

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
547 S. Main Ave.
Groveland, FL 34736
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN #840 Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all harm
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them is highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

C: Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

C: Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation; blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

P: This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READINGS

FIRST READING – Joel 2:21-27

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,

‘The Lord has done great things for them.’

³ The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON – Reverend Howard Nielsen

HYMN OF THE DAY #693 *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS - Please respond to each petition: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING - Giving offerings to God from what God has first given us is a spiritual practice grounded in gratitude. We are grateful for your continuing stewardship. Donations may be sent to Zion Lutheran at PO Box 607, Groveland, FL 34736.

ANTHEM

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

BLESSING

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN #881 *Let All Things Now Living*

Let all things now living a song of
thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly
raise.
Who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of
our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light
goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the
night.
Till shadows have vanished and
darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into
light.

His law he enforces, the stars in
their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently
shine;
The hills and the mountains, the
rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim
him divine.
We too should be voicing our love
and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a Song let us
raise
Till all things now living unite in
thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna
and praise!"

SENDING

**L: Go in peace, you are the body of Christ.
C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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