THANKSGIVING SERVICE

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2019

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High. Psalm 92:1

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OPENING HYMN: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #892

PSALM 104

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Serve the Lord with gladness!

P: Come into His presence with singing!

C: Know that the Lord, He is God!

P: It is He who made us, and we are His;

C: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

P: For the Lord is good;

C: His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN: “Praise and Thanksgiving” #789

P: My dear friends, we take time out this evening to pause and reflect on the goodness of our great God. As we gather together with family this thanksgiving, let us not forget to say words of thanks to God for all He provides. He does this in spite of our sinful nature, for which we are doubly thankful. Let us now confess our sins to God.

ALL: Dear Father, We are here tonight to give You thanks for Your goodness, realizing we are so undeserving due to the weakness of our flesh. You are holy. We are unholy. You hate sin and we are sinners. Give us strength to fight sinful urges as they assail us and help us dear Lord to always be thankful for the forgiveness You have given us in Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

P: It is my pleasure and privilege as a called and ordained servant of the Lord to give you the good news that all your sins are forgiven because our Savior Jesus paid the price for our sin on Calvary’s cross.

HYMN: “We Praise You, O God” #785

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-20

CHOIR: “Count Your Blessings”

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

HYMN: “ALL Praise to Thee, My God , This Night” #883

The Thanksgiving Message: “Thanksgiving is not Once a Year”

HYMN: “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” #806

THE OFFERING

FIRST ARTICLE AND MEANING: P. 322

PRAYERS

P: A special prayer

ALL: Lord of all blessings, as our nation pauses momentarily to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, let us pause to reflect on Your overwhelming goodness and generosity that you have lavished undeservedly on us. Thank you, Lord, for every material blessing with which you have graciously filled our lives and continue to provide. But even more, gracious God, we are thankful for the spiritual blessings of forgiveness, new life, and salvation you have provided for unworthy sinners like us. In loving and thankful response, let our lives proclaim your greatness and the wonders of your love.

CLOSING HYMN: “Now The Light Has Gone Away” #887

The Lord’s richest blessings on all of you as you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving. Let us always remember to give thanks to our great and loving God.