—We will bake and decorate cookies in the church kitchen and hall next week, Monday through Friday, November 28, 29 and 30, and December 1, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

We need you to come and help anytime you can. Baking at home? Then bring your cookies to the church hall on Friday, December 2 or before 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 3.

—At the sale, there will be prepackaged trays of cookies for sale, as well as trays of cookies for you to choose your own. If you wish to make a cash donation to help defray the cost of the boxes, gloves, paper liners, trays, ingredients, etc., please mark your envelope "Cookie Sale."

—Thrivent is providing funds up to \$1,600.00 for this event.

—If you have any questions, contact Phyllis Bliese, 715-675-2630.