

ZION EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH

Harvest & Thanksgiving Sunday

October 12, 2025

Rev. Dr. Zacharia Mandara



Our Mission Statement

"To be a welcoming, Christ-centered community, empowered to share God's love and to make disciples for Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer, and acts of caring."

Prelude

Dave Bauman Jr.

Welcome / Announcements

Eunice Getz

Hymn

We Gather Together

#790

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will worship the Lord with gladness and come into God's presence with song.

Know that it is the Lord God who made us, and we are God's people.

We enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.

Let us give thanks to God this day and bless God's holy name.

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious and Loving God, we gather in this season of thanksgiving, struck by the colours of the leaves, the last warm breezes, and birds flying south in formation. Such beauty speaks to us of your goodness and desire to provide what each of your creatures needs.

As we gather, renew our sense of gratitude for every good gift you offer us. Especially we praise you for the gift of Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk in the world you love and offers us grace and compassion to share with those we meet. **Receive our love and gratitude in his name, and by your Spirit, empower us to live gratefully each and every day.**

Prayer of Confession

Living and Loving God, we acknowledge that we enjoy life with an abundance many nations cannot imagine. Yet, we confess we do not always recognize the blessings we share. We worry about our futures and ignore the present needs of those around us. Forgive us our fears and narrow vision and our failure to care for creation as you intended. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and set free to begin again. At this time of Thanksgiving, let us give special thanks for God's most generous love. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Count Your Blessings

#786

Message of Thanks

Rev. Dave Bauman

Prayer for Understanding

Living God, you feed us not only with bread from the harvest, but with your Word, which stands by us in every circumstance. Nourish us with your hope, and comfort us with your presence, as we listen for your voice speaking in the Scriptures today. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Joan Buder

Job 42: 10-15 (pg 526)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Scriptures

Philippians 4: 4-9 (pg 1140)

John 6: 25-35 (pg 1034)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Rev. Mandara

“Give Thanks All The Time”

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

#788

Pastoral Prayer

On Harvest Sunday, we celebrate the gifts of God's good earth which sustains us, as well as the labour of those who grow, harvest and prepare these gifts so we can thrive. Today, let us share our own gifts with you, offered so that the ministry and mission of Christ's church can thrive.

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Gracious and Generous God, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we receive from your hand. Bless and multiply them, just as Jesus multiplied a few loaves and fishes to bless others. Use them so others can taste your love in our community and in your world, through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intervention

Generous God, on this Harvest weekend, we thank you for all things great and small, for moments of wonder and for ordinary exchanges that fill our lives with meaning and offer us a sense of wellbeing. **May our friends see in us the signs of a grateful heart. God of all goodness, receive our prayers.**

Generous God, as we give thanks for the harvests of the earth and all the goodness that sustains us, we pray that you will show us how to live respectfully in creation and protect all that is precious to you. **Wherever harvests have been disappointing, show us how to share what has been produced so that no one goes hungry. God of all goodness, receive our prayers.**

Generous God, we pray for the good of your world and the common good in our community. Where there is strife and hostility between peoples and nations, inspire leaders to show wisdom and courage in their decision making. **We pray for people and places hard hit by flood or fire, tornadoes or hurricanes, earthquakes or epidemics. May neighbours with resources maintain generosity and compassion for the long work of reconstructing lives and livelihoods. God of all goodness, receive our prayers.**

Generous God, we pray for our neighbours and those of our number who are facing health challenges or difficult times for any reason. We pray for family and friends under stress or in sorrow whom we name in silence before you... **Make us generous in compassion and understanding for each one. God of all goodness, receive our prayers.**

Generous God, in Jesus Christ we have met your generous love and mercy. Through our lives and by our prayers, reveal his love and mercy to this generation, for it is in his name we offer the prayer he taught us. **Our Father...**

Benediction

Go on your way rejoicing this day and let your gentleness be known to others. Keep on doing the things you have learned from Christ Jesus, our Lord and be grateful. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the coming days through the grace of Jesus Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** **#797**

Postlude **Dave Bauman Jr.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Zion,

Happy Thanksgiving to all our church family and friends! We are so grateful for the opportunity to come together to praise God and share in his love. May your hearts be filled with thankfulness and joy.

Congratulations go out to Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen as they celebrate 65 years of Ministry! We extend a warm welcome to Dave and Maureen's family and friends. Our thanks goes out to Dave Jr. for providing special music for us today.

Coffee Time will follow our Service today. Thank you to Debbie and Kathy for hosting this Thanksgiving Day time of Fellowship. Everyone is always welcome! Please find our sign up chart on the office bulletin board if you would like to volunteer hosting one of our Coffee Times or upcoming Birthday Cake Sundays.

Zion's 139th Anniversary Service will be held on October 26th.

This will be a joint service with Wesley and there will be singing from our Zion/Wesley choir members. Special guest musicians have been invited.

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Fall Meeting

has a different format. It will be divided into five meetings, and hosted by five different churches across the region on the same day. On **Saturday, November 1st**, Zion will host one of these meetings in our Fellowship Hall.

Our New Sign Fundraiser, our Fall Fair, was very successful. So far through sales and donations we have raised \$1888.45, which has been deposited into the Building Account.

Decorating of our Sanctuary took place this past week. Thank you so much to our volunteers who were able to come and help make everything look beautiful for Thanksgiving and the Fall Season.

October is Food Bank Month. Our donation box is set out in our entrance. Non-perishable food items or money would be greatly appreciated. The Food Bank has provided a list of most needed items and has requested that we refrain as much as possible from giving glass containers and items containing high content of sodium.

The Community Events Bulletin Board outside of the office has some posts that may be of interest to you. Please check for details about upcoming events.

* Chic Clothing Sale—October 17th and 18th

* Harvest Praise Musical Presentation—October 19 th

FYI—A “Turkey Take Out Supper” will be available at Christ Lutheran Church on Airport Road on November 2nd from 3:00 until 6:00.

Keep in your prayers those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, those experiencing or recovering from illness and surgeries and those going through challenging and difficult times. We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman & Maureen, Myrtle Gutz, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Sandra Maves, Rev. Mandara, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkruijsen.

Food For Thought

“Gratitude helps you see what's there instead of what isn't. Thank God for all blessings great and small.”

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9: 7-8

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