

September 29, 2024 • St. Michael and All Angels  
9:00 and 11:30am



**Zion** <sup>+</sup> *lutheran  
church*



## WELCOME TO ZION

When we gather for worship, we're receptive to God's word and we rejoice in God's grace through song, prayer, and Holy Communion. The history of Christian worship is rich with rituals formed by generations. These traditions, prayers, and pastoral teachings help connect our lives with Christ. In our daily lives, we show God's love by serving our community, both locally and globally.

We are a group of believers seeking to respond to Christ's call to worship and serve, even as we wrestle with the big questions of life. We want you to know that you and your questions, faith, and doubts are welcome here!

## HOW WE WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments. From the table of Holy Communion where Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and care for those in need. Our worship follows this pattern in four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory and the service is contained within this bulletin. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We welcome children in our worship services! If needed, a nursery is available down the hallway past the restrooms. The restrooms contain changing tables, as needed. The break room, on the left side of the hallway, provides a quiet space for nursing.

Throughout the service, members of Zion's music ministry offer their talents as an offering to God. Please receive their musical gifts as a time for prayer, contemplation, or praise of God rather than a performance to be applauded, so that we may worship God throughout our time here together.

## Zion Lutheran Church

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# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, gathers us in worship.*

PRELUDE

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
setting by David Schack

WELCOME

Pastor Bill Swantner

*Please rise, as you are able.*

*Section end. Section end.*

INVOCATION

We worship today in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

DIALOGUE OF THE ANGELS

Bless the Lord, all you multitude of angels.

**Bless the Lord, O inhabitants of earth.**

The Lord commands the angels concerning you:

**To watch and guard you in all your ways.**

When the Son of Man comes with the clouds:

**He will order his angels to gather the elect.**

Then around the throne we all shall gather:

**And sing with all the heavenly host: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!”**

GATHERING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Section End*

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: DANIEL 10:10-14; 12:1-3

<sup>10</sup>A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>He said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days. <sup>12:14</sup>"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 103

*The cantor sings the refrain once to begin, followed by the assembly. The assembly then sings the refrain when indicated by R̄*

### *Refrain*



Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Lord has set his throne in heaven,  
and his kingship has dominion over all.  
Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
and hearken to the voice of his word. R̄

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,  
you ministers of his who do his will.  
Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;  
bless the Lord, O my soul. R̄

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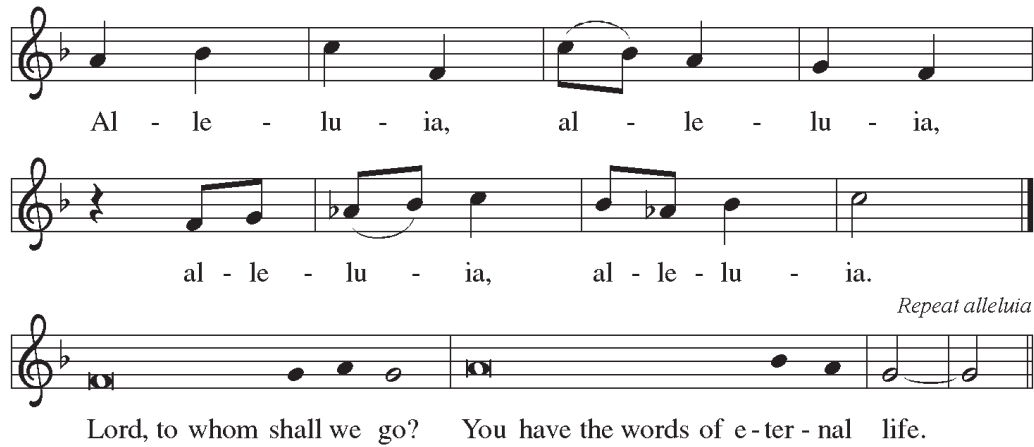
## SECOND READING: REVELATION 12:7-12

<sup>7</sup>War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL: LUKE 10:17-20

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Dan Heim



*Please rise, as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.  
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

## APOSTLES' CREED — INVOCATION —

Let us now confess our faith using the words of the 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.**

*\*catholic: universal*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — INVOCATION WITH KARIN —

Rejoicing that God is with us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Each petition ends:* God of grace,

*Response:* **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Additional announcements and a schedule for the week are on the back pages of this bulletin.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

## OFFERING

*We give our offerings with thanksgiving to God. These offerings support the mission and ministry of Zion, including the care of those in need. To give online, please visit [ZionSA.org](http://ZionSA.org). Children may place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel (near the sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table for Holy Communion.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

9:00	<i>Angels Visit When We Sing</i> by Tom Trenney	Chancel Choir
11:30	<i>Duo</i> by Louis-Nicholas Clérambault	

*Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

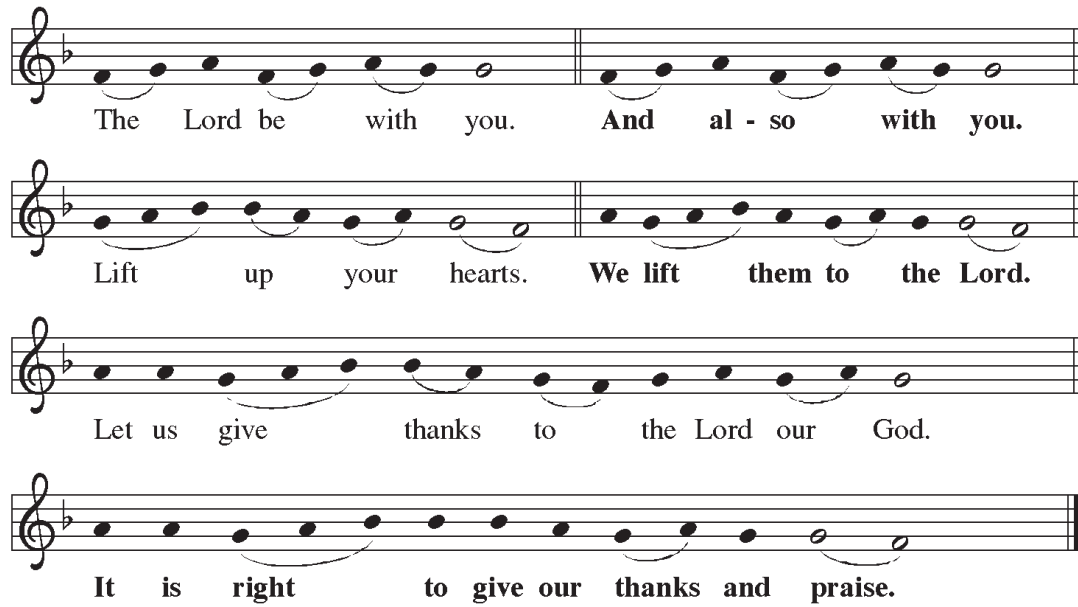
Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

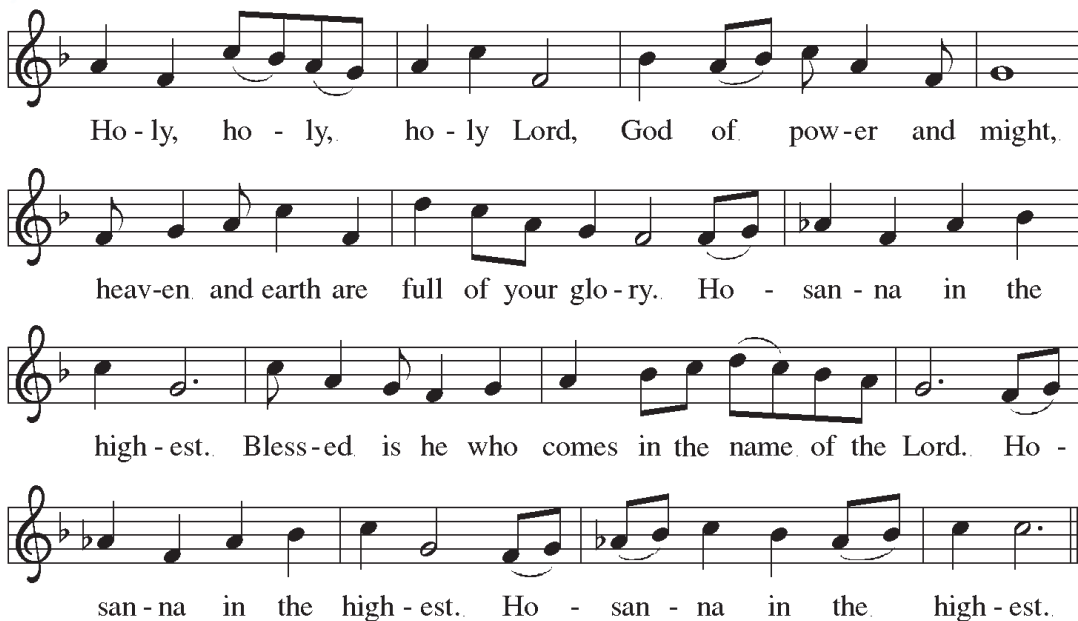
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# GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, ✠ your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

**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.**



## INVITATION

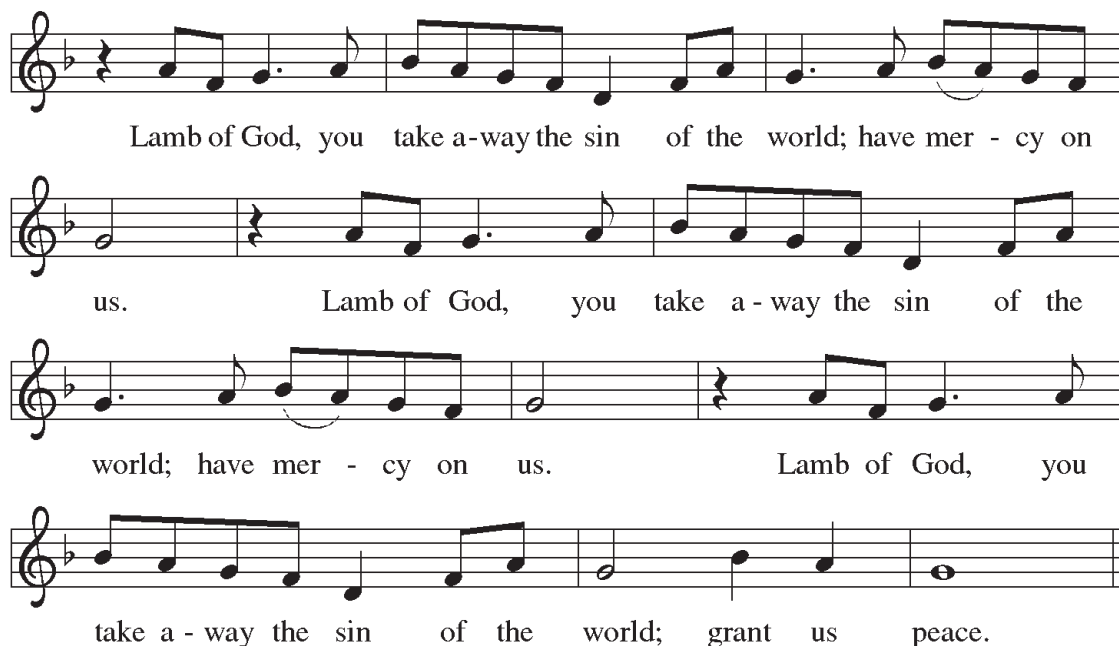
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*Because this is the Lord's table, we welcome all to receive Holy Communion. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the person serving bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those unable to drink wine. After receiving Communion, please return to your seat for singing and prayer.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

# COMMUNION MUSIC

9:00

*The Gift of Angels*  
by Charles E. Peery

Chancel Choir

## COMMUNION HYMN

## Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dian, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



*Refrain*  
in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34  
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young  
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*After communion, we rise and share in blessing and prayer.*

## BLESSING

May the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us out in peace.*

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *on next page*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord)*  
Setting by Max Reger

## AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

*Immediately following each service, Stephen Ministers are often available to pray with you at the altar rail. All prayers and conversations are confidential.*



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyr  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:  
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:  
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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## Worship Support

### Altar Guild

Chris & Don Jones,  
Mary Jo Goldenbaum, Belynda McKenzie  
Susan & Joe Noonan, Kathy Null  
Linda & Roy Tschirhart

### Lay Reader

9:00 Rhyker Love  
11:30 Meagan Lenz

### Cantor

Gavin Magee

### Communion Servers

9:00 Melanie Murray  
Rhyker Love  
11:30 Rachel Cannady  
Suzi Lockamy

### Livestream

Deb Hearn  
Justin Heinen

### Sound

Scott VanDoren

### Ushers

9:00 Shannon & Gus Rios  
Carolyn Pfeiffer  
Mary Jo & Paul Goldenbaum  
11:30 LeShea Clabough & Kevin M<sup>c</sup>Gee  
Paul Spehr  
Laura Walsh

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



### Sunday, September 29

Blessed Change Collection Well in Narthex  
Worship in person 9am Sanctuary  
Series: *Toward Better Christian Politics* 10:15 Fellowship Hall  
Series: *Heaven & Earth* 10:15 MC-1  
Faith Formation Hour for all ages 10:15 Details next page  
Worship in person and online 11:30 Sanctuary & YouTube

### Tuesday, October 1

Exercise Group 9am Church 2  
Staff Meeting 11am Break Room  
Campaign Steering Committee Mtg 6:30 Fellowship Hall  
Handbells 6:30 Sanctuary Balcony  
Children's Choir 7-7:45 Ministry Center 1  
Youth Choir 7pm Music Apse  
Warriors Anonymous 7pm Church 2

### Wednesday, October 2

High School/Elementary Mentoring 7:15am Nichols Elementary  
Crafty Bunch NEW TIME 9:00 Ed Bldg Craft Rm  
Weight Watchers Mtg 9:30 Church 2  
Midweek Worship 1:00 and 6:30pm Church 1  
Al-Anon Meeting 7pm FLC 101  
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous 7pm FLC 202  
Chancel Choir 7:15 Sanctuary

### Thursday, October 3

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 9:30 Fellowship Hall  
Weight Watchers Mtg 9:30 Church 2  
Dinner Out: Beethoven Halle 6:30 Details Page 24  
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal 7pm Church 2

### Saturday, October 5

Weight Watchers Meetings 7:30 & 9:30am Church 2

### Sunday, October 7

Worship in person 9am Sanctuary  
Series: *Toward Better Christian Politics* 10:15 Fellowship Hall  
Series: *Heaven & Earth* 10:15 MC-1  
Faith Formation Hour for all ages 10:15 Details next page  
Worship in person and online 11:30 Sanctuary & YouTube

**October 13 Church BBQ Sunday: One service at 10:00am, and no classes.**

**Study Series:  
Heaven and Earth  
Begins Today,  
September 29**

Explore Genesis 1-11, the Psalms, and the biblical wisdom literature to understand how the biblical authors

understood Heaven and Earth. This context will give richer meaning to Jesus' words about the new creation. Led by Amy McFadden, using a curriculum from BibleProject. Ministry Center Room 1, starting September 29 at 10:15am. Continues October 6, 20 and 27.



**TOWARD BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS**

**Forum Series Starts Today, September 29 at 10:15**

For the exhausted, the hurting, and the faithful, this four-session series helps reframe our political identity away from the “what” of political positions (What policy, party, or candidate is most Christian?) and toward the “how” of being centered on Jesus (How do I relate to others — including those I might disagree with — so that I better reflect Jesus?).

Meets at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall on September 29, October 6, 20 and 27. Based on the book/video course *The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics* (optional reading). Forum will consist of brief presentations by Pastor Dan, videos, and small group breakout discussions led by congregational leaders. **10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join in this class, either alongside their parents or in a specially tailored youth small group with their volunteer leader Miss Kim DeHart.**

To purchase the book, scan this QR or search the book title on Amazon.

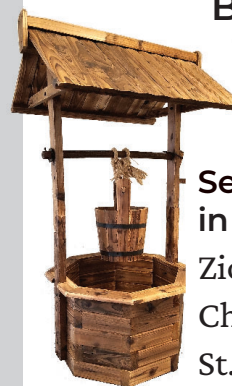


The After Party:  
Toward Better  
Christian  
Politics

**Faith Formation  
for Children and Youth**

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

Age or Grade	Room
Two Years–Kinder	MC-3
Grades 1–5	MC-4
Grades 6–9	MC-7
High School Grades 10–12	FH



**Blessed Change  
Today for  
St. Vincent  
de Paul Society  
September 29  
in the Narthex**

Zion is collecting Blessed Change Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society assisting the

community around Zion with a food pantry, home visits, utilities and season-



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al assistance. Look for the water well in the narthex and drop in your loose change, folding money and checks, or use this QR code to get to Zion's donations web page.

**Two Midweek Services  
Wednesdays at 1pm and 6:30pm  
in Church 1**

Simple communion worship services in Zion's historic chapel.

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afternoon*

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*Monday*

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**2024 CONGREGATION  
COUNCIL**

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Chris Jones	Vice President
Erica Macha	Secretary
David Umlang	At Large
Rachel Williams	At Large
Shiloh Love	At Large
Pr. Kathi Johnson	Senior Pastor
Pr. Dan Heim	Pastor



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**Church BBQ October 13**

Make a note now - the annual BBQ is fast approaching. There will be one worship service that day, at 10:00am, and no classes.

Serving begins at 11:00am in the Family Life Center. For a free-will donation, you're invited to come and enjoy brisket and beans from Zion's pit, plus potato salad and other trimmings. Coffee or tea is available, and desserts are a la carte.

Volunteers are needed to BBQ, serve, set up and take down tables and chairs, and supervise outdoor activities. Use this QR to sign up for a shift, or talk to David Umlang.

Donations are needed of baked goods for the dessert table: cookies, cakes, pies,



brownies or your special recipe treat. The Trash to Treasures sale (details below) will take unneeded housewares, toys, small furniture, tools, etc.

Outdoor activities include a "petting zoo" and pony rides, plus bounce houses. Stop by the Crafty Bunch table to get a jump on your Christmas shopping.



BBQ Volunteer  
Signup

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**Trash to Treasures Needs Your Donations  
October 11 and 12 for the Church BBQ Sale.**

Your discards might delight someone else! While you're cleaning out your closets and sheds this fall, save usable items for the Trash to Treasures sale at the Church BBQ.

Donations will be collected in the Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday, October 11 (5pm-8pm) and October 12 (9am-2pm), right before the BBQ. *Please, no TVs.*



## Special Events

### New Member Series Begins October 20

- Oct 20 12:30 Lunch and orientation in Fellowship Hall, followed by campus tour.
- Oct 27 10:15 in FLC Room 101. Meet staff, how we worship, activities, Zion history, volunteer opportunities, the ELCA.
- Nov 3
- Nov 10
- Nov 17 New members join during worship at 10:00\*  
\*One worship service at 10:00. Annual Meeting 11:15.

### Prayers for Our Public Life Sunday, October 20 at 5pm

As we approach another election season, we are holding a special service of *Prayers for Our Public Life*. All are welcome to come and pray, reflect, and receive Holy Communion as part of the Body of Christ - this is a non-partisan event. The service will be held at Zion on Sunday, October 20, at 5pm.







### Cemetery Work Day Saturday, November 2 at 9am

Our historic Lutheran cemeteries have been a local landmark since 1881, cared for through the years by volunteers from Zion. The Cemetery Board invites everyone for a few hours of fall spruce-up work. Trash bags will be provided, as well as appropriate cleaning supplies for working on headstones. Please bring your own bucket, gloves and drinking water.

### Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 17 at 11:15am

There will be one worship service on November 17, at 10:00am. The 2024 Annual Meeting follows immediately. Agenda items include church council member elections, cemetery board member elections, and 2025 spending plan approval.

### OFFICE CONTACT

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Friday close at 3:00pm
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### SUBSCRIBE TO

- Weekly Z-Mail
  - Prayer Chain
- For secure subscription info, send an e-mail to Karen at Zion@ZionSA.org

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Zion's ministry*

From Sunday morning worship to feeding families for the holidays, collecting clothing for local charity or relief supplies shipped hundreds of miles, to friendships fostered worldwide with simple hand stitches.

Because you kindly share your time, lend your skills, and support your ministry financially, Zion's impact reaches far beyond the four walls of our sanctuary. On behalf of everyone we're able to help, thank you for your contribution.

For more ways to support Zion's mission, scan this QR code.



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General Fund, updated 6/18/24

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## Music Rehearsal Schedule

Handbells	Tuesday	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir (Gr 2-5)	Tuesday	7-7:45pm	MC 1
Youth Choir (Gr 6-12)	Tuesday	7-8pm	Music Apse
Chancel Choir (Adult)	Wednesday	7:15	Sanctuary

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## Quilting for Lutheran World Relief First and Third Thursdays, October 3 and 17

Even if you don't sew, consider learning some basics with LWR Quilters! Come on out at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, as scheduled above. Contact Diane Stewart through the church office if you need more details.

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## Dinner Out at Beethoven Halle Thursday, October 5 at 6:30pm

The Dinner Out group kicks off Oktoberfest at Beethoven Männerchor Halle und Garten, 422 Pereida. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30pm.

RSVP by September 29 to Doris & Dave Newman. Call the church office if you need their contact information.



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## Game Group

Monday, October 7 at 12:30pm

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Mondays. Contact Algine Perry through the church office if you have questions.

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## Women of Zion Events

WOZ Bible Study & More

Second Tuesday October 8 at 10:00am

Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Fellowship, service projects with a Bible study on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited! Scan the QR code to get on the mailing list, or send an e-mail to [WOZ@zionsa.org](mailto:WOZ@zionsa.org).



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## 2024 Women of Zion Board

Co-Presidents	Mary Jo Goldenbaum and Linnell Brewton
Vice President	Diane Stewart
Secretary	Carolyn Pfeiffer
Treasurer	Jill Nunneley
Member-at-Large	Rhonda Knisley

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## Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Mark Begins Thursday, October 10

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Meets at 9:30am on the second and fourth Thursdays. Come to the Fellowship Hall.

## Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!

Stephen Ministers Are Care-Givers,  
God Is the Cure-Giver.



The role of a Stephen Minister is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with LeShea Clabough, our Stephen Ministry Leader. Get her contact information from the church office, 210-688-3090, or email her directly using this QR.



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**New Time for Crafty Bunch  
Every Wednesday at 9:00**

The Crafty Bunch meets in the Education Building on the west side of Leslie Road. Enter at the double doors, behind Churches 1 and 2. The craft room is the first room on the left. Bring your own project to work on.

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**Zion Bunco Group  
4th Monday, October 28 at  
1:00pm**

Zion Bunco Group will meet on the fourth Monday for a rousing game of Bunco and fellowship. Meet at 1:00, the Fellowship Hall. For info contact Shirley Homeier-McBrayer through the church office.

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**Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship  
Monday, October 14 at 6:00pm**

Zion Zippers meet on the second Monday of each month for a potluck dinner, beginning at 6pm. If you're fifty years or older, you're invited. Please bring a dish or two to share with your Zipper friends. Bring your own plate and utensils if you can, and invite a friend, too!

After dinner on October 14, we'll roll over into a live-game of BINGO. Contact Kathy Newman through the church office if you have a question or suggestion for a guest speaker or activity.

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**M MomCo, a Community for All Moms  
Wednesday, October 16 in MC Room 1**

Zion MomCo\* supports moms by building community for growth in faith and as parents. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month in Zion's Ministry Center from 9:30-noon. They also are in need of adult volunteers to provide child care those Wednesdays.

Scan the QR to register or volunteer, or contact Nicole Stender (mops@zionsa.org) to get more info!

*\* Formerly MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers*

MomCo Registration



**Men's Fellowship Dinner  
Third Monday, October 21 at 6:30pm**

All men are invited to meet at Golden Corral, Loop 1604 at Bandera, for food, thoughtful study, camaraderie, and all YOUR ideas for Men's Ministry! Contact David Umlang at lmm@zionsa.org if you need more details.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Jesus wants us to be at peace with one another.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 9:38-50</b>	<b>Avoiding sin</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29</b>	<b>Moses and the elders</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>James 5:13-20</b>	<b>The power of prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Matthew 5:9</b>	<b>Blessed are the peacemakers</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 4</b>	<b>An evening prayer</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Thessalonians 3:16-17</b>	<b>Final greetings</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 19:7-14</b>	<b>The wonders of God</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 10:2-16</b>	<b>Jesus blesses the children</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But Jesus said, “do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us.”* **Mark 9:39-40 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of peace, we thank you for all those who do acts of kindness and mercy in your name through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, for the food that we eat and your love that we receive through this meal, we give you our thanks and praise. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the love of God give you peace in Jesus' name.



SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

## HYMN OF THE WEEK



*I've Got Peace Like a River*

## WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or talk about a time when someone unexpectedly did something kind for you.
- How can assistance from someone you didn't expect help from be seen as the work of God and give you peace?

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Mark 9:38-50.

What Jesus says in this reading is difficult to understand and seems very harsh. Jesus knows his life will not be easy and that following him will not be easy either. *A Caring Conversation* question once asked, "When have you felt judged for your faith?" One person's answer was, "from fellow Christians!" That responder noted that it was also easy for him to look down on other Christians who are not like himself. We tend to want other believers to fall into our own patterns and ways of being a Christian. Jesus clearly rejects this attitude for his disciples. If others are doing good deeds in Jesus' name but are not a member of your congregation or denomination, leave them alone! Otherwise, we may be causing someone to unnecessarily trip and fall, and they can be seriously hurt in the process. In the strongest terms possible, Jesus cautions us not to be the cause of others to stumble and fall. That is not the way of a follower of Jesus. Jesus wants us to "be at peace with one another" (v. 50).

*Discuss:* In what ways can you communicate a message of peace with others?

*Pray:* **God of steadfast love, help us to support the faith and efforts of Christians who do acts of love and mercy that may be different from our own, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, identify and thank people who offer valuable care to others.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalms 19 says that God's commands and teachings are more precious than gold and sweeter than honey (v. 10). We are called to carry these commands and teachings with us like jewelry and to take them in like a favorite food. One way we can carry God's commands and teachings with us in our daily lives is through the memorization of Bible verses. Write this verse from Psalm 19:14 on a piece of paper, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Read this verse repeatedly until it is memorized.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)





