

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Celebrating God As We Serve Others
Saturday, October 6/Sunday, October 7, 2018
Day of Thanksgiving

Today's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.

Order of Service

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness *(Page 94)*

Gathering Hymn #879 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie *(Page 138)*

Hymn of Praise *(Page 140)*

Prayer of the Day

All - Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits,

and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sun. Mixed Choir Anthem *"With Thanksgiving and Praise"* - By Lloyd Larson

WORD

Joel 2:21-27

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! ²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. ²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The word of the Lord! **All - Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an

apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord! **All - Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation (Page 142)

Gospel – Matthew 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

All - Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The Gospel of our Lord! **All - Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #681 “*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*”

Apostles’ Creed (Page 105)

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of Peace

LORD’S SUPPER

Offering

Offertory Response #884 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Offertory Prayer

All: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving (Page 144)

Lord’s Prayer (Sung)

Lamb of God (Page 146)

Communion Hymns #693 “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*”

#694 “*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*”

#679 “*For the Fruit of All Creation*”

Prayer after Communion

All: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn #840 “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

Amen

Dismissal

Postlude

News & Announcements

Please Pray for Those Who are Ill, in Hospital, or Requested

Special Prayers: Viola Antler, Norma Ashick, Amy Burgess-Markus, Linda Crigger, Andrea Fairweather, Florence Felske, Grant, Marie Green, Leona Hein, Earl & Edna Hoelke, Sandy Liedtke, Fred Lindeman, Rhonda Mau, Barb McDowell, Peter Oggel-Breedyk, Gerry Prince, Vince Rabishaw, Roy Reiche, Helen Sabourin, Lloyd Schleen, Beatrice Schruder, Rodney Schultz, Murray Schutt, Donna Timm, Wendy Tanner, Wes & Cora Weichenthal.

A DONATION has been made towards the St. Joseph's Food Bank by Allan & Kathy Godin in honor of their parents Betty & Gerry's 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 10th. *"God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him."* 1 John 4:9

A DONATION has been made to the Building Fund by June Popke in thankfulness to God for His many blessings. *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name."* Psalm 100:4

A DONATION has been made towards the Building Fund by Kevin & Jean Rutz in thankfulness to God for blessing them with two grandsons in 2018. Our cup truly runneth over! *"Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us."* Psalm 62:8

BIBLE STUDY - Beginning Wednesday, October 10th at 7pm, Pastor Paul will be leading a Bible Study on Medical Assistance in Dying. This Bible Study is partnered through the ELCIC and will run for 4 weeks. Please plan to attend.

THE LEARNING COMMITTEE is hosting a movie night on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 7pm. The movie is entitled "Heaven is for Real" and is based on a true story. It is appropriate for all ages, so invite your family and friends to a free movie.

BUDGET TIME - It's that time of year again to ask all committees for their proposed budgets for the upcoming year and suggestions for endowment recipients. The deadline is October 30th, but earlier is better. Your committee's input is important. Please drop off at the church office. From your treasurers.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER - Please mark the date of Sunday, October 14, 2018 as our annual Oktoberfest dinner. A traditional menu of Sauerkraut, Sausages, Baked Beans, Potatoes, Ham, Salad and an assortment of Pies for dessert will be served. Cost is: Adults - \$14.00/ Children to age 12 - \$5.00/ Children under 5 are free. Tickets are available at the door. Take out is available. This is our major fundraiser for the church. We would like everyone to participate. The sign-up sheet for volunteers is in the Parish Hall. We are looking for waitresses, food servers and supervisors, coffee and tea servers and clean up crew for the Parish Hall. We would like to encourage any of the youth as well. Monetary donations are more than welcome and will be used to purchase the food that is not donated (sausages, ham, sauerkraut, vegetables and creamers for coffee). Hope to see you there!

PASTORAL CARE REQUEST - We wish to inform you that there have been numerous occasions in the past when your family members have been in the hospital, and Pastor Paul has not known about it. Please help us remedy this situation. When you or a family member is admitted to hospital, please contact either Pastor Paul and/or the church office to let us know either with a phone call and email. This will help us immensely to ensure that you and family members receive the pastoral care they require when they need it most.

COGECO BROADCASTS - We have just learned that Cogeco has changed their channel to HD and so we will have to make changes as to how we submit our church services for broadcast. Cogeco will resume broadcasting our services once we can conform to their changes. For anyone wishing to watch our services, DVDs are available in the library of all Sunday services.

JAM JAR FUNDRAISER – Our Social Ministry Committee has decided that the proceeds of this year’s Jam Jar fundraiser will go towards Carefor to assist residents there. We will be distributing the jars today and we ask that they be returned on All Saints weekend – November 3rd/4th.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHOIRS – Hello everyone. We all enjoy hearing our choirs sing? Right? Well we need your help. Perhaps you have entertained the notion of joining one of the choirs but thought that your voice wasn’t good enough. Or perhaps you don’t read music and feel that you need to in order to sing in a choir. Well that is not the case. Our amazing choir director helps those who don’t read music. Individually our voices may not be good enough but put them all together and hear God’s voice. If you or someone you know would like to join a choir please feel free to contact any choir member. Please prayerfully consider this. We love doing this and would like to continue. We have a lot of fun. Come out and see for yourself. – Submitted by Scott Lange

ZION’S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Zion will be celebrating 135 years on Sunday, November 4th. An afternoon worship service will be followed by a pot luck supper. We have invited Pastors who have served at Zion to share some remembrances. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Stay posted for further details.

CANADA LUTHERAN MAGAZINE – Connecting faith to everyday living. Learn practical, no-nonsense strategies for personal growth. Find information and inspiration to live life *In Mission for Others*. Through the Congregational Subscription Plan, Canada Lutheran is available at a significantly reduced rate to the members of the ELCIC. For only \$20.57– you can receive Canada Lutheran 8 times a year (*we need at least 5 subscriptions to receive this special rate though*). Please contact the church office if you would like to begin receiving this publication. The deadline to let the church office know of your wishes is November 1, 2018.

LUTHERLYN FALL CAMP CLEAN UP DAY - Date: Saturday Oct. 20th from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please bring work gloves and rakes to assist in the clean up. For more information please contact Diane Hammel or Brent Wolfgram.

FOOD BANK NEWS –The annual food drive for the St Joseph's Food bank begins. They appreciate the donations they have received in the past and are asking you to help them fill the shelves at the Food bank this Thanksgiving. We appreciate your support.

HELP WANTED – Anyone who may have a truck and/or trailer, please contact Bill Kennedy at 732-8794. Bill has been collecting and cashing in the pop cans over the past year or so, and he has acquired quite a collection over the summer, and would really appreciate some help to take them to B-Line Wreckers. The proceeds from this recycling program is directed to our Sunday School.

Weekly Statistics for September 29/30

Attendance -	<i>Saturday</i> - 21	<i>Sunday</i> - 92
Offerings -	<i>Regular</i> - \$2,136.00	<i>Specials</i> - \$225.00

Monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) for September
Regular - \$4,343.00 Specials - \$117.00, which equals \$868.60
for Regular and \$23.40 for Specials per week.

Today's Scheduled Worship Leaders

Saturday

Altar Guild: Sandra Graham

Worship Assistant: Erica Loevenmark

Sexton: Joel Nieman

Greeter: Patty Wegner

Projector Operator: Diane Hammel

Sunday

Altar Guild: Diane Rull

Worship Assistant: Sandra Sell

Sexton: Koit Rull

Greeter: Denise Schizkoske

Projector Operator: Diane Hammel

Ushers: Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner, Allen Rose, Al Kellough

Counters: Kathy Godin, Chris & Anne Blackstock, Christine Booth

Librarian: Irene Kennedy

This Week At Zion – October 8 - 14

Mon

Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday 9:30am

Tai Chi (*For Beginners*)

11am

Staff Mtg.

1:30pm

Daily Weekday Exercise Class

6:30pm

Tai Chi

7pm

Council Mtg.

Wed.

6:30pm

Legal Clinic Board Mtg.

7pm

Men's Choir Practice

7pm

Bible Study

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Thursday

9:30am

Tai Chi (*For Intermediates*)

7pm

Mixed Choir Practice

7pm

Music Healing Vets

Friday

Saturday

4:30pm

Worship Service with Holy

Communion

Sunday

9:45am

Sunday School

10am

Worship Service with Holy

Communion

11:30am

Sr. Confirmation Class

3:30-6:30pm

Oktoberfest

Pastor – *Rev. Paul Roellchen-Pfohl*

Church Musician – *Blaine Sack*

Custodian – *June Popke*

Administrative Secretary – *Jean Rutz*

Council Chairperson – *Susan Dupuis*

Bookkeeper - *Kathy Hoffman*

Treasurer – *Gerry Vandersleen*

Assistant to the Treasurer – *Michael Lange*

Sunday School Superintendents – *Penny Stalkie*