

Thanksgiving Eve
November 25, 2020
7pm

*There is a time
for everything,
and a season
for every
activity under
the heavens...*



Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

PRELUDE

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME
RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO ; KRISTY GIERE, ORGANIST

ARR. JOEL RANEY

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING LITANY

ADAPTED FROM "A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING,"
BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP, 792-93.

L: Eternal God of every season,
You remind us that we too live in the rhythm of the Earth.
For the good world;
for things great and small,
beautiful and awesome;
For the light and the darkness
for seen and unseen splendors;

C: Thank you, God.

L: For families;
for living together and eating together;
for gatherings near and far
in person and virtual;

C: Thank you, God.

L: For neighbors and colleagues,
for friends both far away and nearby—
for all those who share the joys and sorrows
of our daily lives;

C: Thank you, God.

L: For the young;
for their energy and curiosity;
for their brave play and startling frankness;
for their questioning of worn-out values;
for their high hopes and dreams;

C: Thank you, God.

L: For those growing up and growing old;
for wisdom deepened by experience;
for rest in leisure;
and for stories and legacies and deep faith;

C: Thank you, God

L: For those who serve us
in restaurants, in stores, in schools,
in hospitals, in stations, in fields
for all those who make our lives more comfortable and safer;

C: Thank you, God

L: For the food on our tables,
for the clothes on our bodies,
for the beds we sleep in,
for the dwellings that shelter us.
And for the work the sustains us;

C: Thank you, God

L: For health and strength
and leisure to rest and play,
For the courageous facing whatever this season may bring,
For the patient in suffering
And the faithful and generous in adversity;

C: Thank you, God

L: Glorious God of Autumn, with people of every language and nation and generation we
join in giving thanks to you.

C: Amen.

HYMN

WE GATHER TOGETHER

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!**

**We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be;
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

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.

STORYTIME

STONE SOUP

ARTWORK BY ZUMBRO KIDS AND YOUTH, STORYTELLING BY ZUMBRO STAFF

HANDBELLS

WE GATHER TOGETHER HANDBELL QUARTET

ARR. SONDRRA K. TUCKER

BIBLE READING

ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-8 NRSV

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word,

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG

TURN! TURN! TURN! (TO EVERYTHING, THERE IS A SEASON)

MIA SUZUKI, SOLOIST; BOB GIERE, GUITAR

TEXT: FROM ECCLESIASTES,

MUSIC BY PETE SEEGER

MESSAGE

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING, AND A SEASON

JEN GRUENDLER

HYMN

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

Refrain **Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***

**For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain***

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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

L: May you always be thankful. Pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank God for all he has done. And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus, and the presence of the Holy Spirit strengthen and encourage you as you go.

C: Amen.

HYMN

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

POSTLUDE

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE
RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO; KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

ARR. JOEL RANEY

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Jen Gruendler; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere;
PIANIST-Ralph Schornack; **SOLOIST**-Mia Suziki; **GUITAR**-Bob Giere; **SONGLEADERS**-Janette Reeves, Pastor
Jason Bryan-Wegner, Ralph Schornack; **HANDBELL QUARTET**-Kristy Giere, Leah Holmes, Sue Schwartz,
Maika Suzuki

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