

Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
July 26, 2026
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to silence and set aside all phones and electronic devices so we can fully focus on worship and the Word together. Thank you for helping maintain a peaceful environment.

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Heavenly Father, we thank You for gathering us in Your house today. Open our hearts to receive Your Word, strengthen our faith in Christ, and teach us to treasure Your kingdom above all things. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide our worship, that all we say and do may glorify You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

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Confession and Absolution

The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be “his treasured possession,” not because of any strength in us, but solely “because the LORD loves” us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He “keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments” (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us “great value” by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are “hidden in a field,” covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but “to be conformed to the image of his Son” (Rom. 8:29). Since we “are called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us “at the right hand of God” (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from “the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:39).

Prelude

Wake, Awake!

J. S. Bach

Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516

(Stanza 1 sung by the VBS children)

- 1 *“Wake, awake, for night is flying,” The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!” Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: “Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”*
- 2 **Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One, Lord Jesus, God’s own Son, Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call.**
- 3 **Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals’ clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!**

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession with Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

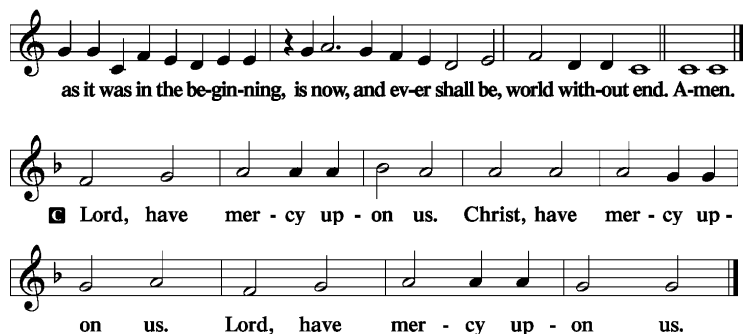
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
C **make known His deeds among the peoples!**
P Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
C **tell of all His wondrous works!**
P Glory in His holy name;
C **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**
P Seek the LORD and His strength;
C **seek His presence continually!**
P Remember the wondrous works that He has done,
C **His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,**
P O offspring of Abraham, His servant,
C **children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**
P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
C **make known His deeds among the peoples!**

Gloria Patri



Kyrie

LSB 186



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with Thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

“You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:28-39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.



G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” And He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn

Built on the Rock

LSB 645

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love, Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell With all His grace and His favor.

- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see. My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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Sermon

Sin has corrupted God's good creation, bringing suffering, tragedy, and death; yet God promises to work through all things for the good of His children. By Christ's death and resurrection, and through the promises given in Baptism, we are forgiven, made children of God, and heirs of eternal life. Our victory rests not in the strength of our faith or love, but in Christ's perfect love for us. Therefore, neither sin, suffering, Satan, nor death can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus: through Him, we are more than conquerors.

Receiving of New Members

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, preserve us from error and deliver us from temptation. Grant that we may abide in Christ and His word of truth, remaining steadfast and immovable until the end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You send out pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You faithfully, and that we may receive their words with joy and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have given us various offices in our lives. Grant us faithfulness in these callings, that we may see them as gifts through which we serve You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, grant wisdom to Donald, our president; JB, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may seek what is best for all in accordance with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, bestow Your comfort on all who are burdened by sickness and affliction. Grant that they may await healing and deliverance in the firm conviction that nothing can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, grant that all who commune today might receive the Sacrament faithfully and depart refreshed, knowing that they are Your forgiven people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we know that neither life nor death can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We thank You for all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and we ask You to grant us also our inheritance with the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Joyce Hendrix, Mike Twenhafel, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

Others who have requested our prayers: Grant Ahner, family of Rodney Martin, Sharon Doeding and siblings, William Huth, and the Follett family.

These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

Special Offering Music

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spir - it.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up un - to the Lord.
Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



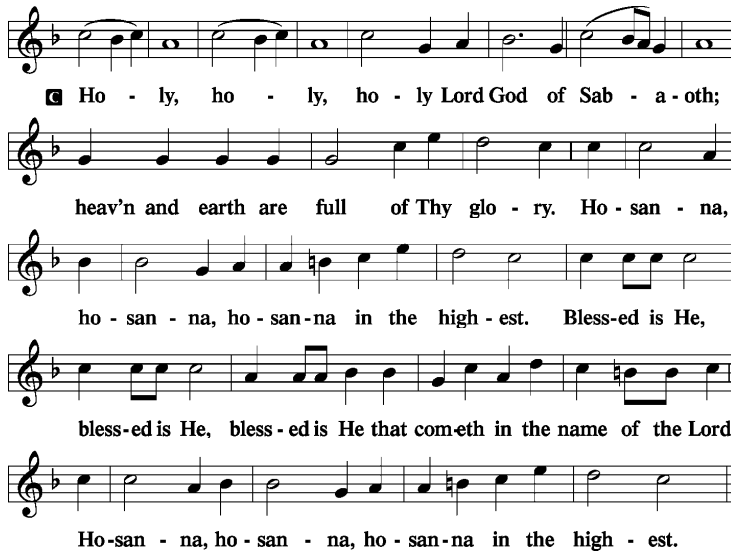
It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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



The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

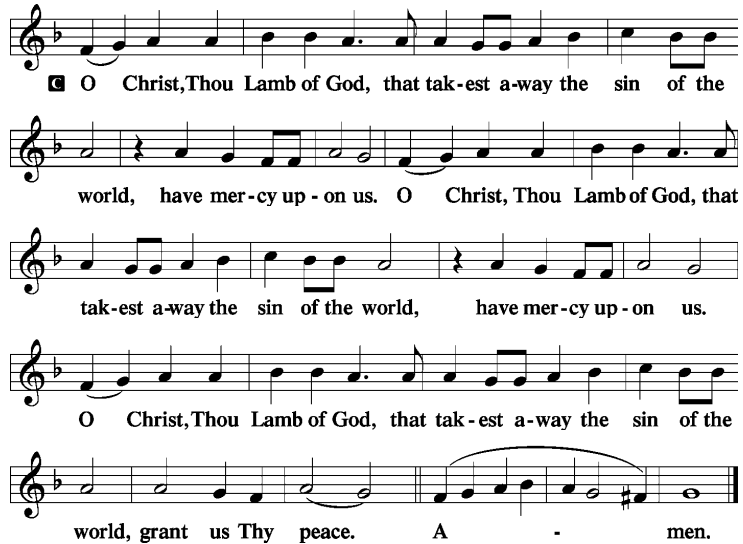
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LSB 197



Agnus Dei

LSB 198



Sit

Distribution

In Holy communion, not only does Jesus give us forgiveness, He also gives us the promise that as we receive His gift, we are proclaiming His death. That is our lifelong duty and delight! As doctrinal oneness is central to this common proclamation, the churches of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. For this reason, we ask guests who desire to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before service.

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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Hymn

What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760

- 1 What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly. My God indeed
In ev'ry need Knows well how He will shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.
- 2 What God ordains is always good: He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way, And never will He leave me. I take content
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.
- 3 What God ordains is always good: His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup That my physician sends me. My God is true;
Each morning new I trust His grace unending, My life to Him commending.
- 4 What God ordains is always good: He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm Though many storms may gather. Now I may know
Both joy and woe; Someday I shall see clearly That He has loved me dearly.
- 5 What God ordains is always good: Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking. For after grief
God gives relief, My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6 What God ordains is always good: This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm,
For with His arm He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

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Hymn

God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

- 1 God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!
- 2 God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.
- 3 Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201



F The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202



A Bless we the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

F The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

- 4 **The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

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Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

arr. John Leavitt

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



OFFERING USHERS

Please review the schedule below. If you're unable to serve on your assigned date, kindly let one of the Elders know as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithful service!

- **Today** **Mark, Mary Kay, Matt Krausz, & Tommy Baro**
- Aug 2 Pat & Peggy Lange, Dustin & Anna Pannier
- Aug 9 Ken & Gail Frey, Tony & Jen Lara
- Aug 16 Laurie Knutson, Becky Wachtman, Candy Andres, & Joyce Hendrix
- Aug 23 Joe & Katie Crismon, Darren & Lindsay Murphy
- Aug 30 Alan & Jenny Kneschke, Mark & Chris Hatcher

WELCOME TO THE FOLLETTTS!

We welcome the Follett family to Zion today. Please greet Stephen and Kathryn and their children Isaiah, Kristina, Noah, Norma-Jean, Henrietta, Karson, and Aurelia.

HELP NEEDED TO DECORATE FLOAT THIS THURSDAY!

Float decorating will be taking place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 30th. We will assemble in front of the third garage door of the parsonage. Bring staple guns with you if you have one. Thank you in advance for helping with this! Any questions, call Gail Frey 806-7294.

THANK YOU to all who made "Wake, Awake" Hymn VBS this week a success. Thanks to our teachers, leaders, helpers, and youth volunteers. The time and energy spent on preparing and presenting the gospel to our VBS students was amazing to watch, and a blessing to our children. Thanks to Pastor, Nancy, and the BOE members for planning and leading as well. May the seeds sown be blessed and grow into deeper faith and service while we are "Watching for Jesus".

NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING THIS MONTH

Due to interference with VBS, the Youth Group will not be having a meeting for the month of July.

DESSERTS ARE NEEDED!

The Mascoutah Tuesday Woman's Club is seeking donations of homemade pies, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and brownies for the Mascoutah Homecoming Cake and Pie Stand. Our stand is located at the end of the Depot in Scheve Park. The dates are July 31 - August 2, 2026. Your donated items may be received on Friday, July 31 after 5:00pm or Saturday, August 1st after 11:00am or Sunday, August 2nd after 8:00am. Please bring your baked goods on foil or in disposable containers, or please label your containers clearly with your name. You

may pick up your container later in the weekend at your convenience. Please do not bring custard-based pies. If anyone would like to volunteer to serve in our stand, please contact Lindsay Kuehn-Austin at (618) 741-3636. Thank you for your support in this community project!!

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SID DOMINICAN TASK FORCE PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, we thank You for bringing these six young adults to the day of their confirmation. Strengthen them to remain steadfast in the true faith. Bless their continued growth in Your Word. We give thanks for the support of family, friends, and visitors who rejoiced with them on this special day. Keep them faithful to You throughout their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Our study of the book of Matthew continues on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! Tune in to "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near" as we look at Matthew 12 and 13. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we move forward in our study of Acts! We'll be picking up this week with chapter 21. Don't forget to listen to The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.)! This week is Bach Week, and we'll be airing special episodes each day in commemoration of the church musician, J.S. Bach. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

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THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God in appreciation of all who helped at VBS.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A.C Dietrich
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Ryan Hinton
Offering Ushers: Mark, Mary Kay, Matt Krausz, & Tommy Baro
Acolytes: Gabriella Jeffries & Ivar Peterson
Altar Guild: Gail Frey
Elder of the Month: Tony Lara

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, AUGUST 2

Proclaimer: Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist: Pinky Ahner
Sound Techs: Tyler Hinton
Offering Ushers: Pat & Peggy Lange, Dustin & Anna Pannier
Acolytes: James Trame & Callan Crismon
Elder of the Month: Ray Kemezys

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE JULY 19: Sunday: 140

Adult Bible Class: 13 High School: 3 Sunday School: 15