Zion Lutheran Church

11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

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 *O God my faithful God (O Gott du frommer Gott)* – Sigfrid Karg-Elert — Kirk Denton, organ

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine Love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

***HYMN** *You Servants of God* ELW 825

***APOSTOLIC GREETING** (℟ **And also with you.**)

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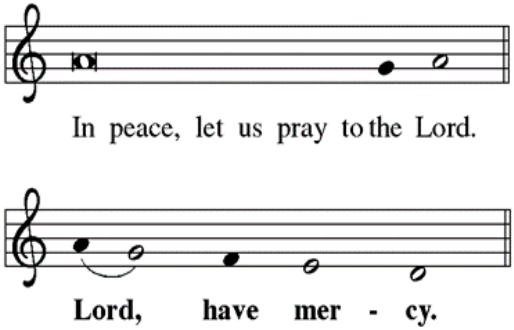

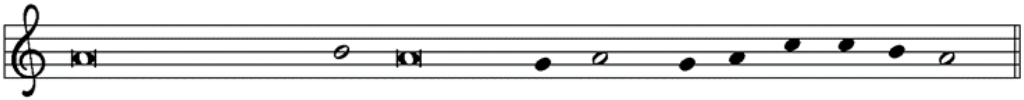

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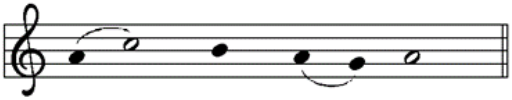

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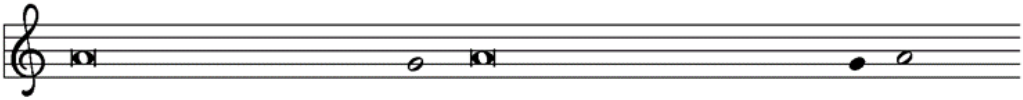
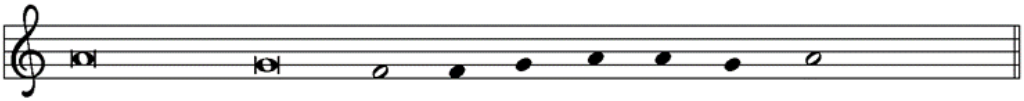
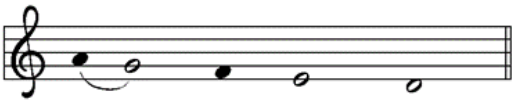


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



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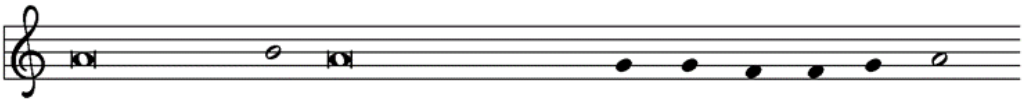
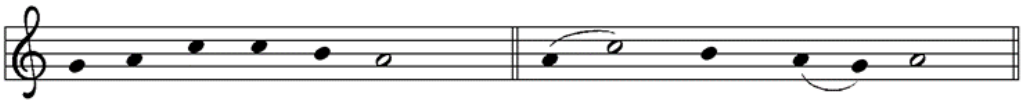


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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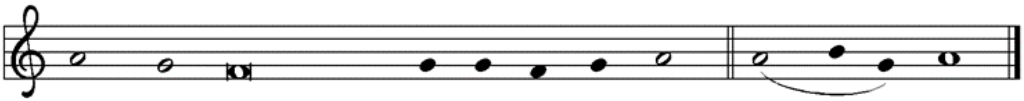
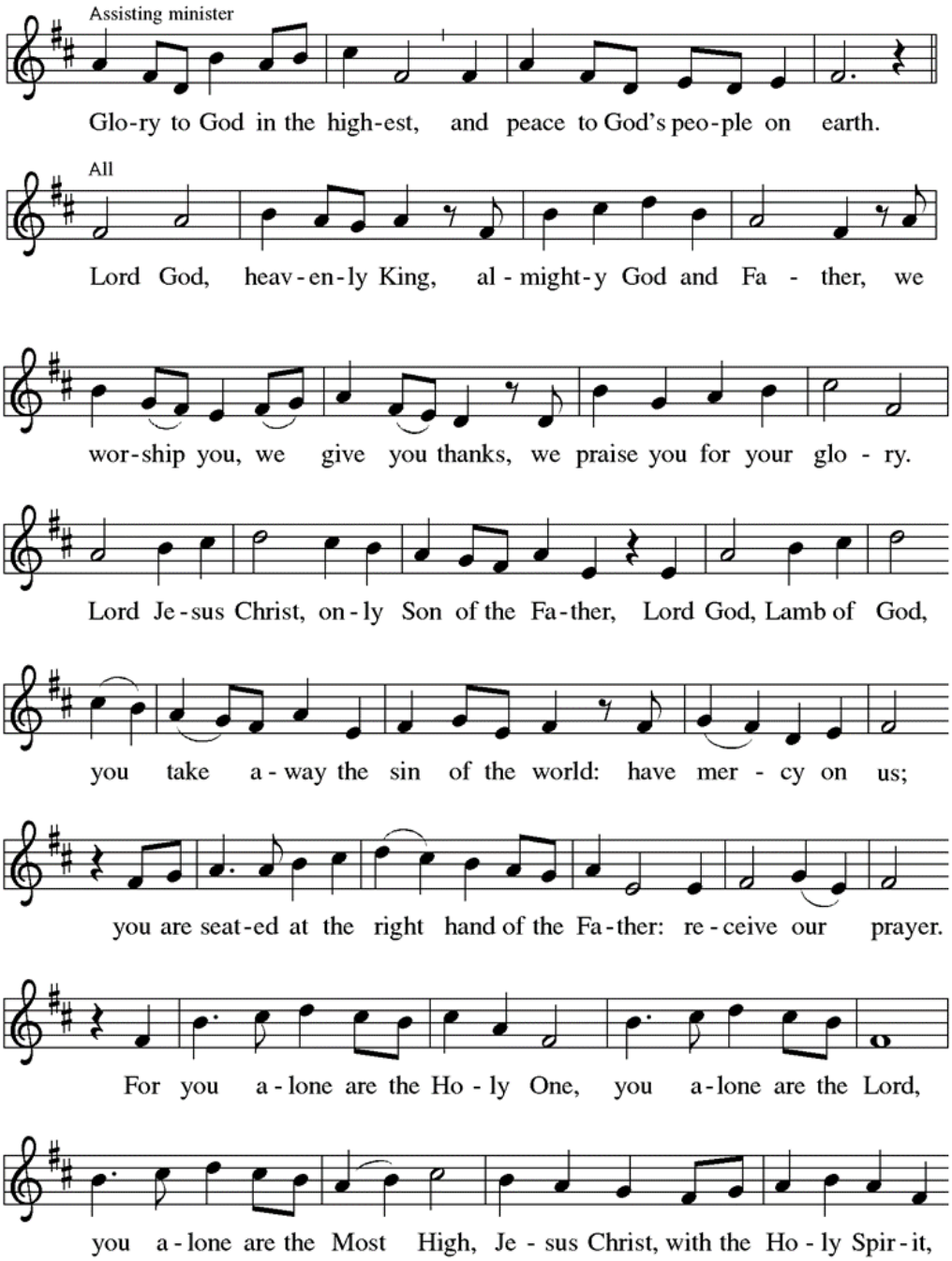
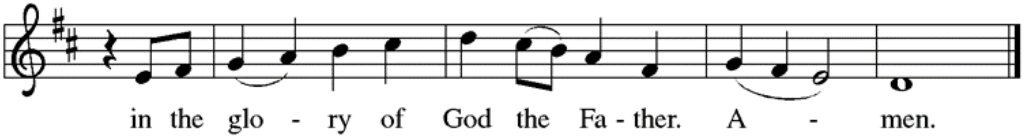


Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Canticle of Praise



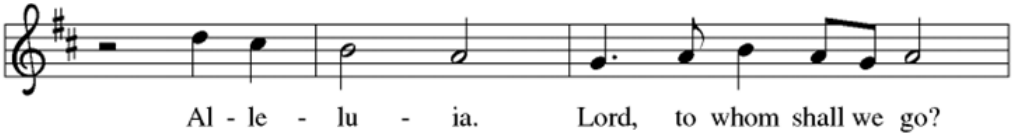


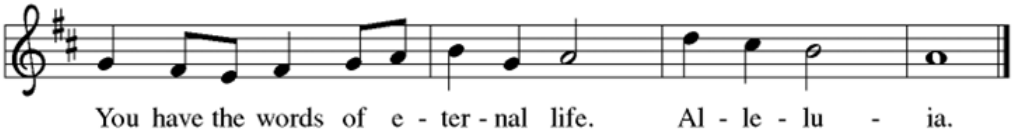
***Prayer of the Day (℟ Amen.)**

First Reading (℟ Thanks be to God.) Isaiah 45:1-7

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

***Gospel Verse**





***Gospel Acclamation**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading** Matthew 22:15-22

(After the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn *O Living Bread from Heaven* ELW 542

***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.)**

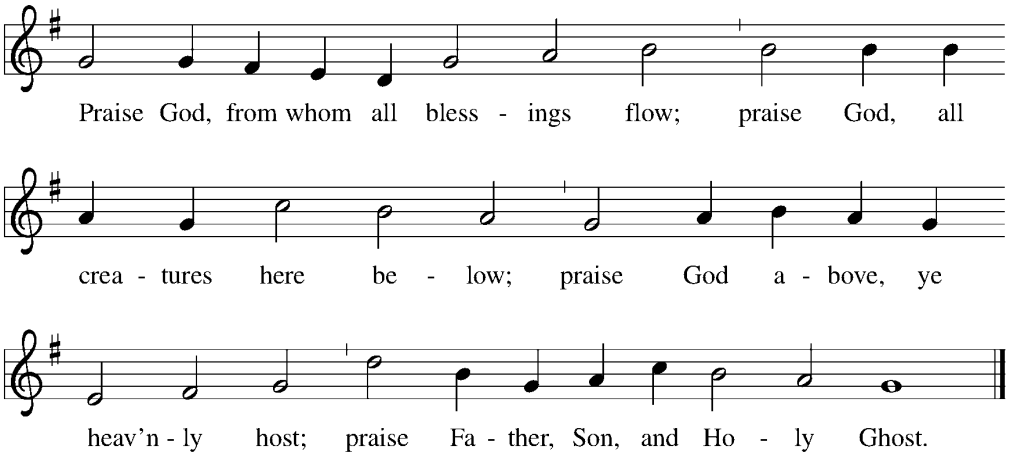
Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile, or a message.

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.

Special Music *When Our Song Says Peace* Worship Choir
- Thomas Pavlechko

***Offertory Canticle** ELW 885



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

***Offertory Prayer (℟ Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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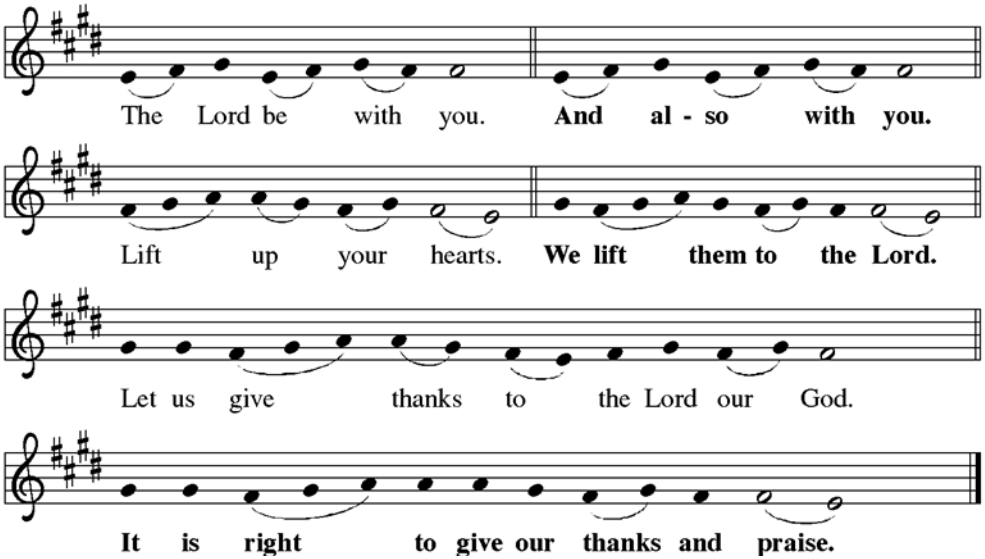
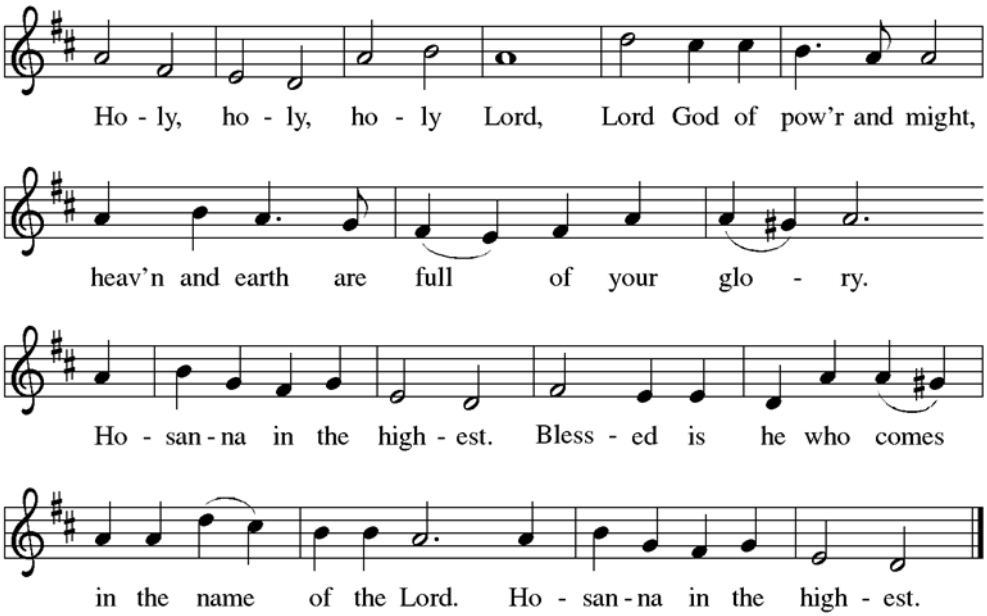


***PROPER PREFACE**

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

***SANCTUS**



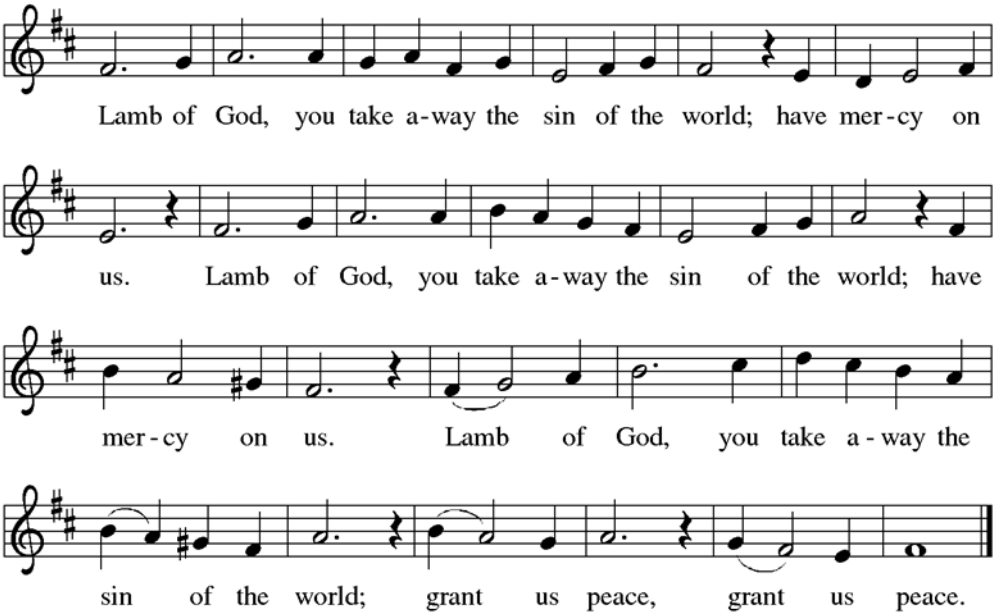
***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (℟ Amen.)**

***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



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 *Meditation on "Rosedale" (Come risen Lord, and deign to be our guest)* – Andrew Clarke — Kirk Denton, organ

***Post-Communion Blessing (℟ Amen.)**

***Post-Communion prayer (℟ Amen.)**

***Benediction (℟ Amen.)**

***Sending Hymn** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* — ELW 686

***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. Christ is among us!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Variation on "The God of Abraham Praise"* – Robert J. Powell Kirk Denton, organ

Servants in God's House
October 18, 2026
11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Clinton Appleby (Asst Minister)
Sharon Finley (Lector)
Wayne Ahalt (Head Usher)
Jim Huckleberry (Sanctuary Usher)
Shirley Ferguson (Comm Asst)
9 am (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House
October 25, 2026
10 a.m. Combined Worship

Fiona Bybel, Sue Whitter (Greeters)
(Acolyte)
Sharon Finley (Asst Minister)
Sonja Harsch (Lector)
Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Sanctuary Usher)
Bre Bybel (Comm Asst)
Thomas Day (Live Stream)

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor and appreciation of the Appleby family for all they do to help us, by the Zion Quilters

Coffee and Donuts are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of their daughter Michele Newkirk on her birthday by Jack and Amy Newkirk

Zion Prayer 10-18-2026

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

Richard Brandenburg, Jim Cartlidge, Christopher Gray, Pat and Jim McMorrow, Jennifer Shankle, Tristan Swiney, Susan Dirndorfer, Mike Fath, Bill Blair, Karen Carpenter, Jake Straits, Linda Stottlemyer, Sarah Routzahn, Jim Allen, Sarah Gladhill, Graham Haverfield, Katana Lewis, Ron and Marsha Niemi, Karen Muscolino, Mackenzie Miessau, Pat McIntosh, Natalie, Margaret Guyton, Kim Buhrman, Harriett Hahn, Gary Fulmer, Carrie Basler, Robert Berkey, Brittany Mushuda, Benedict Phelps, Colin Sweigert, Shirley Hyssong, Samn Huffer, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Addison Hopson, Deb Kahihikolo
Military: Eric Saxton

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.

OUR VALUES

Zion is a Christian ***community***, imperfect, but brought together by God's ***love*** to be strengthened through worship and study of the Bible in order to be sent out to ***serve*** with ***integrity***.

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