Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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Rooted in Faith * Growing in Spirit * Reaching out to Those in Need

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November 19, 2017 ***A Sunday of Giving Thanks*** **8:30/10:45 am**

PRELUDE **8:30 – "Variations on Kremser"** **Michael Graham**
10:45 – Gathering Music – Praise Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Cassie Paulsen Girl Scouts Faith Recognition (8:30)

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please stand)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.
Make known God's deeds among the peoples!
God blesses us with gifts of love:
with food and clothing, home and family.
God blesses us with daily work:
and all we need from day to day.
God protects us in time of danger:
and guards us from every evil.
God calls us into relationship with him:
and forms us into one holy people,
the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.
We will offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

GATHERING SONG **8:30 - "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" – ELW #527**
10:45 - "Kyrie Eleison"

THANKSGIVING CONFESSION
Gracious Creator, you have given us so much,
but too often we take those gifts for granted
or as something to which we are entitled.

You call us to live in caring community,
but too often we place our wants and needs first
with those of others a distant second.

You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us,
but we are worried that there may not be enough,
and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts,
for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves,
forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

…time of silent prayer…

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
God is a gracious giver.
God is gracious in forgiveness.
By the grace of God in ✢ Christ Jesus,
who gave himself up for us all,
I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins.
Live from this moment onward in the freedom of this gift and life.
Thanks be to God! Amen

(please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC **Thanksgiving Piano Duet** **Vandall**
Sue Gates & Sonya Kempf

A TIME FOR CHILDREN