

Zion Evangelical Church

117 W. White St. Millstadt, IL 62260 (618) 476-1778 – Church / Fax

www.zionmillstadt.com

zion@zionmillstadt.com

Pastor - Rev. Darrell Weber

November 22nd, 2020 - A Service of Thanksgiving

PRELUDES

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

selected verses from Psalm 145

Pastor All YOUR works shall give thanks to YOU, O LORD,

People And all YOUR saints shall bless YOU!

Pastor The LORD upholds all who are falling,

People And raises up all who are bowed down.

Pastor The eyes of all look to YOU,

People And YOU give them their food in due season.

Pastor YOU open YOUR hand,

People YOU satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Pastor HE fulfills the desire of all who fear HIM,

People HE also hears their cry, and saves them.

Pastor So let us thank and praise the LORD our GOD,

People The FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen!

OPENING HYMN

“We Gather Together”

#637

**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!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear FATHER, we confess any and all ingratitude in our hearts towards YOU. Forgive us for failing to Thank YOU for our daily provisions and protection. Forgive us also for our selfish attitudes and actions. Hear us as we, prompted by YOUR SPIRIT, confess our own failings of thought, word, and deed in the

(please pray in silence)

Abba FATHER, in JESUS’ Name we Thank YOU, we love YOU, and so we pray to YOU. Amen and Amen!

Pastor Scripture assures us of GOD's forgiveness by calling us to,

People Bless the LORD, O my soul, and don't forget all HIS benefits, forgiving all our iniquity, and crowning us with steadfast love and mercy.

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 100 (p 520)

1 A Psalm for the thank offering. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands! **2** Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! **3** Know that the LORD is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name! **5** For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SERMON HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

#636

**Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide, For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.**

**We ourselves are God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield.
Wheat and tares together sown, Are to 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.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take His harvest home.
From His field shall purge away, All that doth offend that day.
Give His angels charge at last. In the fire the tares to cast.
But the fruitful ears to store, In His garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come. Bring thy final harvest home.
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin.
There, forever purified, In Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.**

SERMON

“Thanks & Praise to GOD”

THANKSGIVING LITANY (responsive)

Pastor Almighty GOD, our heavenly FATHER, the fountain of all goodness,

People Who satisfies the desire of every living thing:

Pastor We thank and praise YOU for bringing us through another year,

People And as YOU promised, seedtime & harvest haven't ceased.

Pastor We bless YOU for crowning the year with YOUR goodness,

People And for bestowing upon us the good fruits of the earth.

Pastor We ask YOU to grant us fullness,

People For the relief of the needy as well as our needs.

Pastor Teach us to remember that it is not by bread alone that we live,

People And grant us to feed on HIM, the true bread of heaven,

Pastor Even, JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

People Amen and Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

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.

THANK OFFERING

Loose cash offering, designated checks or envelopes, will support Millstadt's Food Pantry and Senior Center. Please give generously.

RESPONSE

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

#581

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. (2 times)

And we offer up to YOU the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to YOU the sacrifices of joy.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our GOD”

#639

**Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

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

**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 heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you: The LORD make HIS face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The LORD lift up HIS countenance upon you, and give you peace. So shall you put MY name upon MY people, and I will bless them.

POSTLUDES