

Matthew 25: 14-30 NLT

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

“The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’

“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

“The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

“The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

“Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’

“But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

WELCOME TO ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH

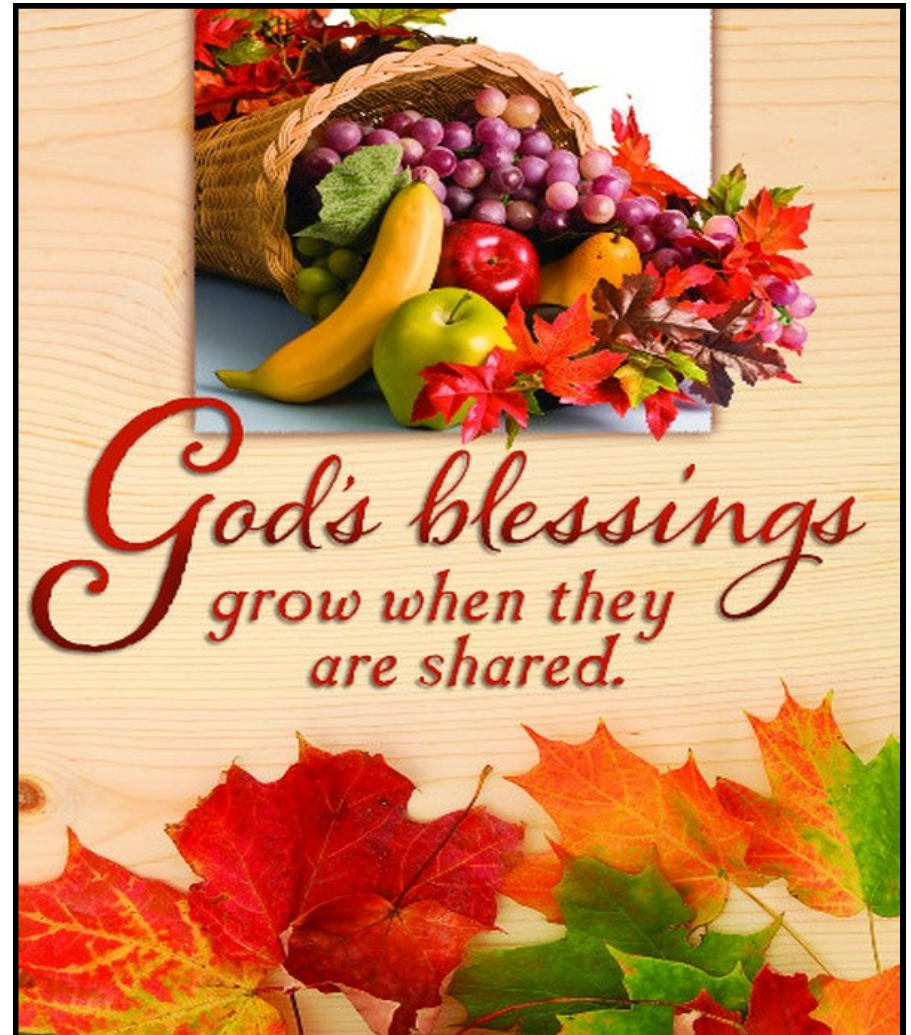
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*Praise God,
From Whom
All Blessings
Flow*

*Welcome to
Zion's Reformed
Church!*

*We're glad
you're here!*

We welcome Rev. Glenn Sadler to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Floyd and Eliza Mohr, by Janet Hills.

Ushering today are Bill Henry, Linda Henry, Linda Allison, and Liam Adams.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge for a Thanksgiving Feast after worship today! Following dinner, Julie and Elaina Scott will share their experience in Tanzania.

Large Print Bulletins and Children's Activity Books are available in the back of the sanctuary. Also, seat cushions and copies of the sermon. Please help yourself or ask an usher.

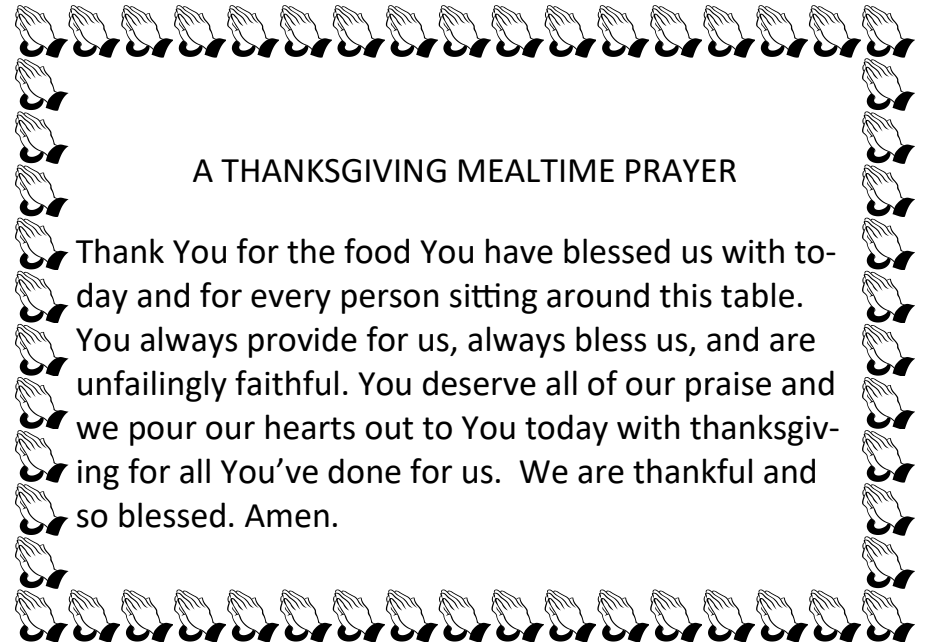


CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER AND SALVATION ARMY CLIENTS

Once again this year, we will provide Christmas presents for the children of The Good Shepherd Center and The Salvation Army clients. The tags are on the tree in the front lobby, so please help yourself and provide a Christmas gift for someone in our community who may not get many gifts.

Please print your name beside the tag number on the list beside the tree so we know who has the tags.

ALSO, please bring the gifts to the church by November 29.



A THANKSGIVING MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank You for the food You have blessed us with today and for every person sitting around this table. You always provide for us, always bless us, and are unfailingly faithful. You deserve all of our praise and we pour our hearts out to You today with thanksgiving for all You've done for us. We are thankful and so blessed. Amen.



**ALL-CHURCH
THANKSGIVING
FEAST POTLUCK**

**TODAY!! (after worship)
ANDERSON LOUNGE**

**After dinner, Julie Enterline Scott and
Elaina Scott will talk about their recent
trip to Tanzania.**

The Good Shepherd Center is
requesting
BOXED POTATOES

For the Christmas meal for their clients.
Our goal.....125 boxes



Please place your donations in the
barrels by December 1.

**ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Glenn Sadler
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries**

**Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.*

November 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are
celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jim Baker, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for
 worship as we are gathered in the name of God the
 Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Emily Rinella, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

PRELUDE "With Thanksgiving and Praise" Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In Thanksgiving we gather to praise you, O God!

**People: For all of your abundant blessings we thank you,
 O God.**

Leader: For your call to serve you, your cry for mercy and justice
 that raises us to action, we thank you.

**People: In the power of your Spirit alive in us, shining with
 your light, we worship you.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 422 "Come, O Thankful People, Come

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A SONG OF PRAISE "Shout to the Lord"

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, — let us sing
 pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise — to the King.
 Moun-tains bow down and the seas — will roar at the
 sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work
 — of your hands, for - ev-er I'll love you, for-ev - er I'll stand.
 Noth-ing com-pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come ye Thankful for the Beauty" P. Choplin

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 565 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 25:14-30 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "Extravagant Choices!"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises"

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 31 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, Let there be peace on earth; and let it begin with me.

*THE POSTLUDE "We Gather Together" arr. by John Turner