

*Newark Lutheran Church  
November 25<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Welcome & Announcements*

*Opening~ Hymn 144*

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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.

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.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away;  
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 Jesus come,  
To 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.

*Call to Worship and Prayer*

Litany of Thanks (from the Book of Common Prayer)

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely  
bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in  
earth and sky and sea.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the  
image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful  
in adversity,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

***Scripture Lesson: Lamentations 3:21-23***

But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is thy faithfulness.

***Pulpit~ Hymn #146***

*“We Gather Together”*

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, was at our side; all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be;  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

***Sermon: Giving Thanks for God’s Faithfulness***

***Offertory***

***Lord's Prayer & Benediction***

***Closing~ Hymn 145***

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

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 mothers' arms  
Hath 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;  
And 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!