

Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
July 28, 2024***

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 the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

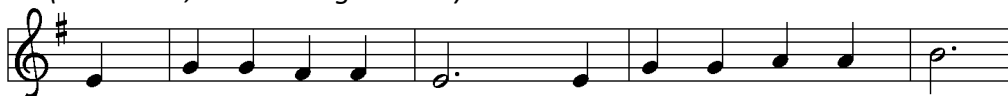
*GATHERING HYMN

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (✚ And also with you.)

***KYRIE** (*This week, we will sing Verse 2*)

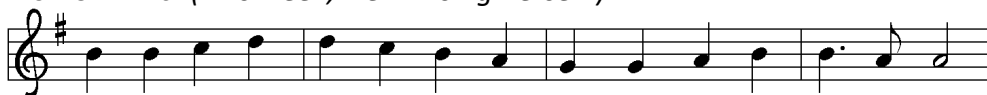


- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (*This week, we will sing Verse 2*)



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (R Amen.)**

FIRST READING (R Thanks be to God.)

2 Samuel 11:1-15

PSALMODY

Psalm 14

¹ Fools say in their hearts, “There ^l is no God.”

They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does ^l any good.

² **The Lord looks down from heaven up- ^l on us all,
to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks ^l after God.**

³ They have all proved faithless; all alike ^l have turned bad;
there is none who does good; ^l no, not one.

⁴ **Have they no knowledge, all those ^l evildoers
who eat up my people like bread and do not call up- ^l on the Lord? R**

⁵ See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company ^l of the righteous.

⁶ **Your aim is to confound the plans of ^l the afflicted,
but the Lord ^l is their refuge.**

⁷ Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come ^l out of Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of the people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel ^l will be glad. R

***GOSPEL VERSE**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 6:1-21

(After the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

Day By Day

ELW 790

***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.

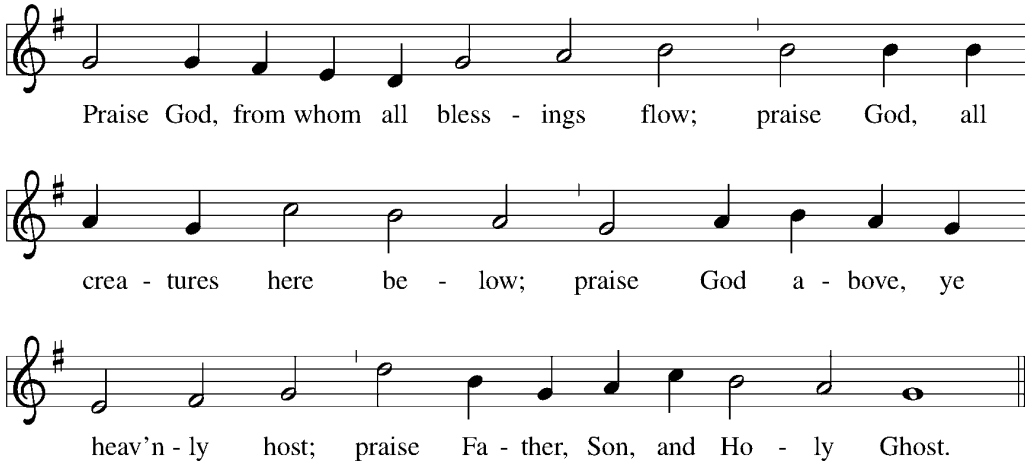
OFFERING

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 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 also 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, God of pow-er 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, 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



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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 (℣ Amen.)**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

***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. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Servants in God's House

July 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Bob Rockwell (Asst. Minister)
Bob Rockwell (Lector)
Lee Ropp (Head Usher)
Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)
Karol Koogle (Sound System)
Bob Staples (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

August 4, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Sue Whitter (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Gene Appleby (Asst. Minister)
John Gruner (Lector)
Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Sanctuary Usher)
John Gruner (Comm Asst)
Barry Poffinberger (Sound System)
9 am (Live Stream)

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.

2024 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.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lee and Eugene Appleby, who would have celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 27th, given by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Zion Prayer List 7-21-2024

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

Tim Dunlap, Joanne and Herb, Sabrina Summers, Debby Knipple, Carol, Les, Larry DiGiulio, Ken Young, Carol O'Brien, Pat McIntosh, Junior Wiles Alexa Masser, Mike Fath, Janice Wisner, Kris Marcantonio, Tim Quinn, Diane Brining, Mary Wilbur, John Lettiere, Jr., Mike Lingertot, Janet Rhinecker, Ruth Kuhn, Ursula Powell, Diane Elizabeth, Pat Hansen, Jane Nalborczyk, Lucretia Reaves, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Tex and Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Frank Roys, Gary, Kay Wachter, Michael Easton, Frank Mrazek, The Hubble Family, Sheri Huckleberry, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jim Pearson, Darlah Adams, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Ruby Pyles, 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.



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