Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

October 11, 2026

Twentieth 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.

Prayer to Begin Worship
Gracious Heavenly Father, thank You for inviting us to the feast of Your kingdom through Jesus Christ. Forgive our sins and clothe us in Christ's righteousness. Open our hearts to Your Word and strengthen our faith as we worship You today. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE II WITH COMMUNION
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Confession and Absolution

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast
By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He "will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth" (Is. 25:8). Therefore, "let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made "for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine" (Is. 25:6). It is the royal "wedding feast" of the Son of God, "and everything is ready" (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, "both good and bad," to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the "wedding garment" of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God," and "rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil. 4:4–6).

Prelude **Processional on 'Hymn to Joy'** **Robert Powell**

Hymn **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee** *LSB 803*

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Stand

△3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Confession with Absolution

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

C **my soul shall exult in my God,**

P for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

C **He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**

P as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

C **and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Kyrie

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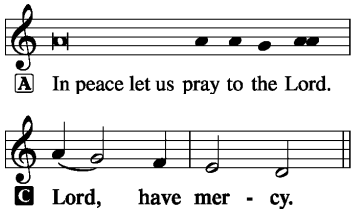

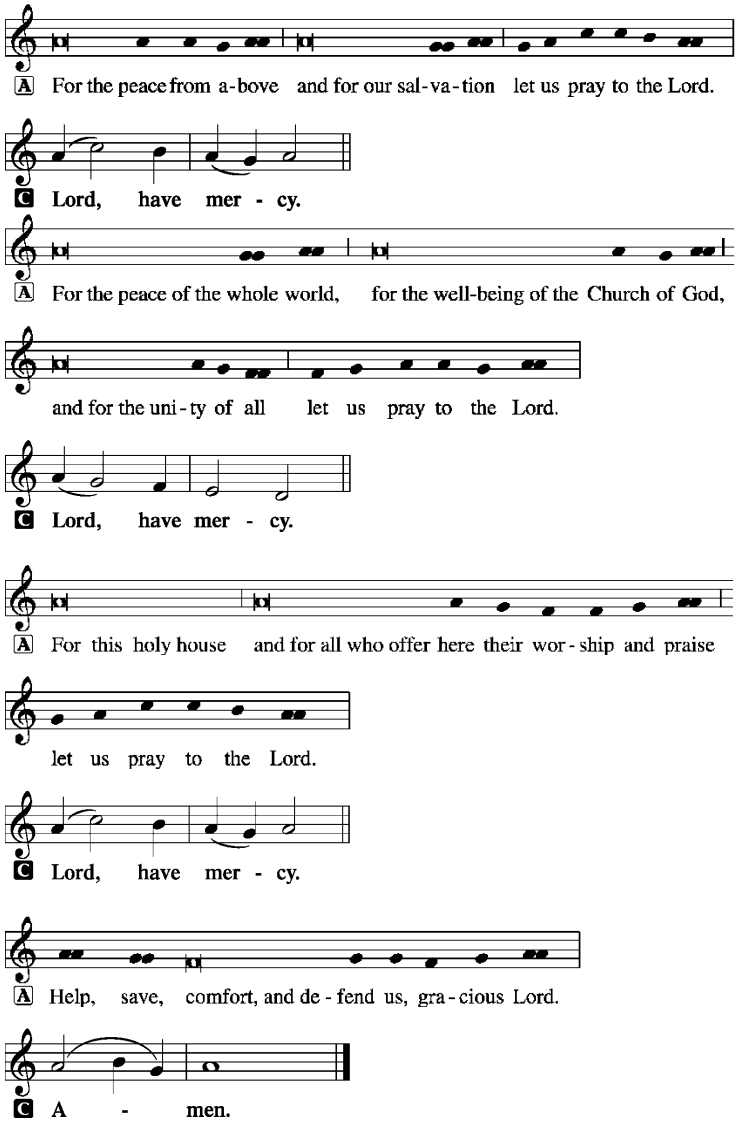

Hymn of Praise -- This is the Feast

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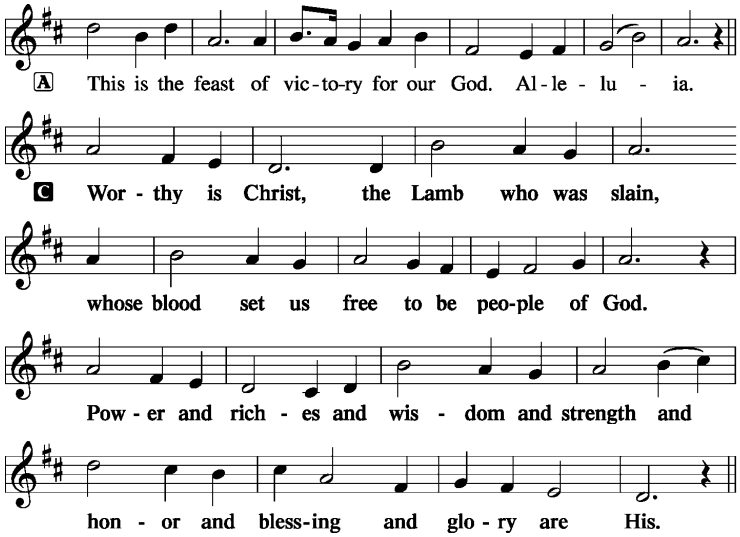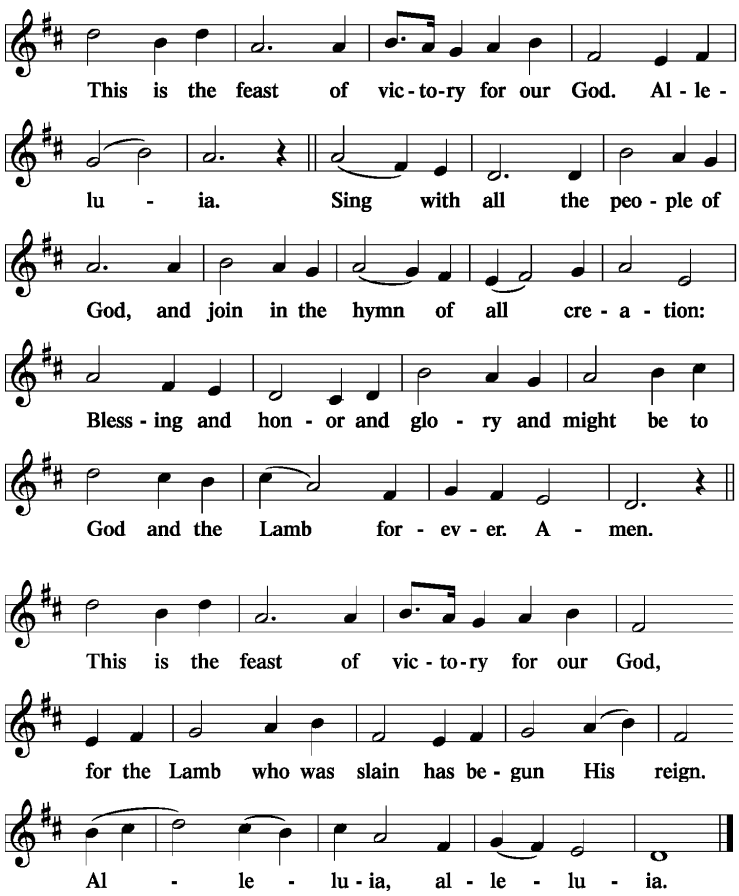
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;

let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

℗ This is the Word of the Lord.

℄ **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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℄ **Thanks be to God.**

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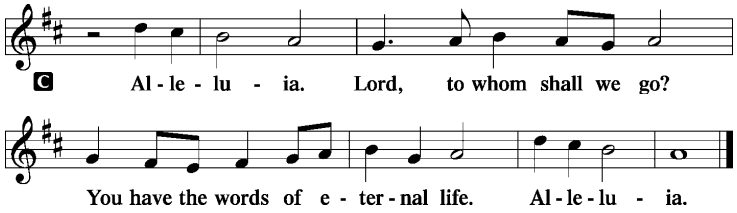
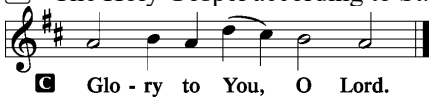

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

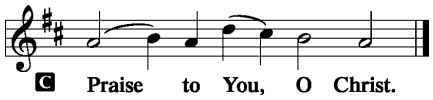
℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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Hymn **Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng** *LSB 813*

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng. Refrain

5 Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

Stand

△**7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:**
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. Refrain

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Sermon

"Rejoice in His Salvation" — Isaiah 25:6–9

The Lord prepares a glorious feast for His people and calls us to be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Sin brought death into the world, and death continues to swallow up young and old alike. Yet Christ has entered death for us, bearing our sins and the punishment we deserved upon the cross. By His resurrection, Jesus has broken death's jaws and fulfilled Isaiah's promise: "He will swallow up death forever." Through Baptism we have died and risen with Christ to new life, and at His altar He feeds us with His very body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation. Therefore, even in suffering and in the face of death, we rejoice: Christ has conquered, death is defeated, and eternal life is ours in Him. Come to the feast, rejoice in His salvation, and receive Jesus!

Stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

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

Heavenly Father, grant us Your grace that we may hear and heed Your invitation and joyfully wear the baptismal clothing of Your righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, purchased the Church with His precious blood. Preserve her in the pure teaching of Your Word, in the right use of the Sacraments and in the unity of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have ordained the estate of marriage. Grant that it may be honored and upheld according to Your will, and that husbands and wives may love and serve each other. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, the earth is Yours and the fullness thereof. In Your mercy, bless all nations and bring an end to war and conflict. Guide and defend our president and Congress, our governor, and all local government officials. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You promise to wipe away the tears from all faces. Bless all who weep here, that at the last they may be comforted, restored and received into the banquet of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have prepared a table before us in the midst of those who refuse Your invitation. Keep Your Church unstained by the world, that we may partake of our Lord's Supper worthily, clothed in His baptismal grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, comfort those who mourn with the certainty of life everlasting for all who die in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Jeff Zimmermann, Duane Fischer, Kayla Hinton, and Chloe Pannier, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
Zion's Elders, Board of Ed, Sunday School Staff, and Altar Guild.
Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.
Others who have requested our prayers: Sharon Doeding & Jenn Jeffries

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, give us such joy in pursuing what is true, just, pure and worthy of praise, that spurning the temptations of this world, we would suffer no anxiety. Let our trust be placed fully in Christ, and let our hope rest in the life of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

[Please take a moment to complete an attendance sheet in the attendance book. If you are visiting with us, we kindly ask that you include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please note it at the top of your sheet.]

Special Offering Music

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Offertory

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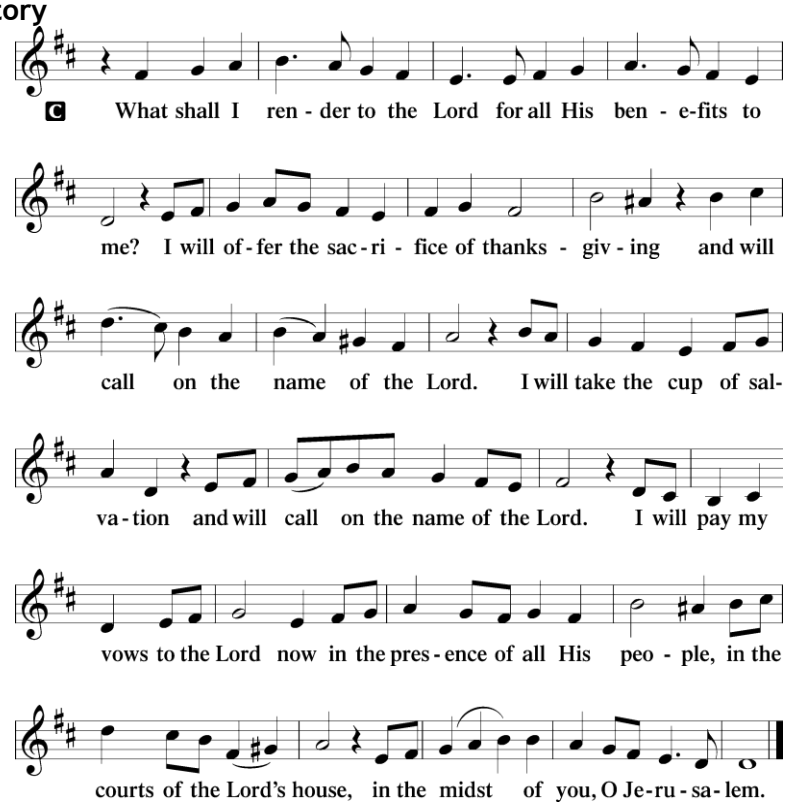
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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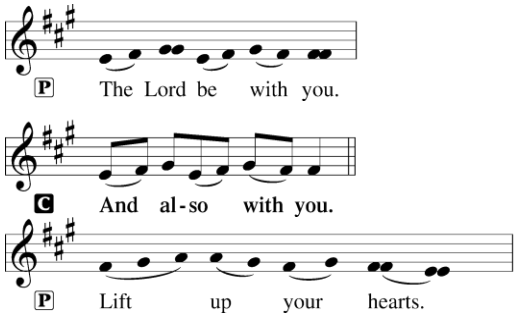
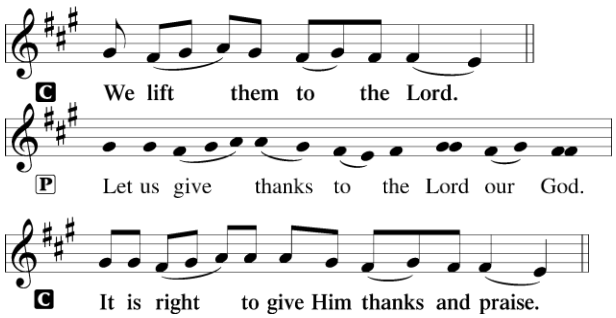


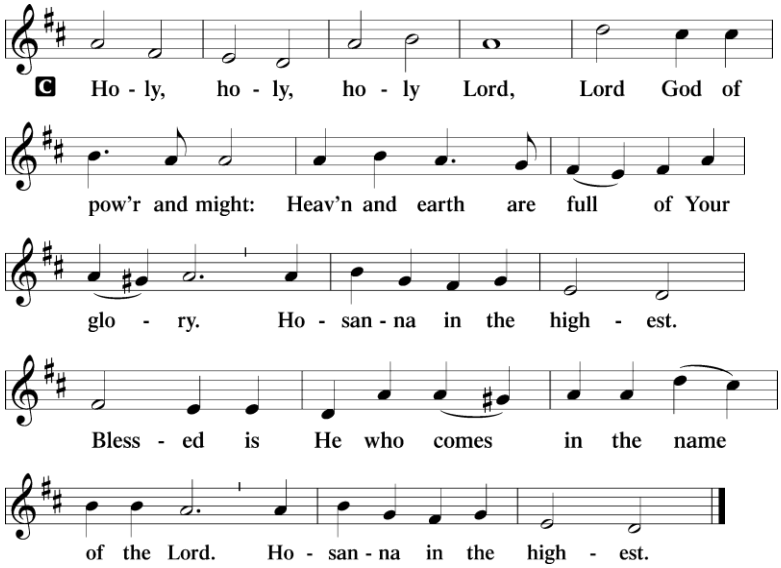


Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 178



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

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."

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."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Pax Domini

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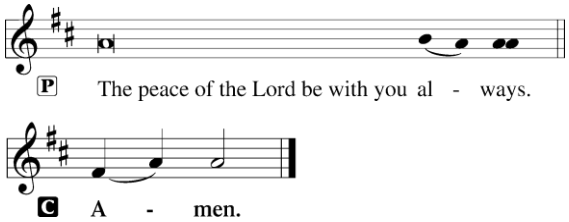

Agnus Dei

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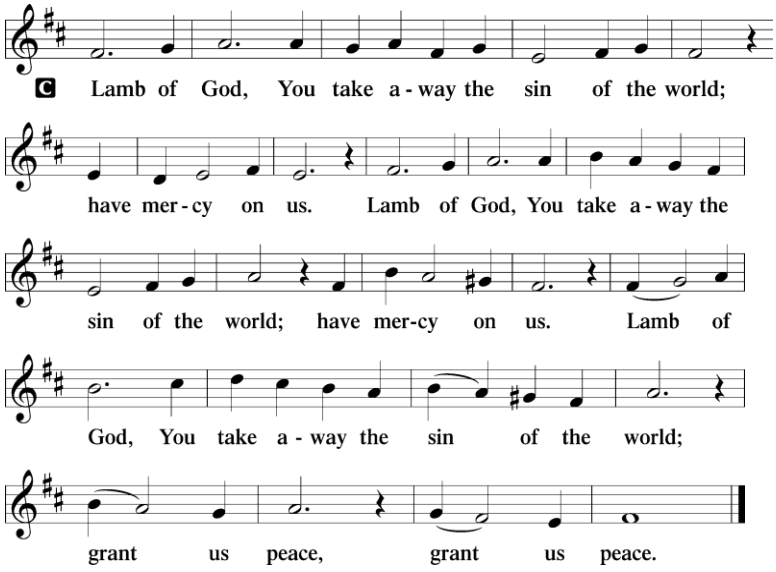

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Distribution

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 — Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior — *LSB 627*

1 Jesus Christ, our blessèd Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.

2 As His pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread, And with the wine the blood He shed.

3 Jesus here Himself is sharing; Heed then how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe, His judgment then you shall receive.

4 Praise the Father, who from heaven To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done, Gave into death His only Son.

5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.

6 Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.

7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.

8 "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"

9 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.

10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

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Hymn — A Multitude Comes from the East and the West — *LSB 510*

1 A multitude comes from the east and the west To sit at the feast of salvation
With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest, Obeying the Lord's invitation.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

2 O God, let us hear when our Shepherd shall call In accents persuasive and tender,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all, And find Him, our mighty defender.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

3 All trials shall be like a dream that is past, Forgotten all trouble and mourning.
All questions and doubts have been answered at last, When rises the light of that morning.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

4 The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand Than ever on earth was recorded.
The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand The crown to the victors awarded.
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

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Hymn — Be Present at Our Table, Lord — *LSB 775*

1 Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and ev'rywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we May feast in paradise with Thee.

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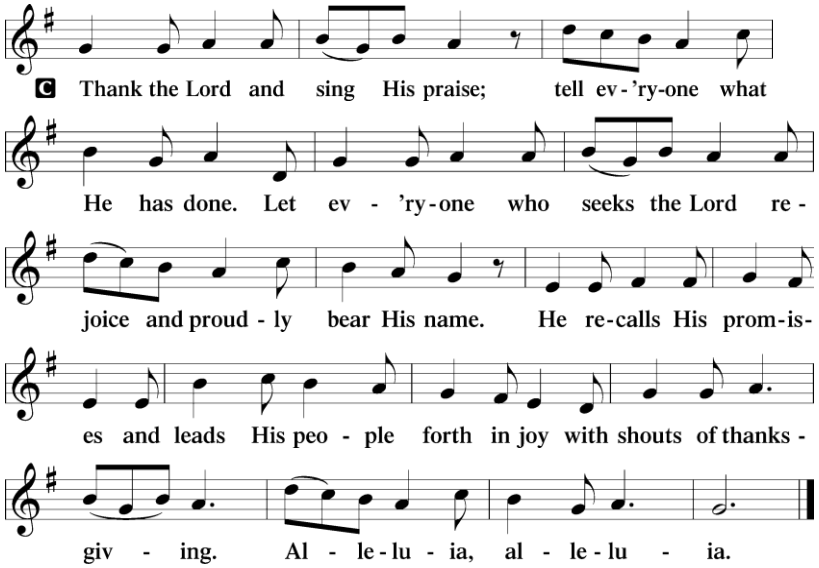
Stand
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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.**

Thank the Lord — *LSB 181*

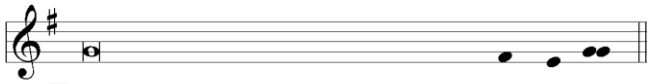


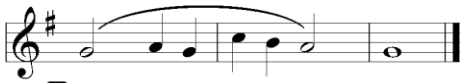
Post-Communion Collect

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.

C **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 183*



℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✣ give you peace.

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Sit

Hymn All You Works of God, Bless the Lord *LSB 930*

1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be, Praise the Lord and His majesty: Refrain

ref Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!

2 Sing, you sun and you moon above, Stars of heaven, now sing His love;
Dew and showers, you winds that blow, Heat and fire, you ice and snow: Refrain

3 Frost of winter with song so cold, Dews of summer, your song unfold;
Light and darkness, you day and night, Clouds of thunder, you lightnings bright: Refrain

4 Hills and mountains, now sing His worth, All you green things that grow on earth;
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: Refrain

5 Come, humanity, sing along, Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless, Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain

Stand

△**6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you humble, His praise impart;**
God the Father and Son adore, Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

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Sit

Postlude All You Works of God Bless the Lord arr. John Behnke

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION

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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** **Dale & Lisa Wehmeyer, Ray & Marianne McDaniel**
- Oct 18 Luke & Max Lara, Tyler Hinton, & William Huth
- Oct 25 Steve & Kayla Hollenkamp, Ruth Rincker, & Linda Hoskins

THANK YOU FROM THE PURDINS

Jerry and Marleen Purdin would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the cards and prayers they have received. They really appreciate it!

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We're excited to welcome several new families who have recently been added to our church directory! If you are not currently listed in the directory and would like to be added, please send your information to the church office at churchoffice@zionmascoutah.org. We look forward to keeping our church family connected!

ZION'S FALL FEST 2026 – THIS SATURDAY

Zion's Fall Fest is on Saturday, October 17th from 3-7 pm. Come join us for a fun afternoon & evening with events and games for the whole family. Who will win the Fall Fest 2026 top prizes? Get your recipes ready! We will host the Annual Chili-Cookoff again this year, along with a *NEW* event for our bakers…a Cinnamon Roll Bake-Off! Sign up in the Narthex to participate in these events. We'll also have food & fun for all the kids, Youth group and adults. Invite your friends and family! Festivities will begin at 3 pm, after the township event is over. We need volunteers to make this church-wide event a success. Please sign up on the volunteer help-list or talk to the BOE members to volunteer. See you there on October 17th!!!

YOUTH GROUP PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER - MANY WAYS TO HELP!

The Youth Group will be holding our annual puzzle race fundraiser on Saturday, November 14th (see attached flyer in church bulletin). There are many ways you can help make this event a success! First, we are seeking monetary donations to cover at least some of the cost of the following items: purchasing the puzzles, mini bags of chips to sell at the event, soda and water to sell at the event, Amazon gift cards to use for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, attendance prizes (monetary donations or donation of items are both appreciated). Please see Lindsay Murphy, Katie Crismon, or another youth member or parent if you would like to make a donation. Second, we would love for members to get a table together and attend the event - think of other members, or friends/family/coworkers you might be able to ask to join you (teams play in tables of up to 4 people) - you can sign a whole team up using the QR code on the Puzzle Race flyer or via the sign-up sheet in the narthex OR you can sign up individually through the sign-up sheet in the narthex (if you would like us to help you create a team). One last way you can help is by spreading the word! There is a flyer in the bulletin as well as on our church Facebook page - consider sharing by texting the flyer to friends/family/coworkers who may be interested, share on your personal social media page/s and local pages, or share through word of mouth. Any help is much appreciated!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

THE FINAL COLLECTION PUSH! Every shoebox is more than a gift. It is an opportunity to show a child around the world that they are loved, remembered, and not forgotten. Through Operation Christmas Child, children receive a simple shoebox filled with gifts that can bring smiles, hope, and joy. For many children, the shoebox also opens the door to hearing about Jesus Christ and the Good News of God's love. Your shoebox may travel farther than you ever imagined and become part of a moment that a child remembers for years to come. What may seem like a small box to us can mean so much to a child who has very little. OUR COLLECTION DEADLINE: National Collection Week is November 16–23, 2026. At this time locations have not been announced. Because of my schedule, I need to have all shoeboxes collected by Monday, November 9. This will

allow me time to organize and prepare all of our boxes before National Collection Week. SHIPPING DONATIONS ARE NEEDED: Please remember that $10 is needed for shipping each shoebox. If you are donating a shoebox, please consider including the $10 shipping donation with your box. IMPORTANT: Any shoeboxes donated after Monday, November 9 will be held over and included in next year's collection. THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who has already packed a box, donated supplies, given financially, prayed, or helped spread the word. Together, we can help put a smile on a child's face, give them something tangible to hold onto, and help bring the message of Jesus Christ to children around the world. Questions? Please contact: Konya at 618-954-9483. If I don't answer, please leave a message and I will return your call. Pack a box. Give hope. Share God's love. Operation Christmas Child

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Free Thanksgiving dinner prepared by St John UCC and community volunteers on Thursday, November 26. Meals will be delivered to those who sign up. We are offering a meal to those who receive Meals on Wheels, food pantry patrons, senior center participants, and any others in the community who would benefit. If you would like to receive a free meal contact David Backus at 618-741-4099 or Patty Backus at 618-558-8237.

ALTAR GUILD GIRLS CONFERENCE -- TODAY

Please join the Altar Guild Girls of St. Paul, Hamel and Trinity, and Worden for a day of training together! The conference will take place on October 11th from 1-7 PM at St. Paul, Hamel. Girls in 4th grade through high school are encouraged to attend with an adult Altar Guild member from their own congregations. Guest speakers will be Rev. David Buchs and Mrs. Tori Egger.

LCMS FOUNDATION

Including a statement of your Christian faith is important in your estate plans. Creating that statement of faith is something we do in community. When beginning to write a Christian Preamble or Family Blessing, it is wise to have conversation with others, such as your pastor, a mentor in the faith, or specific friends, so that in community you can focus your thoughts in a concise way. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in having those discussions. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUO AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: We're wrapping up our study of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) and beginning a brand-new series! Tune in on October 14th as we open up the book of Job. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we are studying Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Tune in as we discuss 2 Corinthians chapters 3-6! Don't forget to join us for the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT), as we talk with representatives of Lutheran Mission Australia; hear stories from Lutheran church leaders in Norway and Nigeria; and learn what a Director of Parish Music does for a congregation! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org.

THEOLOGY FOR WHITE COLLAR, BLUE COLLAR, AND CLERICAL COLLAR…

Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Artificial Intelligence & Vocation; Bareness; The Early Church Fathers & Faith Alone; The Apology of the Augsburg Confession; Reuniting Mothers with Their Children in Foster Care; Young Men & Red-Pill Content and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

21ST ANNUAL ZION YOUTH GROUP PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 14th
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Race starts at 6:00 p.m.

Scan for event details and to register

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by Lionel and Lita Timmerman in grateful and loving remembrance of their daughter, Mary.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer:	Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist:	Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:	Ivar Peterson
Offering Ushers:	Dale & Lisa Wehmeyer, Ray & Marianne McDaniel
Acolytes:	Cole Wambold & Gabriella Jeffries
Altar Guild:	Mary Kay Krausz
Elder of the Month:	Dale Wehmeyer

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 18

Proclaimer:	Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist:	Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech:	Tyler Hinton
Offering Ushers:	Luke & Max Lara, Tyler Hinton, & William Huth
Acolytes:	Ivar Peterson & James Trame
Elder of the Month:	Dale Wehmeyer

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	Indigenous People's Day	
	Church Office Closed; No Preschool	
	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Tues.	**Echo Deadline**	
	Evangelism	7:00 PM
Wed.	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	LWML Exec Board	6:30 PM
	Ladies Aid Meeting	7:00 PM
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Butter Braids Pickup	9:00-10:00 AM
	Zion's Annual Fall Fest	3:00-7:00 PM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 4: Sunday: 122

Adult Bible Class: 14 High School: 1 Sunday School: 30