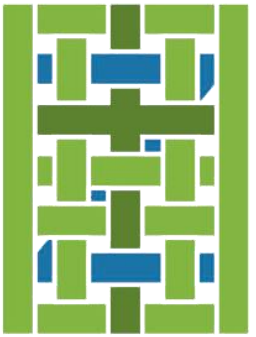


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
Lord, We Come to Your Table

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 30, 2026 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today.
Everyone is welcome at Zion and all – without exception – are welcome to Holy Communion.

FREE COFFEE
Why not join us for some great coffee and conversation after worship near the east entryway. See you there!

CONNECT
To connect with the Zion community, scan this QR code. You can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to Zion's newsletter.

PRAYER PODIUM
Inside the sanctuary entrance is a Prayer Podium. You can write prayer request(s) to be included in today's Prayers of Intercession.

ACCESSIBILITY
All floors of the building are accessible by elevator. Sanctuary space is available for those with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers. Please ask an usher if assistance is helpful. Large print bulletins are available.

NAME TAGS
We want to be a place where everyone knows your name! Name tag stickers are available on the welcome table in the gathering space. When you want one, a permanent name tag will be provided.

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM
We livestream worship on YouTube and the Zion Facebook page. You might appear in the livestream, but for security purposes, our children's sermon is blurred.

WiFi Network: Zion Guest
WiFi Password: Zion5822321

CHILDREN
We welcome kids of all ages! Children are invited to enjoy the carpeted zone in the rear of the sanctuary. There are activity bags on hooks along the back wall. Check out our Kids Station in the same area. If you wish to take your child (<4 yrs) to our nursery, it is in the lounge across from the sanctuary. (Nursery will be staffed starting on 9/13)

GATHERING

** Indicates stand as you are able*

PRELUDE Toccata in C Major Pachelbel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the words of our baptism and in remembrance of our baptism, we gather in the name of the Father, Son + Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins, known and unknown to us. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, forgive our sin and restore our broken relationship; call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

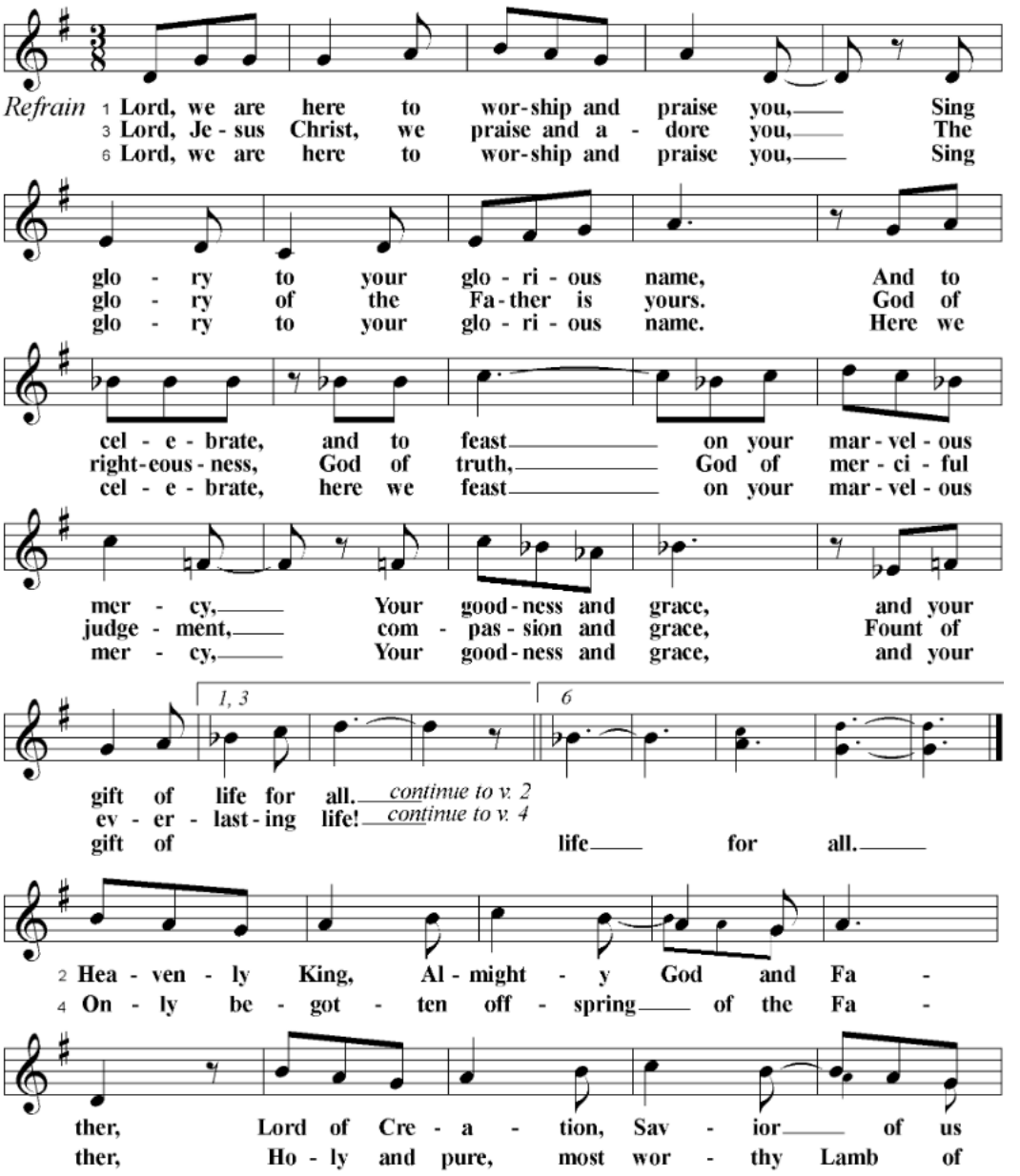
Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

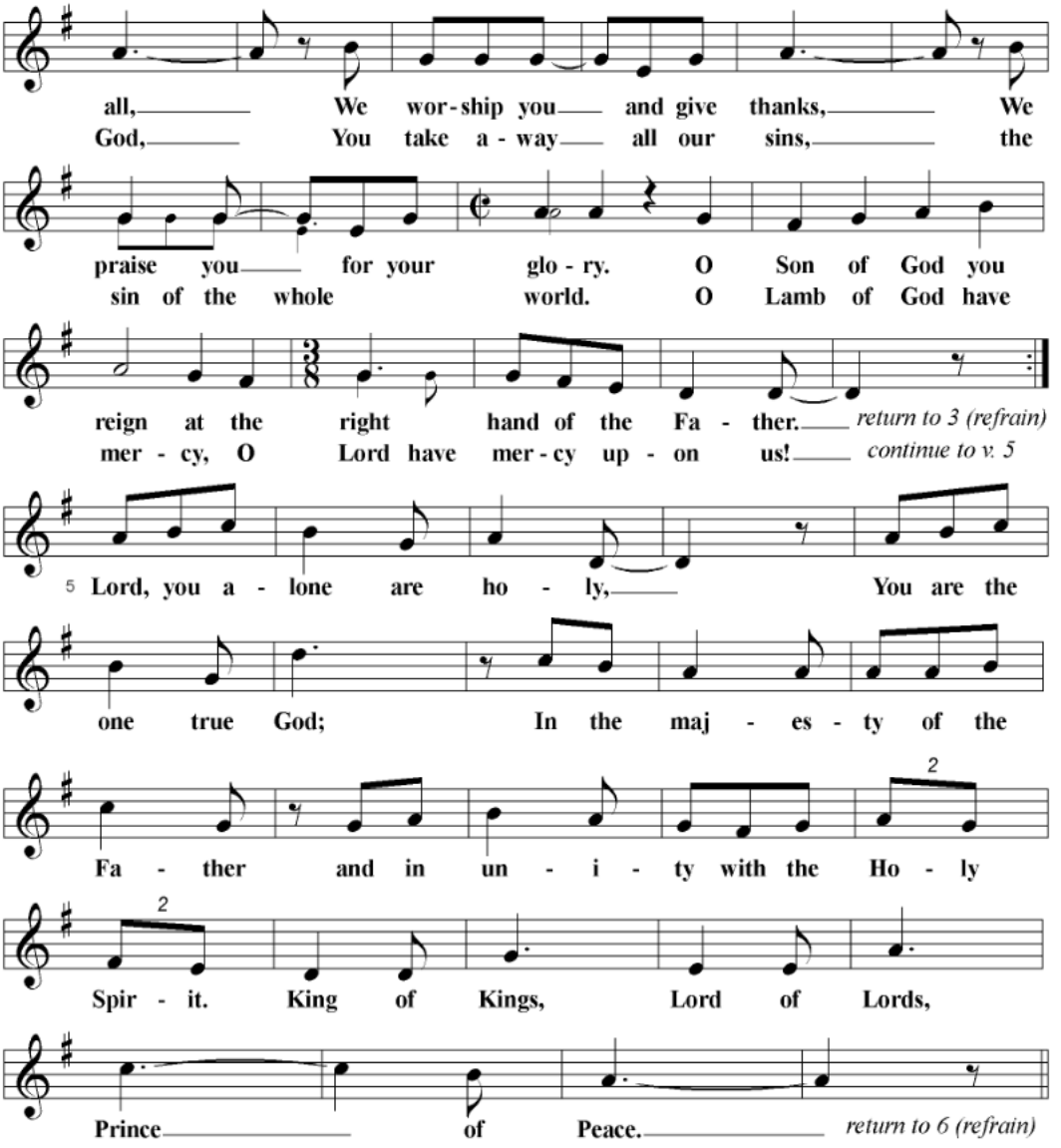
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526 * *God Is Here!*

GREETING *

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *




all, We wor-ship you and give thanks, We
God, You take a-way all our sins, the
praise you for your glo-ry. O Son of God you
sin of the whole world. O Lamb of God have
reign at the right hand of the Fa-ther. return to 3 (refrain)
mer-cy, O Lord have mer-cy up-on us! continue to v. 5
5 Lord, you a-lone are ho-ly, You are the
one true God; In the maj-es-ty of the
Fa-ther and in un-i-ty with the Ho-ly
Spir-it. King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
Prince of Peace. return to 6 (refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. God our Creator, **your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Unite your Church so that, strengthened by your Word, nourished at your table, and sent together in your mission, we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

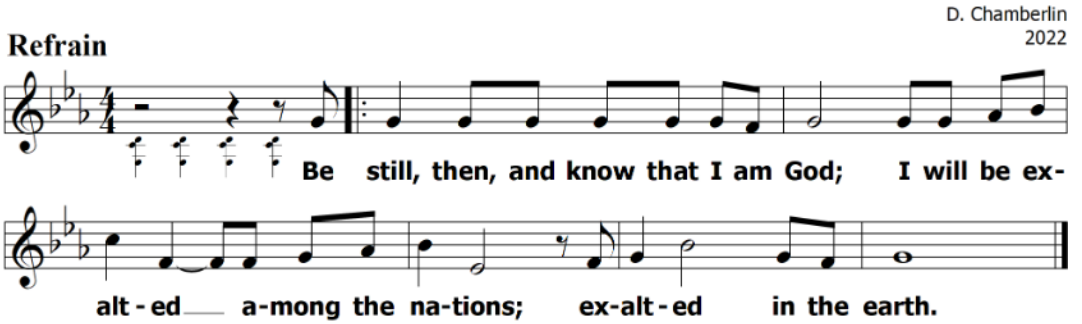
WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46



God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear
tho' earth be moved and shake beneath us,
and though mountains fall into the sea;
and tho' its waters rage and foam. **Refrain**

There is a river of gladness
amidst the city of our God;
God is in the midst of her;
she never shall be overthrown.
The nations make much ado,
the kingdoms are shaken;
God speaks, and earth shall melt away. **Refrain**

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,
what awesome things God does on earth.
God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire;
God makes war cease in all the world.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **Refrain**

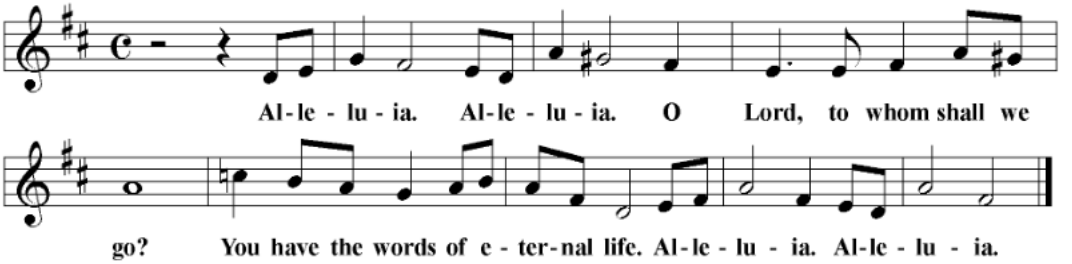
SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, siblings, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE *



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They

stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 729 * *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

APOSTLES CREED *

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

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

After each petition ending: God of abundance…, *congregation responds:* **Hear us when we call.**

Pastor concludes: Receive our many prayers, O God of abundant love. We pray in the name of Jesus and with the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

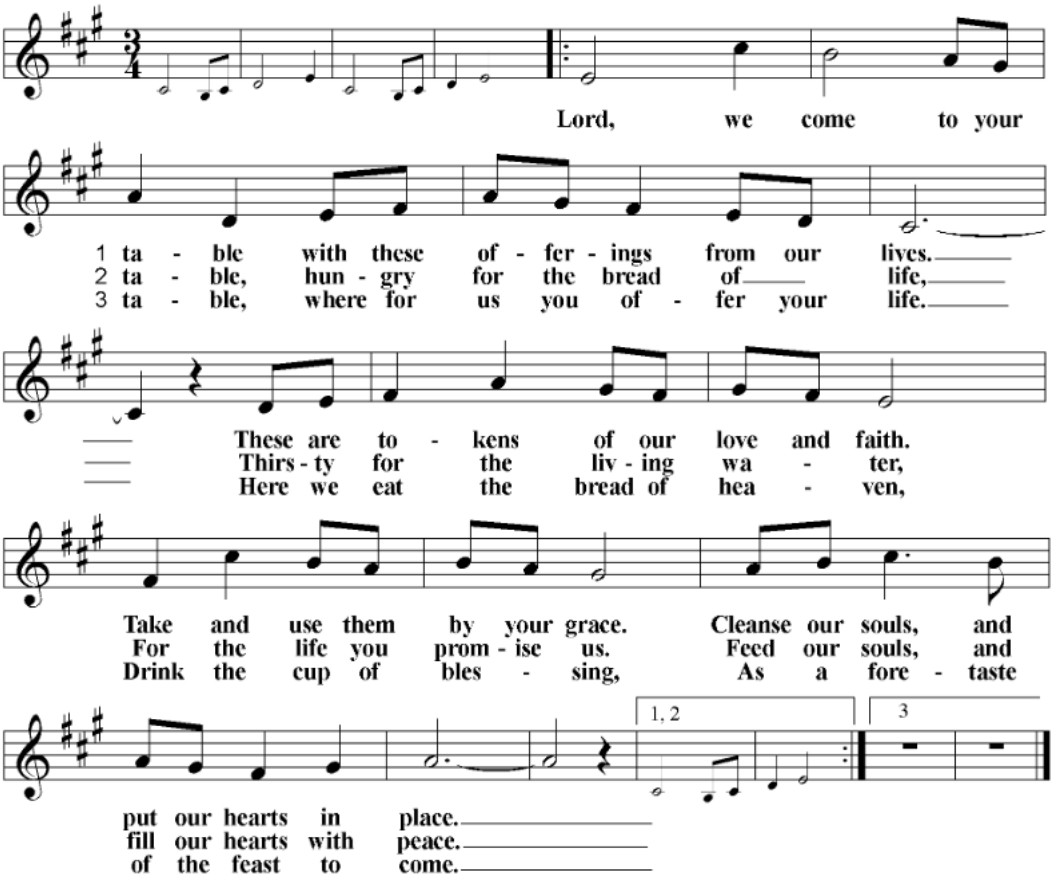
HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

With gratitude, we receive offerings during worship to support the mission and ministries of Zion Lutheran Church. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- By placing your offering in the plate that is passed now or
- Scan the QR code with your phone.

OFFERTORY *



OFFERING PRAYER *

Let us pray. With these gifts, gracious God, may your abundance cascade like a waterfall, quenching the thirst of bodies, hearts, and minds in need of replenishing. Thank you for satiating us with your ever-flowing goodness and mercy. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

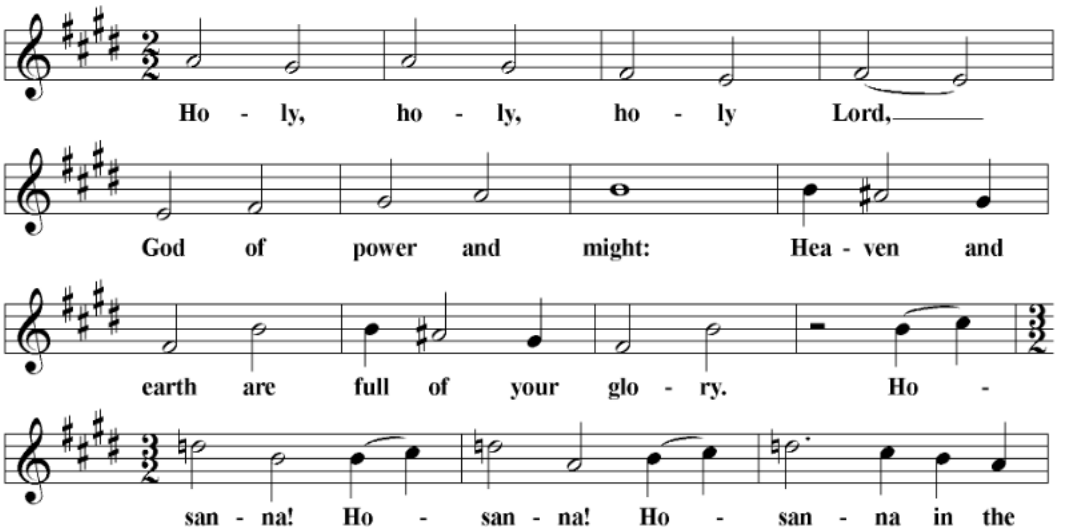
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

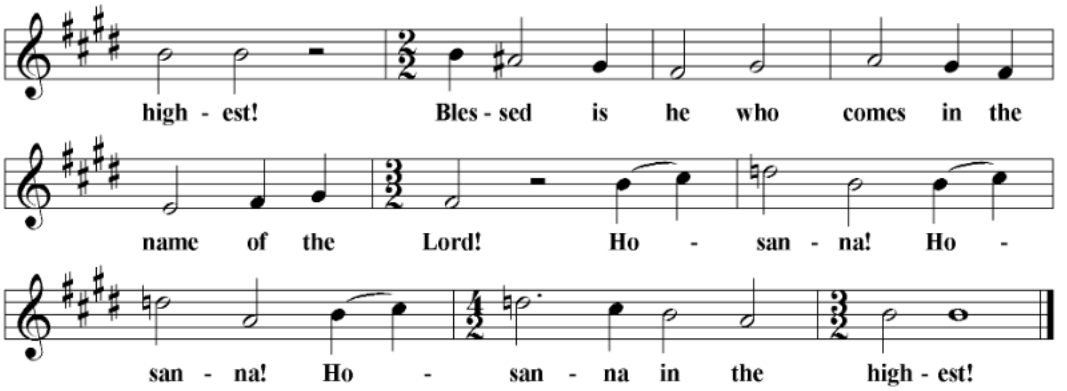
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

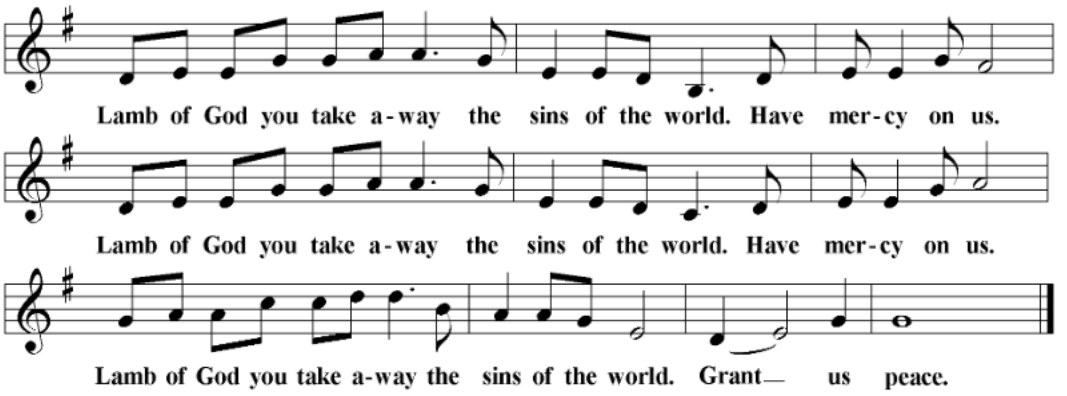
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Zion. To receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, forming two lines in the center aisle.

To receive the bread, place one hand in the other, like a manger or a bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may continue to the side to intinct the wafer in either wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an x form across your chest and you will receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 496 *One Bread, One Body*

COMMUNION HYMN 659 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

COMMUNION HYMN 465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *

May the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION *

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 576 * *We All Are One in Mission*

DISMISSAL *

Go in peace. Christ walks with you! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Toccata Brevis Gawthrop

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TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Sara Wirth
Assisting Minister	Sabrina Bell
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Cantor	Jon Hall
Crucifer	Andrew Valdez
Reader	Brandon Courtney
Communion Assistants	Ross Anthony / Marc Foulks
Usher	Steve Newton / Scott Reuschel
Altar Guild	Ann Marie Mogren / Don Schroeder
Counters	Jan Heins / Andrew Benseler
Fellowship Hosts	Lunch downstairs in terrace room

Congregation Council: President – Joe Darnell; Vice President – Ross Anthony; Treasurer - Dennis Gross; Secretary - Liz Prystas; Sabrina Bell, David Buff, Jon Hall, Steve Newton, Cynthia Rowatt, Gavin Tonkyro

Zion Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation – We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God, we welcome all. We celebrate the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. Our Table is open and we invite all to full participation in the life of our church regardless of race, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, socio-economic and marital statuses, physical or mental capacities, age, or social position. We commit to the work of anti-racism and all forms of structural, systemic, institutional, and personal bias.

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Rocky Mountain Synod "Every Congregation Visit" Worship Service and Lunch - **Today**, our presiding and preaching minister, Reverend Sara Wirth, from the office of the Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, will present general updates from the synod, and, in her role as head of transitions within the synod, will provide information about Zion's status in our pastoral transition. Immediately following worship, we will host a sandwich lunch in the Terrace Room. Pastor Wirth will share a brief video presentation, after which members of the congregation will have the opportunity to review Zion's ministry, joys, challenges, and hopes for the future. Sandwich, chips, and coffee/water will be provided!
Please come prepared to discuss:

- What brings our congregation life and joy
- What ministries we are most proud of
- What opportunities we see in our community
- How the Synod Office/Synod Ministers/Bishop can better support Zion

Sunday School Begins September 13 - We have classes for kids from 3 year olds through seniors in high school, as well as an active and thought-provoking adult Sunday morning class. Zion is blessed with wonderful, caring and experienced teachers who want to share the story of Jesus and the message of Grace and Christian community through the Bible. Our lessons are based on the lectionary readings and classes for children include crafts, snacks and weekly music time with Susan Swidnicki.

Thank you to our generous teachers:
Preschool/Kindergarten: Rebecca Noonan Heale / Ilsa Shobe / Havalah Heale
1st-3rd: Anne Mackenzie / Jorgen Hollnagel
4th-5th: Sara Sok / Topher Haskell
Confirmation: Liz Prystas / Peter Staks
High School: Sabrina Bell / Leska Haskell
Adult facilitators: Alyce & Denny Gross
Music: Susan Swidnicki

Sunday School Schedule: (Sept.13 – May 23)

PreK - K (Rm 7, upper west hallway)
9:00-9:10 AM Opening in classroom
9:10-9:30 AM Cherub Choir in Ms. Susan's music room
9:30-9:55 AM Activity and snack

1st – 3rd & 4th – 5th (Terrace Room)
9:00-9:30 AM Bible class
9:30-9:55 AM Youth Choir (combined upper/early elementary)

Confirmation (Library) & **Youth Group** (Youth Room downstairs)
8:30-9:10 AM Joyful NOIZ rehearsal (Teen Orff percussion-Ms. Susan's Music Room)
9:10-9:50 AM Bible class

Adult class (Lounge/Nursery, across from sanctuary)
9:00-9:55 AM Bible class

Bi-Monthly Mission July / August – YWCA Utah - Since 1906, YWCA Utah has worked to encourage women's aspirations, protect and promote women's rights, and meet women's needs during changing times and cultural climates. YWCA's enduring belief is that better lives for all women and marginalized people lead to stronger families, communities, and societies. YWCA Utah offers safety and sanctuary through Domestic Violence Services, Children's Services, and Race & Gender Equity programs. YWCA Utah is dedicated to empowering survivors by creating a kind, affirming, and equitable community that welcomes everyone regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, background, and circumstance. To learn more about YWCA Utah programs, visit https://www.ywcautah.org/#. To contribute to YWCA Utah, please use Zion's online payment portal ("bimonthly ministry") or label an offering for the collection plate. We will collect Noisy Offerings for YWCA Utah TODAY! Thank You!

Save the Date - it's nearly Zion Oktoberfest time! This year's event is planned for the evening of October 17th, downstairs in the Terrace Room. It takes a lot of help before, during, and afterward, so please let Jon Hall know if you can contribute at jhjh87@gmail.com. Can't wait to see you there. Prost!

Crossroads Urban Center – Share donations of food/small household items. The drop off bin is directly under the stairway leading to the balcony. Current needs are: Peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, children's clothing, underwear (new).

Chancel Choir Rehearsals – We are excited that our choir will be starting up again on Sunday, September 13th. We meet at 8:45 AM each Sunday in the choir room (downstairs just off the stage). The choir is open to any who would like to sing. We are all friendly and love expressing our joy by singing hymns and anthems praising our Savior. We welcome all types of voices. Come, rejoice, sing, laugh and have a great time. For more information, please contact Dave Zabriskie at davecomposer@gmail.com.

ZELC Opportunity to Serve - It's great to see so many people enjoying coffee, snacks, and conversation in the Atrium after Sunday worship. To keep it going, we're looking for one or two families each week to bring simple snacks. Coffee is provided and there are always people to assist as needed. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Chet Johnson: chetj.slc@gmail.com.

Caring Connections Prayer Circle Requests - Are you, or someone you care about, in need of prayer? Please send your prayer requests to Holly Graham (40Grambo@msn.com). Holly will forward them to the dedicated members of our developing prayer circle. *May our prayers rise up like incense before God!*

Informal Yoga Exercise Group – **No class until Sept. 9th -** Please join us at 10 AM in the atrium each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Bring your yoga mat. No experience needed!

View PDF of this Bulletin – If you prefer to use your device to view the bulletin, scan this QR code (also on the table in the Narthex).

Attendance August 23, 2026 Worship: 90; Online views: 94

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20