

**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. Amen.



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## **National Day of Thanksgiving**

November 22, 2018 + 10:00 A.M

**Welcome to morning prayer.** What better way to give thanks to God for all His blessings than through His own words? Today's service of morning prayer, or *matins*, is a service soaked in Holy Scripture. It starts with psalms, proceeds to lessons, and ends with prayers, all of it accompanied by hymns and songs drawn from God's own Word. Here is what pleases God: not only that we receive His blessings with thanksgiving, but that even our thanksgiving should comfort us with the promise of His Word – what a gracious, generous God!

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

- Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Donna Nuernberg in memory of Bob and Florence Karl.
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## **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 25. Bring your gifts to the church office, or place them in the conference room by the church office.



## PRELUDE

"Thanksgiving Fanfare"

... Charles Callahan

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

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

## 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.**

*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 5:18-20). 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 . . . It sings Christ and his Holy Spirit into us . . .*

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 103

Choir: Antiphon

May God's deeds of love and mer - cy  
be our song for - ev - er - more.

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 ex'ecutes 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.**

**All: Antiphon**

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.**

*... 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 crit-  
ics and cynics  
into thanks-  
givers and  
praise sing-  
ers, people  
whose hearts  
are so full of  
God's good-  
ness 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 Fa-  
ther.  
~ Pr. John  
Kleinig,  
"What's the  
Use of  
Praising  
God?"*

*One who possesses the Word, who is almighty God, needs nothing and never lacks any of the things he desires, for the Word is an infinite possession and the source of all our wealth. However, someone may object and insist that he has often seen the just in need of food. This is rare and happens only where no one else is just. Besides, let him read the beautiful sentence, "It is not by bread alone that just a man lives, but by the Word of the Lord," who is the true bread, the bread of heaven. The good man is never really in want . . .*

**All: Antiphon**

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.**

**All: Antiphon**

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.

**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**

**All: Antiphon**

**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**

## 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

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter” green hymnal #362

*. . . as long as he keeps intact his adherence to faith in God. For he can ask for and receive whatever he needs from the Father of all, and he can enjoy whatever belongs to him, if only he obeys his Son. Then too, he has this advantage, that he can be free from feeling any want. The Word, who acts as our educator, gives us riches. There is no need to envy the wealth of others with those who have gained freedom from want through him. He who possesses this sort of wealth will inherit the kingdom of God.  
~ Clement of Alexandria, 180 A.D.*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*  
~ *Philippians 4:6-7*

## **OLD TESTAMENT** Deuteronomy 8:1-10

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And 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**

“Look at the World”

... John Rutter

## **EPISTLE** 1 Timothy 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing

in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who 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.**

## HYMN

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” green hymnal #412

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

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

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

## 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

*"Let All Things Now Living" ... arr. David Cherwien*

*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: 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**

### **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.*

*Grace is the first bestowing word. And with grace comes peace – the real thing – from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. And what comes from Jesus Christ? He is the one who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present age, according to the will of God and the Father to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Got that? You can't get any more Good News than that!*  
~ Norman Nagel, 1998 A.D.

**A Prayer  
As You Go**

Lord, let me  
hunger  
enough that  
I not forget  
the world's  
hunger.  
Lord, let me  
hunger  
enough that  
I may have  
bread to  
share. Lord  
let me hun-  
ger enough  
that I may  
long for  
Bread of  
Heaven.  
Lord, let me  
hunger  
enough that  
I may be  
filled. But, O  
Lord, let me  
hunger so  
much that I  
seek after  
that which is  
not bread,  
nor try to  
live by  
bread alone.  
Amen.

~ *Banquet of  
Praise*

**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”

... Paul Manz

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*

**Serving at Worship**

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

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*Announcements are on the following pages.*

## **The Season of Advent**

... begins Saturday evening, December 1 and Sunday, December 2.  
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 5, 12, and 19

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

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

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

10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion;

(live broadcast on WSAU Radio, 550AM)

**St. Stephen, Martyr:** Wednesday, December 26

10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

6:30 p.m.: Holy Communion

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

6:30 p.m.: Worship Service

**Epiphany:** Sunday, January 6

9:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

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

**When:** Saturday, December 1

**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 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, 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, November 30, or before 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 1.
- Cookie Painting will be done in the church hall on Tuesday, November 27 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, November 30 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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