

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 11, 2022*  
*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Gathering Hymn:** “Come Ye Thankful People Come” Reclaim # 261 v. 1,2,4

**V1**

*Come, you thankful people, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in  
Ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, does provide  
For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come  
Raise the song of harvest home.*

**V2**

*All the world is God’s own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield.  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First, the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be*

**V4**

*Even so, Lord quickly come  
To your final harvest home.  
Gather all your people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified,  
In your garner to abide.  
Come, with all your angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home!*

**Welcome & Opening Prayer** (September Mission: **Cook County Food Shelf**)

*Pastor: The Lord be with you*

**Congregation: And also with you**

**Confession** (From the Prophets, Psalms and Epistles)

*Pastor: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.*

**Congregation: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord. Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. Do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.**

*P: “Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.*

**C: All my longings lie open before you, Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you. My guilt overwhelms me like a burden too heavy to bear because of my sinful folly. I am bowed down and brought low.**

**(Silence for prayer and reflection)**

*P: Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy.*

**C: The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.**

*P: God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**Opening Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Reclaim # 4**

**Refrain** *All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

**V1** *Each little flow’r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings.*

**V2** *The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.*

**V4** *God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.*

**Old Testament Reading:** 2 Samuel 22:1-7, 11-20; 29-33; 44-51 (NIV)

David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield and the horn of my salvation.  
He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—  
from violent people you save me.  
“I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,  
and have been saved from my enemies.  
The waves of death swirled about me;  
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.  
The cords of the grave coiled around me;  
the snares of death confronted me.  
“In my distress I called to the Lord;  
I called out to my God.  
From his temple he heard my voice;  
my cry came to his ears.  
“He reached down from on high and took hold of me;  
he drew me out of deep waters.  
He rescued me from my powerful enemy,  
from my foes, who were too strong for me.  
They confronted me in the day of my disaster,  
but the Lord was my support.  
He brought me out into a spacious place;  
he rescued me because he delighted in me.  
You, Lord, are my lamp;  
the Lord turns my darkness into light.  
With your help I can advance against a troop;  
with my God I can scale a wall.

“As for God, his way is perfect:  
The Lord’s word is flawless;  
he shields all who take refuge in him.  
For who is God besides the Lord?  
And who is the Rock except our God?  
It is God who arms me with strength  
and keeps my way secure.  
“You have delivered me from the attacks of the  
peoples;  
you have preserved me as the head of nations.  
People I did not know now serve me,  
foreigners cower before me;  
as soon as they hear of me, they obey me.  
They all lose heart;  
they come trembling from their strongholds.  
“The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!  
Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!  
He is the God who avenges me,  
who puts the nations under me,  
who sets me free from my enemies.  
You exalted me above my foes;  
from a violent man you rescued me.  
Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the  
nations;  
I will sing the praises of your name.  
“He gives his king great victories;  
he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed,  
to David and his descendants forever.”

**Gospel:** John 6:11, Mark 14:22-23, Luke 17:17-18 (NIV)

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

*P: The Word of God for the people of God*

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Message:** "Give Thanks" - Chaplain Al Alexander, Guest Preacher

**Hymn:** "Give Thanks" Worship & Praise # 41 (Repeat 2x)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son,  
(Repeat)*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
(Repeat)*

**Ending** Give thanks!

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)

*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*

Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father. He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit  
the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" Reclaim # 50

**V1** Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things hath done  
In whom his world rejoices  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today

**V2** O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

**V3** All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given  
The Son and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven;  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore!

Sending

*Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. We Will! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Have a Blessed Week!**

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