

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Father of all mercy, Source of all blessing, I come to You today not as I ought but as I am able. My hands are open and my heart is ready to receive all You give with joy and thanksgiving. Ever mindful of all Your gifts, lead me deeper into a life of generosity for the sake of my neighbor and for the sake of Your kingdom. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



National Day of Thanksgiving

November 28, 2019 + 10:00 A.M

Welcome to morning prayer.

At the transfiguration of our Lord, Peter spoke words that apply to us today: "Master, it is good that we are here" (Luke 9:33). It is indeed good we are gathered here to give thanks on this day! As individuals and as a nation we are blessed beyond measure. As the church we come together on this day to share those blessings from our heavenly Father. We come together to thank our heavenly Father for without Him nothing would be possible. Yes, it is good that we are here - together. What a wonderful way to begin a national holiday!

Sharing God's Blessings Today

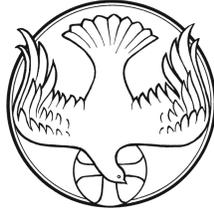
- Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of their mom, Shirley Falk, and in thanksgiving for God's Son, Jesus, and His saving grace, from the Mizgalski and Falk families.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Lois and Jerry Jarosz in thanksgiving for God's abundant blessings.
- The flowers at the lectern and pulpit are sponsored by Donna Nuernberg with this prayer: 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.
- Today's bulletins are sponsored by Barb Ziebell and family, in thankfulness for all of God's blessings.

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, December 1. Bring your gifts to the church office, or place them in the conference room by the church office.



PRELUDES

"This Is My Father's World"
"For the Fruit of All Creation"

... Philip M. Young
... Benjamin M. Culli

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

ENTRANCE 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.**

The world is drowned in blindness and abuses all the good things and God's gifts only for its own pride, greed, lust, and luxury. It never once thinks about God, so as to thank Him or acknowledge Him as Lord and Creator.

*~ Martin Luther,
"Article I of the Apostles' Creed,"
Large Catechism,
1529 A.D.*

The problem is that we don't know who God is. We've reduced Him to an aid in distress, a reserve we have in an emergency. We don't see Him just when He's the closest to us: in every event of everyday life, in everything we see around us, in everything that grows and blooms, everything that lives and moves, in our own body and all its cells and tissues. We don't realize how He says "let there be" in each and every new moment and how dependent we are on His words of creation...

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 67

Choir: **Antiphon**



Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Choir: 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 a'mong all nations.**

Choir: 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.**

C: Antiphon

Choir: 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.**

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

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: 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

PSALM 65

P: 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.

P: Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

...And least of all can we imagine how, in the middle of creation, there's an ongoing struggle between the Creator and the destroyer, where only God's constant help and mercy can save us from destruction. Knowing God is having a well of thanksgiving that never runs dry.

*~ Bo Giertz,
To Live with
Christ, A.D.
1974*

Christ would have us in His stead upon earth. He would have us minister as He ministered. For this purpose He died, that we are to serve as He served. We are to live, not unto ourselves but unto Him and for Him. Such is the relation between Christ and the Christians. They live for each other, Christ lives for us, and we live for Him...

- 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.**
- P: 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 about with might.**
- P: 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.**
- P: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
- C: You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.**
- P: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- C: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- P: 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 themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.**

**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: 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

OFFICE HYMN

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” blue hymnal #767

OLD TESTAMENT 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. ² 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. 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. ⁴ Your 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

...The Christians are regarded by God as being in the Christians. Christ has zeal for them and they for Him. Christ confesses them before the Father, and they confess Christ before the world (Matthew 10:32).

~ C. O. Rosenius, A Faithful Guide to Peace with God, Sweden, Mid-19th Century A.D. (Translated 1923 A.D.)

You and I can anticipate being showered with God's blessing only because Jesus experienced the full measure of God's curse in our place. Christ was given what we deserve so that we might be given what Christ deserves. This is the too-good-to-be-trueness of the gospel. We can be sure that the Lord will keep and protect us because Christ was not protected. We can revel in having the Lord's face turned toward us only because he turned his face away from his own Son as he hung on the cross...

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

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

... Hal Hopson

EPISTLE 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.**

HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living" green hymnal #557

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 he 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

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

SERMON "Playing the Percentages"

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

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" ... Philip M. Young

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.

...We can be sure that the Lord will lift up his countenance upon us only because when he looks at us, he sees us robed in the righteousness of Christ. He is able to grant us his peace only because his anger was exhausted on another.

*~ Nancy Guthrie,
"Blessed Even in the Worst,"
AD 2017*

*These gifts
are given in
response to
the hearing of
the very
words of Je-
sus in the
Gospel...we
give back to
the Lord what
He has given
us, acknowl-
edging that
we are unable
to "outgive"
the Lord."*

*~ Arthur
Just Jr.,
Heaven
On Earth,
A.D. 2008*

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.

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"

... J. S. Bach / arr. Michael Burkhardt

A Prayer As You Go

I say thank
You and
thank You
again, dear
Lord, that I
have come
into Your
world and
live there...
You've given
me this life
with every-
thing that's
good, but
also a life in
Your glory,
where one
day contains
more joy and
delight than
a thousand
years on
earth.

~ Bo Giertz,
To Live
with
Christ,
A.D. 1974

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

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Announcements are on pages 14 and 15.

The Season of Advent

... begins Saturday evening, November 30 and Sunday, December

1. 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 4, 11, and 18

Christmas / New Year's / Epiphany Services:

Sunday School Pageant: Saturday, December 21:

5:15 p.m.

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, 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: Wednesday, December 25:

10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion;

(live broadcast on WSAU Radio, 550AM)

Christmas 1: Saturday, December 28:

5:15 p.m.: Holy Communion

Sunday, December 29:

9:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31:

6:30 p.m.: Holy Communion

Epiphany: Saturday, January 4:

5:15 p.m.: Holy Communion

Sunday, January 5:

9:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.: Holy Communion

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

When: Saturday, December 7

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, December 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 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 6, or before 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 7.
- Cookie Painting will be done in the church hall on Tuesday, December 3 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 6 for pre-packaging cookies. Come to the church hall at 1:00 p.m.
- At the sale, there will be pre-packaged 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.

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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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