

Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 7, 2025***

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Hamburg)* – setting, R. J. Powell Kirk Denton, organ

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (☩ And also with you.)

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



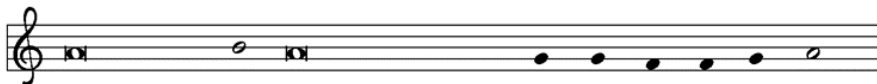
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

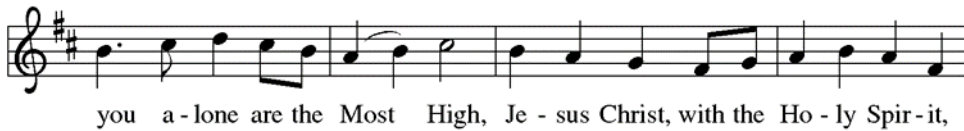
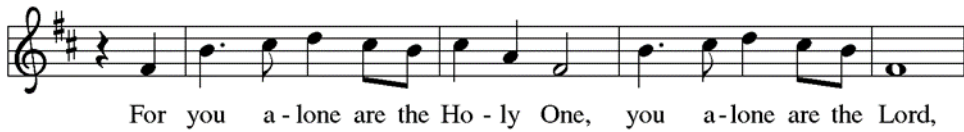
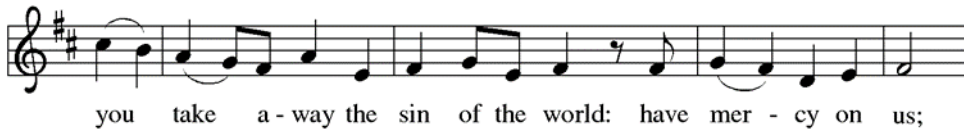
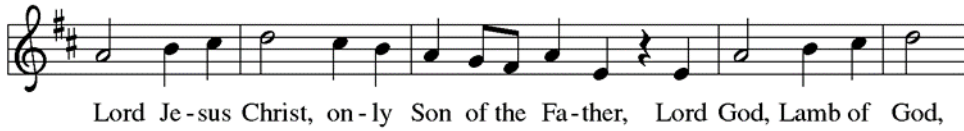
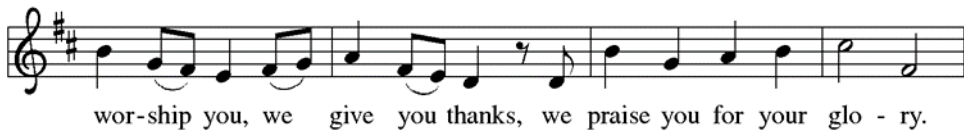


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



***PRAYER OF THE DAY (📖 Amen.)**

BIBLE BLESSING & PRESENTATION

FIRST READING (📖 Thanks be to God.)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

SECOND READING (📖 Thanks be to God.)

Philemon 1-21

***GOSPEL VERSE**



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 14:25-33

(After the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*** HYMN**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***PEACE (☒ And also with you.)**

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile, or a message.

OFFERING

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



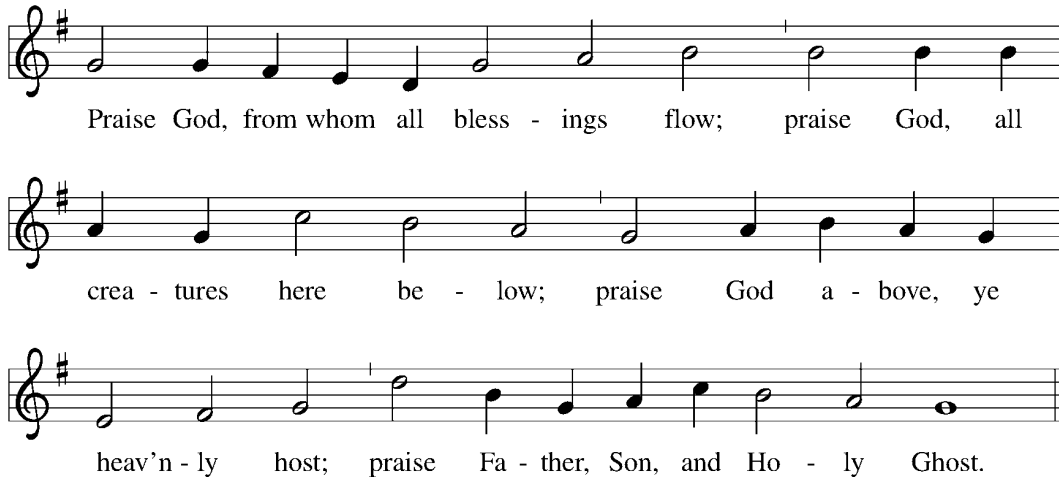
OFFERTORY SPECIAL MUSIC *Give Me Jesus – setting, Edwin T. Childs*

Kirk Denton, organ

Dr. Katelyn McClinton, violin

ELW 885

OFFERTORY CANTICLE



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

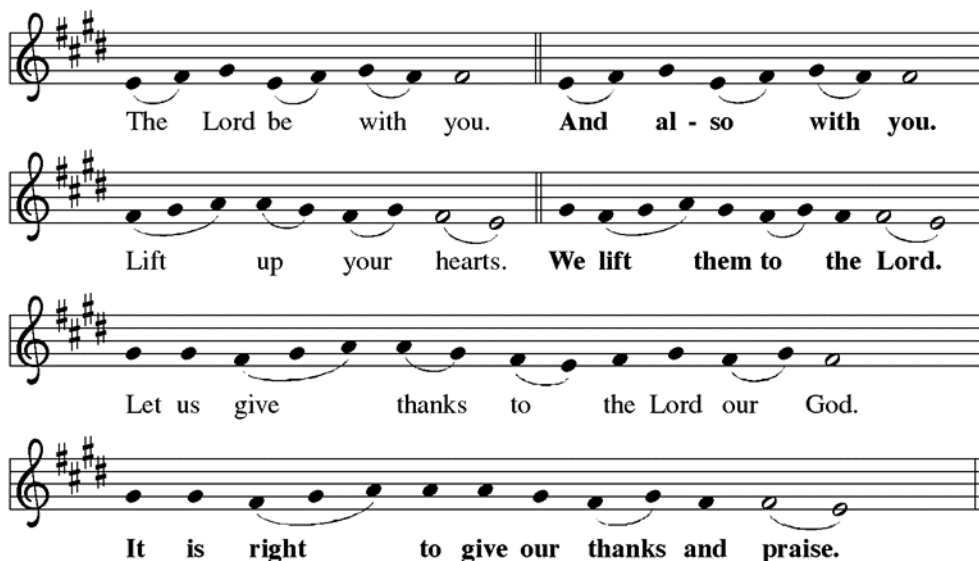
Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (R Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

***SURSUM CORDA**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

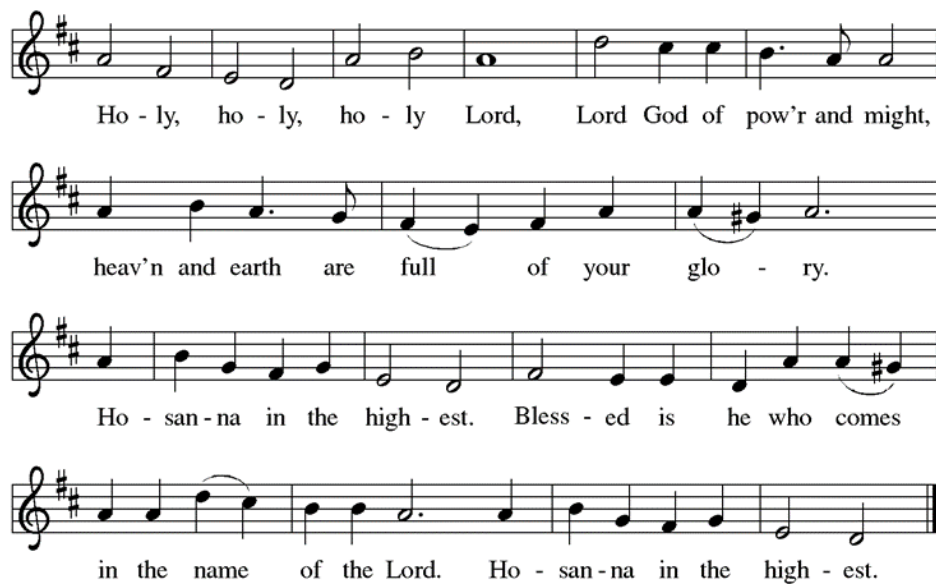
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In Quiet Mood – Florence B. Price

Kirk Denton, organ

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (℣ Amen.)**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

***DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Be Thou My Vision (Slane)* – *Setting, Gerre Hancock* Kirk Denton, organ

Servants in God's House

September 7, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Loretta Rapp (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Doug Davis (Asst. Minister)
Ron Moss (Lector)
Lee Ropp (Head Usher)
Bob Rockwell (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)
9 a.m. (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

September 14, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Lee Ropp (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Bob Rockwell (Asst. Minister)
Clinton Appleby (Lector)
Kenneth Basler (Head Usher)
Carrie Basler (Sanctuary Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Comm Asst)
Doug Davis (Live Stream)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 61st wedding anniversary on Sept. 6th and in honor of Grandparents' Day today by Ruth Ann and Myron Derr.



Zion Prayer List 9-7-2025

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Richard Brandenburg, Ruth Brant, Vicki Ringwelski, Elsie Warnock, David Shupe, Meredith Kinna, George Engel, Jo Ahalt, Glenn Little, Sandy Bidle, Catherine Brown, Tristan Swiney, J. Richard Staples, All Government Workers, Pastor Diane Day, Beverly Smith, Dana Carmichael, Brenda Ward, The Gunsallus Family, Samn Huffer, Pat Hansen, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Gary, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.

Our Mission

As a people of God,
we share Christ's love,
grow in faith, and
serve others



Our Vision

Zion aspires to be a
church where all are
welcomed and loved;
God's purpose for each of
us is found; and lives are
transformed.

2025 Ministry Priorities

Leadership

We will work on developing new and existing leaders to carry on the mission of the gospel and the congregation who effectively plan, execute, and communicate. In addition, discern the God-given mission and vision of Zion through, prayer, planning and future-thinking. We intend to develop and better utilize our committees and ministry teams to deal with the needs and challenges of the congregation so that council can focus on the mission and visionary work.

Communication

We will strengthen our communication strategies and techniques to make sure we keep the congregation and other vested parties informed of our work and plans. For example, the encouragement of timely two-way communication at all levels of congregational life.

Relationship Building

United around Jesus, we will strengthen relationships among ministry teams, committees, and individuals in the congregation to foster mutual care and support of one another such as aiding in conflict resolution when it arises.



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