

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

O Thou the reflection of whose transcendent glory did once appear unbroken in the face of Jesus Christ, give me today a heart like his – a brave heart, a true heart, a tender heart, a heart with great room in it, a heart fixed on Thyself; for His name's sake. Amen.  
~John Baillie,  
1949 A.D.



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## **National Day of Thanksgiving**

November 23, 2017 + 10:00 A.M.

**Welcome to Morning Prayer.** On this day, Zion joins its hearts and voices with countless fellow citizens in raising thanksgiving to God for both personal and national blessings. We do so using the liturgy of *matins*, or morning prayer, a simple service of psalms, hymns, Scripture, and prayer. As we do so we remember the inexhaustible abundance of God's grace, which he gives freely to those whom he loves. In joyful response to all God's blessing we are joined together as one body, that we might sing his praise into everlasting.

## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

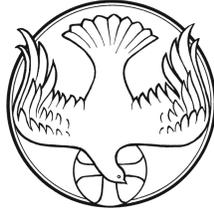
- Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Shirley Palesh, whose birthday was November 23, 1929, by Muriel and Bob Prahl, and Judy and Bob Anklam.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Lois and Jerry Jarosz in thanksgiving for God's bountiful blessings.
- The flowers at the lectern and pulpit are sponsored by Donna Nuernberg, thanking God for the many blessings he has poured upon all of us.

## **The Thanksgiving Banner: An Explanation**

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!"

## **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 26. Bring your gifts to the church office or place them in the conference room by the church office.



## PRELUDES

"Let All Things Now Living"  
"Let All Things Now Living"

... Jeffrey Blersch  
Benjamin M. Culli

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living" green hymnal #557

## 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.**

*God is im-  
printing His  
footprint on  
us. For  
through such  
works it is  
recognized  
that God is in  
us, as the  
passing of  
man is known  
by his foot-  
prints. There-  
fore the foot-  
prints of  
truth, wis-  
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eousness,  
which God is  
in us, become  
apparent  
footstool, on  
which His  
footprints are  
impressed.  
The soul how-  
ever is His  
throne, be-  
cause it is in  
heaven.  
Therefore  
such tracks  
drip with fat-  
ness, that is,  
they are  
flooded with  
spiritual joy  
from above.  
~Martin  
Luther*

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**

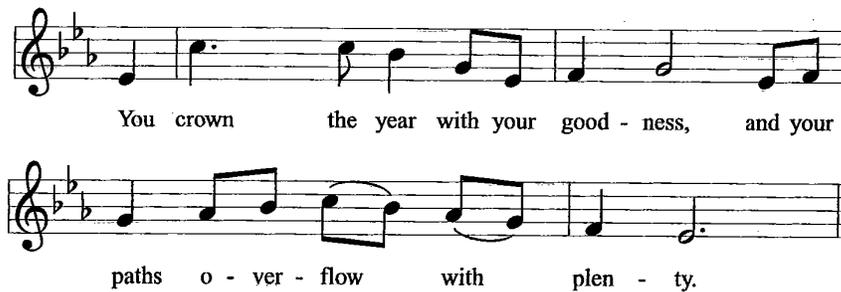
P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

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

*Please be seated.*

## PSALM 65

Choir: Antiphon



You crown the year with your good - ness, and your  
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.

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

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

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

**C: 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: Antiphon**

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.

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

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

**C: 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: Antiphon**

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

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

Choir: You drench the furrows and smooth 'out the ridges;\*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and 'bless its in-  
crease.

*“The earth has yielded its fruit,” earth, holy Mary who is from our earth, from our seed, from this clay, from this slime, from Adam. “Dust you are, and to dust you shall return.” This earth has yielded its fruit; what it lost in the Garden of Eden, it has found in the Son...Would you like to know what this fruit is? A virgin from a virgin, the Lord from the handmaid, God from man, Son from mother, fruit from the earth. Listen to what the fruit itself says: “Unless the grain of wheat fall into the...*

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

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

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

**C: Antiphon**

**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**

**C: Antiphon**

### **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 67**

P: May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**C: Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

P: May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**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**

### **PSALM PRAYER**

P: Father, through your power the earth has brought forth its noblest fruit, the tree of the cross. Unite all people in its embrace, and feed them with its fruit, everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **OFFICE HYMN**

"Come, You Thankful People, Come" green hymnal #407

### **OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give

*...ground and die, it cannot bring forth much fruit." "The earth has yielded its fruit." It has yielded a grain of wheat. Because the grain of wheat has fallen into the ground and died, it produces many fruits. The fruit is multiplied in the head of grain. Because one had fallen, it rose again with many; one grain of wheat has fallen into the ground and a fruitful harvest came of it. ~St. Jerome, 385 A.D.*

*[Christ] has purchased redemption from sin and death so that the Holy Spirit might transform us out of the old Adam into new men. We die unto sin and live unto righteousness, beginning and growing here on earth and perfecting it beyond, as St. Paul teaches ([Rm 6-7](#))...*

us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHORAL RESPONSE

"Autumn Carol"

... Russell Schultz-Widmar

## EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great gener-

osity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

"We Praise You, O God" green hymnal #241

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*...Christ did not earn only 'grace,' for us, but also 'the gift of the Holy Spirit,' so that we might have not only forgiveness of, but also cessation of, sin. Now he who does not abstain from sin, but persists in his evil life, must have a different Christ.  
~ Martin Luther*

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

*Please be seated.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“For the Fruit of All Creation” blue hymnal #760

## **SERMON**

## **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**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

...Benjamin M. Culli

*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.**

*Because  
Jesus en-  
dured our  
hell, God  
will never  
stand afar  
off from us.  
We will  
always be  
near Him,  
now and  
forever.*

*~ Francis  
Rossow,  
Gospel  
Handles*

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: I thank you, my heavenly Father,

C: **through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me  
this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you  
would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all  
my doings and life may please you. For into your hands I  
commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your  
holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power  
over me. Amen**

*God, whose  
giving knows  
no ending,  
from your  
rich and end-  
less store:  
nature's won-  
der, Jesus'  
wisdom,  
costly cross,  
grave's shat-  
tered door,  
gifted by you,  
we turn to  
you, offering  
up ourselves  
in praise;  
thankful song  
shall rise for-  
ever, gra-  
cious donor  
of our days.  
~Robert L.  
Edwards,  
b. 1915 A.D.*

### **A Prayer**

#### **As You Go**

Dear Father,  
take this  
day's life  
into Thine  
own keep-  
ing. Instruct  
my mind,  
sustain my  
will. Take  
my hands  
and make  
them skillful  
to serve  
Thee. Take  
my feet and  
make them  
swift to do  
Thy bid-  
ding. Take  
my eyes and  
keep them  
fixed upon  
Thine ever-  
lasting  
beauty. Take  
my mouth  
and make it  
eloquent in  
testimony to  
Thy love.  
Make this  
day, a day  
of obedi-  
ence, a day  
of spiritual  
joy and  
peace.  
Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

*Please stand.*

### **BENEDICAMUS**

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**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

"Now Thank We All Our God" green hymnal #533

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **POSTLUDE**

"Now Thank We All Our God" ... Benjamin M. Culli

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**

*To God alone be glory*

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## **Serving at Worship**

Presiding: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: Zion Lutheran Kantorei

Trumpet: Chad Premeau

Horn: Meagan Cihlar

Radio Announcer: Ryan Fernstaedt

Elder: Marlene Kroening

Altar Guild: Donna Nuernberg

*Announcements are on the following pages.*

## **The Season of Advent**

... begins Saturday evening, December 2 and Sunday, December 3. 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.:  
December 6, 13, and 20

### **Christmas / New Year's / Epiphany Services:**

**Sunday School Pageant:** Saturday, December 16 at 5:15 p.m.

**Christmas Eve:** Sunday, 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:** Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion;

(live broadcast on WSAU Radio, 550AM)

**Holy Innocents:** Wednesday, December 27

10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

6:30 p.m.: Holy Communion

**New Year's Eve:** Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.: Holy communion

6:30 p.m.: Worship Service

**Epiphany:** Wednesday, January 3

10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

6:30 p.m.: Holy Communion

**TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE**

**When:** Saturday, December 2

**Where:** Zion's Church Hall

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

**Price:** \$9.00 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.

- We will bake and decorate cookies in the church kitchen and hall next week, Monday – Friday, November 27, 28, 29, 30 and December 1, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. Lunch will be provided each day for those who help us with baking. The success of the cookie sale will depend on how many people volunteer. There are never too many helpers – there is always something to do! Please join us!
- We need you to come and help anytime you can. Baking at home? Then bring your cookies to the church hall on Friday, December 1, or before 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 2.
- Cookie Painting will be done in the church hall on Tuesday, November 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We need volunteers to paint the frosted, cut-out cookies. Anissa Bliese will be teaching the art of painting cookies. All supplies will be provided.
- Extra help is needed on Friday, December 1 for pre-packaging cookies. Come to the church hall at 1:00 p.m.
- 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."

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

## **Zion Lutheran Church**

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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