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NOVEMBER 27 2024  
THANKSGIVING EVE



**Please silence your cell phones. Thank you!**

## Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag. For more information contact us at [www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org).

PREACHING: Pastor Connie Tiede  
ASSISTING: Pastor Sue Wallager  
ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE: "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" ..... Piano duet  
Deb Oas Koepsell and Kristine Johnson; piano

## GATHERING

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 126):

Here, in this place, we discover the great things God has done.

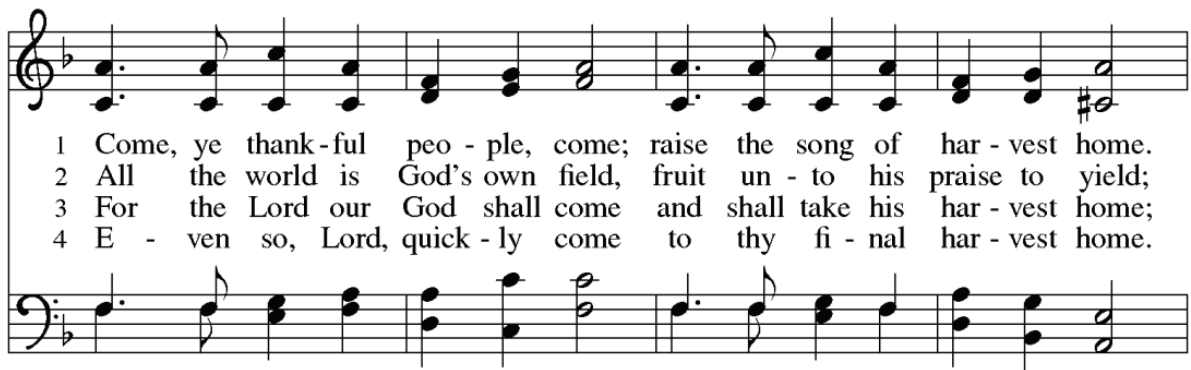
**In story and song, in silence and sacrament, we are reminded that God's relationship with us lasts forever.**

Here, with these people, we find our true home.

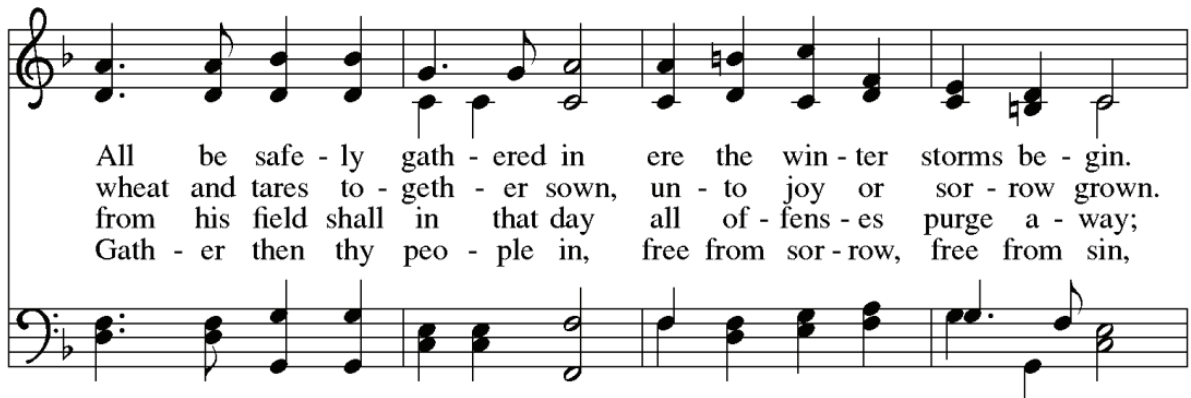
**where we can run home laughing, after being lost for so long.**

Here, during this holy season, we hear those promises made so long ago.

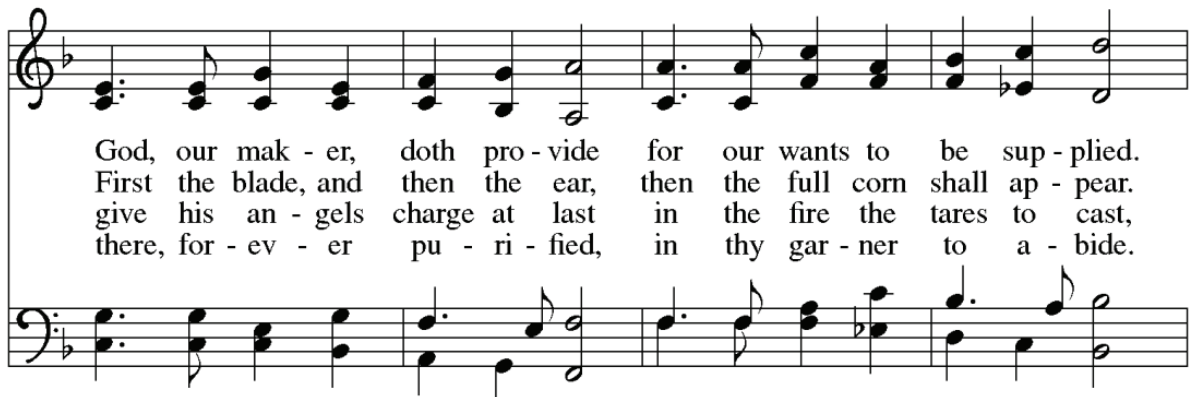
**Of the One who repairs all our mistakes, of the One who reshapes our brokenness.**



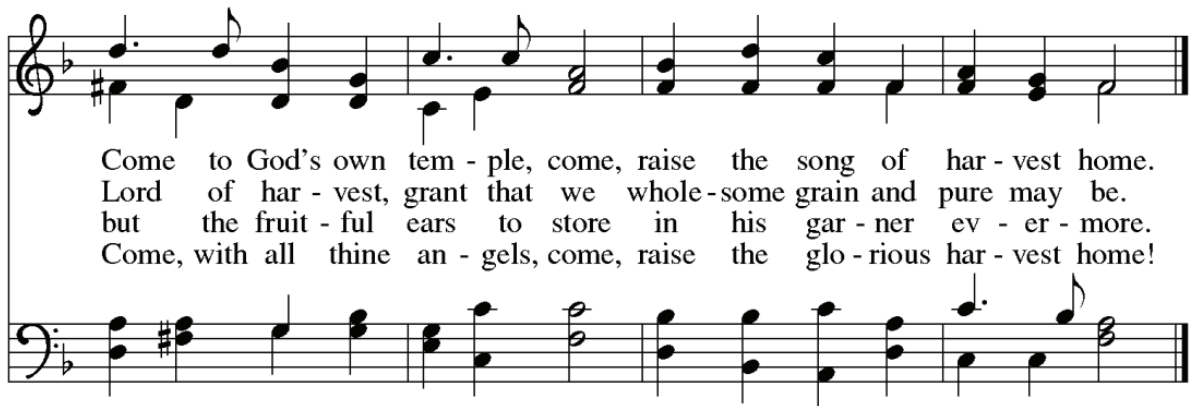
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

## WORD

### WORD FOR KIDS

FIRST LESSON: Joel 2:21-27

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### THE GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:25-33

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: by Pastor Connie Tiede

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878  
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

## LITANY OF GRATITUDE

Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year,  
**We give you our thanks.**

For the simple pleasures of life:  
for garden harvests, coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings,  
for health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life,  
for needs met and desires fulfilled,  
**We give you our thanks.**

For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit,  
for homes which supply shelter, which nurture order and beauty, and offer hospitality,  
**We give you our thanks.**

With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven,  
with enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life,  
with music which declares your everlasting goodness,  
with prayers for mutual understanding and peace,  
**We worship you with joy.**

With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents,  
with words which honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,  
with time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community,  
with years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,  
**We worship you with joy.**

With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves,  
with deeds done in service of neighbor and stranger,  
with holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace,  
with family and friends distant and nearby,  
**We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit.**  
**Alleluia. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF GIFTS AND FOOD

### SPECIAL MUSIC:

“The Final Harvest” ..... arr. Campbell  
Zion Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, organ;  
Patti Hiatt, violin; Megan Lindgren, violin

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:

*Refrain*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

O God, bless these gifts and abide in our hearts so that our gifts and our actions may live out our faith, glorify God, and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION:**

The blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit strengthen and encourage you as you go out from here to live lives of gratitude and service.

**Amen.**



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.  
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



WE WELCOME YOU  
TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance  
Units Available

*Hearing assistance units  
are available at the  
sound booth at the  
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the  
Sanctuary where a wheel-  
chair or walker will fit.  
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-  
able outside the Sanctu-  
ary. We have two "pray  
grounds" in the Sanctu-  
ary with plenty of places  
just outside the Sanctuary  
as well where children  
can sit and play.*

#### LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM  
[www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org)  
(click "Worship Online")  
- or -

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AVAILABLE ANYTIME

#### CABLE TV

Metro Cable Network  
Channel 6  
SUNDAY | 10 AM & 5 PM

#### RADIO BROADCAST

106.1 BOB FM  
SUNDAYS | 9:10 AM

#### OFFICE HOURS

M - TH: 9 AM - 5 PM  
FRI: 9 AM - 12 NOON



#### REMINDER - CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday and Friday. If you have a pastoral need, please call the main church number (763-421-4656) and the answering service will connect you to the pastor on call.

#### ACBC FOOD SHELF

Thank you to all those who donated to the ACBC Food Shelf.

#### ENCOURAGING WORDS

Start each day with encouraging words from Zion! Dial 763-506-8191 to hear a daily message of encouragement and hope.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a celebration or concern you would like the prayer team to include in their prayers, please email it to Pastor Sue at [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org).

#### MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Matthew Bag Ministry. We continue to accept donations throughout the year. In addition Matthew Bags are available, at the Welcome Desk, for you to pick up to give to a needy person that you encounter. Each bag contains water, food bars, personal hygiene items and socks.

#### MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT  
763-710-2209

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or

ONLINE  
[www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org)  
click on "GIVE TODAY"

