

Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Education Hour 8:45 AM - Divine Worship 10:00 AM
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November 22, 2023
Thanksgiving Eve – 1 pm and 7 pm

Prelude
Tower Bells
Announcements

Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

P: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: O come, let us worship Him.

Introit Psalm 67

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,

2 that your way may be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

6 The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear him!

P: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: O come, let us worship Him.

Collect of the Day

All: 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. Amen.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-20

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (*spoken, stand*)

All: Alleluia!

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

All: For His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!

22 On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. 23 Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” 26 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” 28 Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” 30 So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” 32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” 43 Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” 53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has

eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” 59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Apostles' Creed (Inside the back cover of the pew hymnal)

Sermon Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

LSB 625

Sermon

“I AM the Bread of Life” John 6:22-59 (*First “I AM” in John*)

Hymn

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
(Offering brought up during last verse.)

LSB 893

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grateful hearts and generosity of spirit, that God would receive our thanks for the rich bounty the earth has provided and for the daily bread that supplies all we need for this body and life; and that He would teach us to be generous with His gifts, willingly sharing with those in need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those the Lord has sent to preach the Gospel, that we who do not live by bread alone may hear the Word that comes from the mouth of God and live, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For husbands and wives, parents and children, that the Lord would bless them, make His face shine upon them and make known to them His saving power, that they in turn may make His truth known on the earth to the coming generation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For President Biden and all who hold high positions among us, that God would bless them and that we may lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For [_____ and] all who suffer in our midst, that the Lord would grant them health in accord with His perfect will and guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a legacy of faith, that just as we look to the saints who have gone before us, we, too, may be found faithful by the next generation of believers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For contentment in our Lord's care, that we may learn the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need, able to do all things through Christ who strengthens us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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In Our Prayers – *Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Hymn *God Bless Our Native Land* **LSB 965**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* **LSB 892**

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude and

Depart in His Peace

Advent – Christmas - New Year's Eve 2023
Worship Schedule at Zion Lutheran

Wednesday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Eve Services	1:00 & 7:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 26	10:00 AM
Saturday, Dec. 2	Christmas Tree Lighting with Devotion/Carols in Downtown Ridgeville 5:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 3	10:00 AM (with Lord's Supper)
Wednesday, Dec 6	1:00 & 7:00 PM Advent Service
Sunday, Dec. 10	10:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec. 13	1:00 & 7:00 PM Advent Service
Sunday, Dec. 17	10:00 AM (with Lord's Supper)
Wednesday, Dec. 20	1:00 & 7:00 PM Advent Service
Sunday, Dec. 24	10:00 AM 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service with Children
Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day	10:00 AM (with Lord's Supper)
Sunday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve	10:00 AM

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