



*Let Us All
Give
Thanks*

**Blessed are all who fear the
LORD, who walk in His ways.
You will eat the fruit of
your labor; blessings and
prosperity will be yours.**

Psalm

128: 1-2

**Zion Lutheran Church
Marengo, Illinois**

Thanksgiving
Service



Wednesday, November 24, 2021, 6:30 PM

Thursday, November 25, 2021, 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

Today, the United States celebrates Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is usually a wonderful time to reflect on the many blessings that God has given. As many families gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, these occasions can include members from three or sometimes even four generations of family. God's Word in Psalm 128 points us to blessings we receive as we worship and give thanks as a family for all that He has done for us, and a powerful reminder that our family extends to all who we worship with together on this day and those who have been gathered into God's heavenly Zion throughout the centuries through the life and death of Jesus Christ. May you be reminded of this great blessing of Christian family as you worship this day, and may your voice be raised in thanksgiving today and always to the One who has blessed you to walk in His ways!

HYMN

"Come, You Thankful People, Come"

LSB 892

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever.**
- P: Give thanks to the God of gods,
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever.**
- P: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: God defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.
- C: For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**
- P: We have not done our duty. We have not thanked Him as He deserves. We have not praised Him as He deserves. We have not served Him as He deserves. We have not obeyed Him as He deserves.
- C: We have taken His gifts for granted. All too often we have forgotten the One who gave those gifts. We have sinned. We pray to our Lord Jesus Christ: Be merciful to us, sinners.**
- P: Jesus has redeemed us, lost and condemned people, purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. As a servant of Christ, I tell you: I forgive you all your sins! Be at peace; your guilt has been removed from you as far as the east is from the west!

+ **WORD** +

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Give Thanks, with a Grateful Heart”* **LSB 806**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.**

*** SCRIPTURE READINGS***

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 128

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 8:8-15

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY *“The Man Is Ever Blessed”* LSB 705

SERMON *“May the LORD Bless You from Zion”* Psalm 128

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *“Praise & Thanksgiving”* Voices in Praise Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

At the conclusion of each petition, the pastor shall say, *“Let us pray to the Lord,”* to which the congregation responds, **“Lord, have mercy.”**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION (*the pastor will give instructions for receiving Holy Communion*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“We Praise You, O God” LSB 785

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” LSB 618

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” LSB 632

POST-COMMUNION SONG

“Thank the Lord”

*Voices in Praise Choir leads the first verse and
Congregation joins for second verse*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

LSB 895