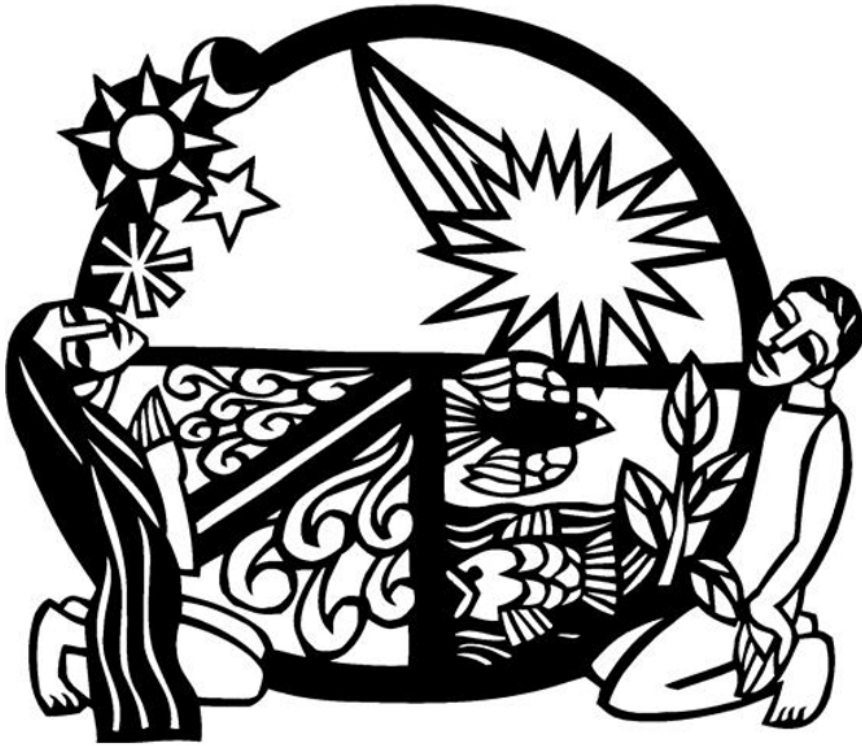


Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Creation in Christ Sunday
September 6, 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*
(*Lobe den herren*) – Johann Gottfried Walther

Kirk Denton, organ

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our hope, our heart, our home.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,

we confess that we participate in systems that perpetuate oppression and injustice.

We are often numb to the pain of the world around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures.

Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will.

Amen.

All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you: God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of ☩ Jesus Christ, and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.

Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more. When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure. Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

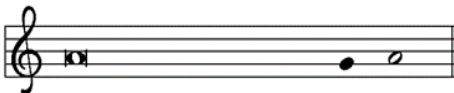
*HYMN

Earth and All Stars!

ELW 731

*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.



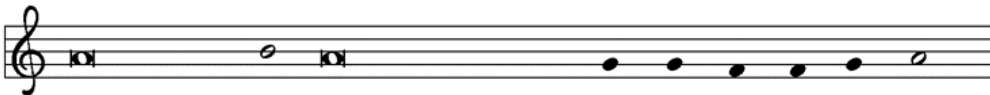
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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**



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



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



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



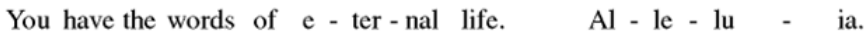
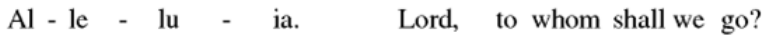
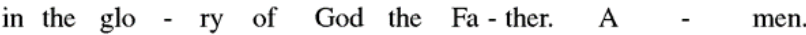
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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.



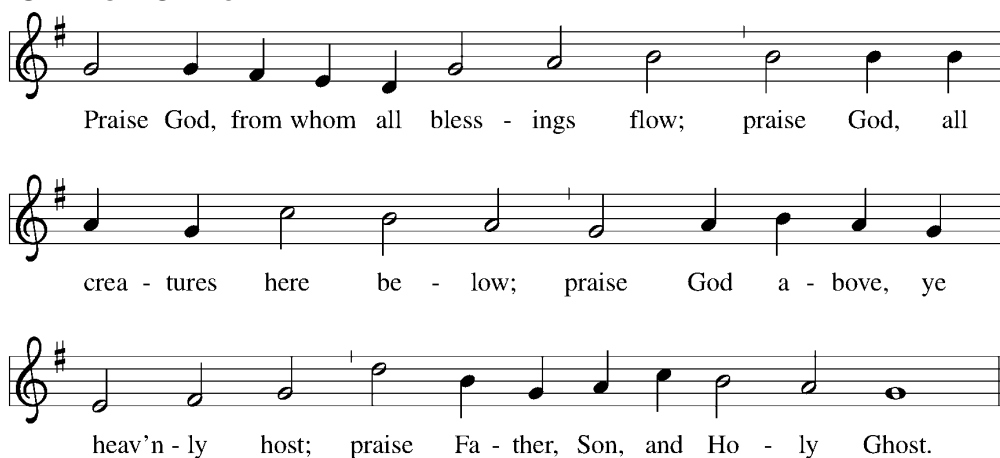
CHOIR ANTHEM

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
-Jane Holstein

Worship Choir

***OFFERTORY CANTICLE**

ELW 885



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 (☒ 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 (☒ 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



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

Le Banquet Celeste (The Celestial Banquet)
– Oliver Messiaen

Kirk Denton, organ

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

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

***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

Earth and All Stars

Kirk Denton, organ

-Michael Burkhardt

Servants in God's House

September 6, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Lee Ropp (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Doug Davis (Asst Minister)
Clinton Appleby (Lector)
Bob Rockwell (Head Usher)
Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Kinna-Engel (Comm Asst)
9 a.m. (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

September 13, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Lee Ropp (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Bob Rockwell (Asst Minister)
Gene 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 loving memory of our son, John, who died on September 3, 2023. He would have celebrated his 57th birthday this year on September 3, given by Wayne and Nancy Bagent

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 Value Statement: Zion is a Christian **spiritual community** 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**. We acknowledge we will fall short but through forgiveness and practice, we will strive to follow Christ's commands and grow into the loving people God has created us to be.



Zion Prayer 9-6-2026

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

Mike Fath, Kieffer Crummitt, Sr., Bill Blair, Jake Straits, Dave Moser, Linda Stottlemeyer, Sarah Routzahn, Jim Allen, Sarah Gladhill, Graham Haverfield, Karen Carpenter, Katana Lewis, Penelope Bybel, Sue Whitter, Ron and Marsha Niemi, Karen Muscolino, Danny Moser, 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

Deaths: Beverly Smith

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.



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