

# ***Zion Lutheran Church***



***11a.m. Traditional Worship  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023***

*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

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

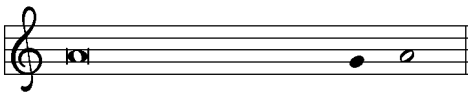
### \*GATHERING HYMN

*I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light*

ELW 815

### \*APOSTOLIC GREETING (R) **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.



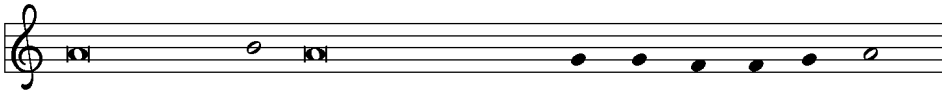
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

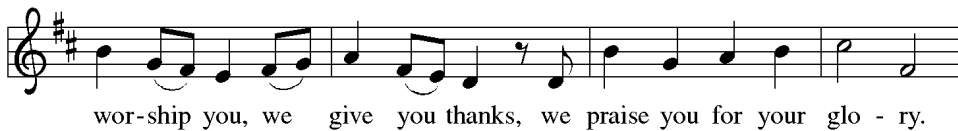


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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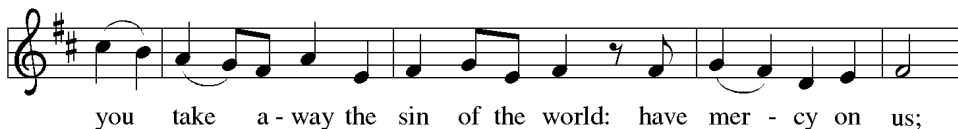
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (☒ Amen.)**

**FIRST READING (☒ Thanks be to God.)**

**Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have | been our refuge from one generation | to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,  
from age to age | you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the | dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past  
and like a watch | in the night; R**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away | like a dream, they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed | by your anger; we are afraid because | of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have | set before you, and our secret sins in the light | of your  
countenance. R**

[ <sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our | days are gone; we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty; yet the sum of  
them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power | of your wrath?

Who rightly fears your | indignation?

] <sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. R**

**\*GOSPEL VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 25:14-30

*(after the reading of the Gospel)*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

*As Saints of Old*

ELW 695

**\* 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**

**LITANY OF THE SAINTS**

**\*PEACE (☩ And also with you.)**

**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.*



**ANTHEM**

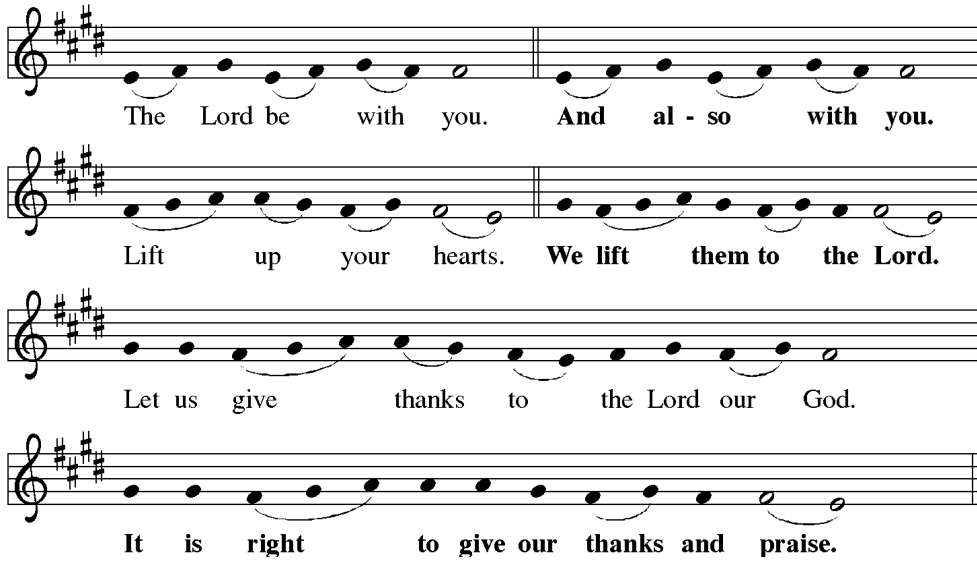
*The Gift of Love*  
(Hal Hopson)

Worship Choir

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (☩ Amen.)**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## \*SURSUM CORDA

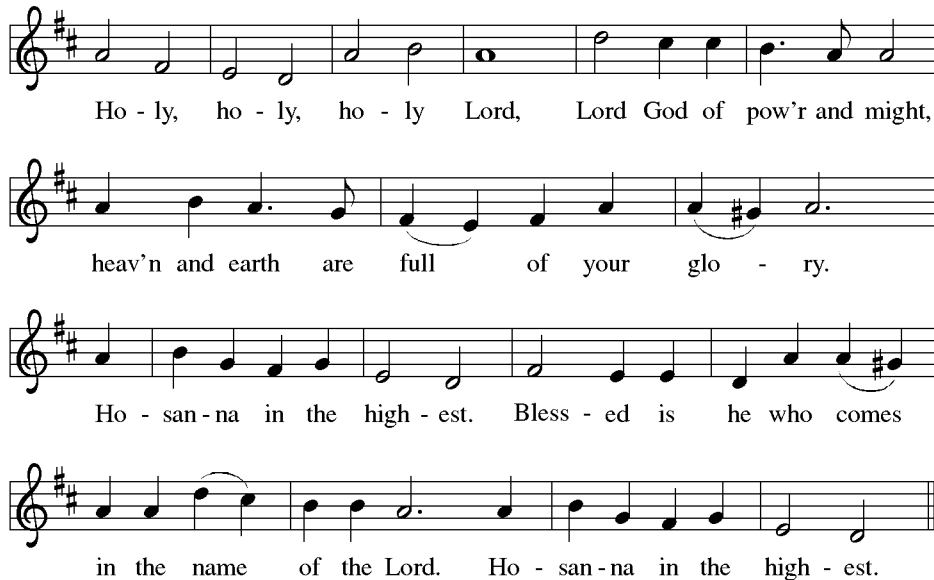


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*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.)

**\*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.*



**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (R Amen.)**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (R Amen.)**

**\*BENEDICTION (R Amen.)**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW 810

**\*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. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Servants in God's House**

**November 19, 2023**

**11 a.m.**

Lee Ropp (Greeter)  
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)  
Clinton Appleby (Crucifer)  
Gene Appleby (Asst Minister)  
Sharon Finley (Lector)  
Bob Rockwell (Head Usher)  
Leslie Santora (Sanctuary Usher)  
Shirley Ferguson (Comm Asst)  
Barry Poffinberger (Sound System)

**Servants in God's House**

**November 26, 2023**

**11 a.m.**

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)  
Dorothy Moler (Acolyte)  
Jonathan Basler (Crucifer)  
Clinton Appleby (Asst Minister)  
Bob Rockwell (Lector)  
Lee Ropp (Head Usher)  
Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)  
Bob Rockwell (Comm Asst)  
Karol Koogle (Sound System)  
Bob Staples (Livestream)

Servants in God's House (S.I.G.H.) sometimes gets edited after the bulletin is printed. For the most correct S.I.G.H. Schedule, always visit our website at [www.ZionMiddletown.org](http://www.ZionMiddletown.org) and click on the Members Area tab. Scroll down to the middle of the page and you will find a link to the most up-to-date schedule! And thank you for volunteering to be a Servant in God's House today!

**Our Mission**

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



**Our Vision**

At Zion we strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful and Joyous worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our intergenerational congregation and community, using Christian ideas and values.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all the dedicated volunteers who donate their time, talents and treasures, by Kathy and Bob Hetrick.



### **Zion Prayer List 11-19-2023**

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

Lucretia Reaves, Jessie and Lyla, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Jennifer Kinna, Tex and Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Dawn Shinault, Linda Crummitt, Lois Holder, Robert Roys, Cathy Baker, Robert Mettert, Janet Young, Gary, Kay & Michael Wachter, Michael Easton, Frank Mrazeck, The Hubble Family, Kate Stevens, Sheri Huckleberry, Pat McIntosh, Linda Huckleberry, Nancy Newkirk, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Kris Marcantonio, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jim Pearson, Darlah Adams, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Anna Kepler, Marianna Bere, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

*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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