Divine Service



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1st, 2023 Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we can know how we can best of serve. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: "The soul who sins shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of anyone" (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, "shall surely live; he shall not die" (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, "he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death" (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now "shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even "the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God" (Matt. 21:31–32).



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

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- ☑ 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

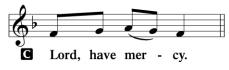
Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the | humble;* he casts the wicked to the ground. Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;* for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;* he gathers the outcasts of | Israel. He heals the broken- | hearted* and binds | up their wounds. He determines the number | of the stars;* he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;* his understanding is beyond | measure. Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD lifts up the | humble;* he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

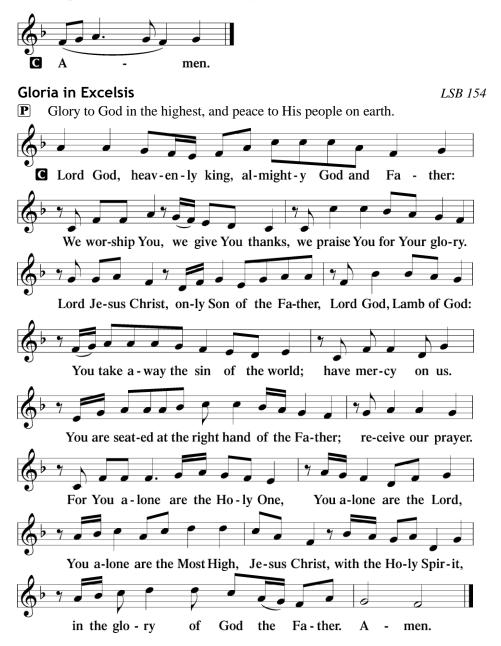


For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

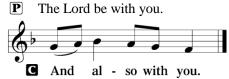


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P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die....

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*

to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,* and all that is within me, bless his | holy name! Psalm 91:11; 103:1

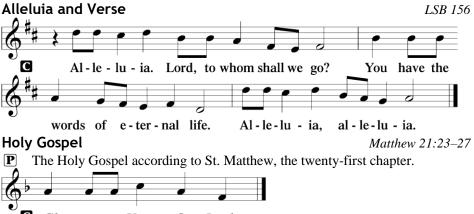
Epistle

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others...

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

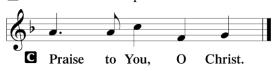
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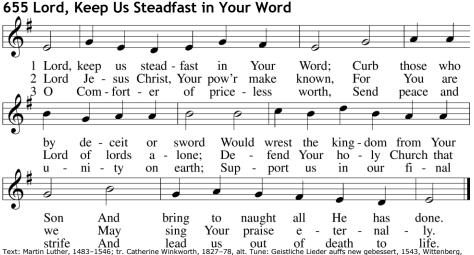
C Thanks be to God.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."





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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

С I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holv Spirit. the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 🕂 everlasting. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,".

The Offering

Please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper as the offering is gathered. You may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn as you prepare to receive the sacrament.

Mary Martha - "Lutheran Women, One and All"

Stand



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, 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 161 Ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: С ho ly, 0 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He Ho who san-na. san -comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **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.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

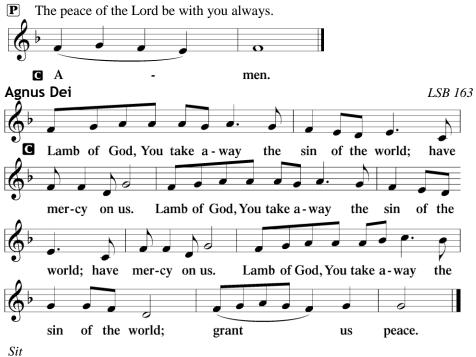
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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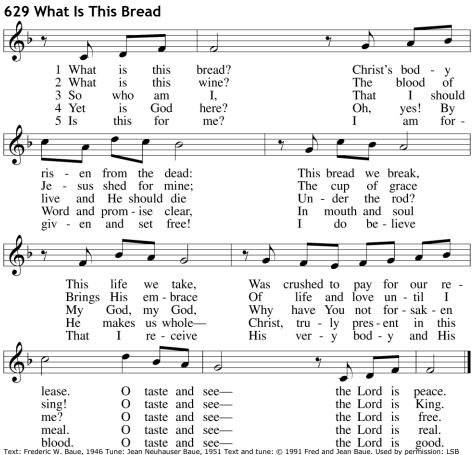


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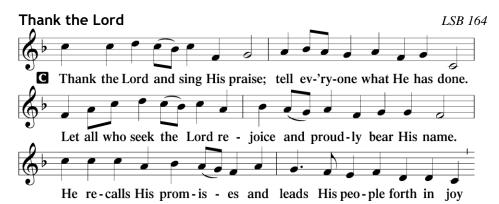
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The Dismissal

- 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.





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

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P 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.



857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

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Prayers for Our Members	
Judy Ahrens	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing
Linda Luhn	Healing
Diane Plummer	Healing
Norrine Rockwell	Healing
Debra Schinkel	Healing
Don Trampe	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Recovery
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Bertha Marienau	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends					
Makenzie Brooks (Bruce and Joni's daughter-in-law)	Expecting				
Tenaya Nuttelman (Jared's wife)	Expecting				
Nicole Teten (Chris and Sarah Hoehner's daughter)	Expecting				
Naomi Wollberg (Matthias Wollberg's wife)	Expecting				
Ethan Arevalo (Luis Arevalo's brother)	Military				
Andrew Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Deployed				
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's				
Don Axeman (Friend of the Bartels')	Healing				
Joan Bentley (Family friend of the Kreutzer's)	Healing				
Elaine de la Motte (Carol Herron's sister-in-law)	Healing				
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing				
Sarah Forinash (Richmond's daughter)	Healing				
Robert Haubold (Don Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing				
David Heapy (Janel Lange's father)	Healing				
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing				
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing				
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing				
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing				
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing				
Virginia Vest (Sue Bartels' cousin)	Healing				
David Shiers (Jessica's father)	Surgery				
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer				
Diane Brandt (Friend of Junge's and Helmbrecht's)	Cancer				
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer				
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer				
Gay Koopman (Todd Koopman's sister)	Cancer				
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer				
Helen Lange (Friend of the Bartels')	Cancer				
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer				
Lindsey Muniz (Steve & Fran's niece)	Cancer				
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer				
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer				
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer				

Response to the Gospel

Date: 9/24/2023 Offering: \$3,766.30 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Mary Martha, In honor of LWML Sunday. Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Mary Martha, In honor of LWML Sunday.

Sunday, October 1st - 9:00a

Elder: Bruce BrooksUsher: Fred FlessnerAcolyte: Makenna StarkeyEngineer: Jared NuttelmanAnnouncer: Lonna GronewollerAltar Guild: Jami & Shirley HelmbrechtSunday, October 8th - 9:00a

Elder: Dan Oertwig Acolyte: Grace Burger Announcer: Carol Kreutzer Usher: Steve Junge Engineer: Jamie Nikodym Altar Guild: Jami & Shirley Helmbrecht

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<u>This Week at Zion</u>				
Sun 10/1	9:00a	Divine Service		
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School		
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast		
		1460AM & 92.1FM		
	5:00p	Divine Service		
	6:15p	Adult Instruction Class		
Mon 10/2				
Tues 10/3	1:30p	Sleeping Mats		
	Anniversaries	Jerry & Margaret Hansen		
	Birthdays	Elaine Stuehm		
Wed 10/4	8:30a	Chapel		
	5:00p	Midweek		
	7:00p	Adult Choir		
	Birthdays	Tanner Barth		
		James Davis		
		Richard Kruetzer		
Thurs 10/5				
Fri 10/6	Birthdays	Shirley Oertwig		
Sat 10/7	Birthdays	Fred Flessner		
	-	Daniel Oertwig		
		Jacob Wollberg		
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Announcements for October 1st, 2023

<u>Church Directories</u>: The directories are finally in! If you didn't have your picture taken or sent in a photo, directories are available in the office for \$15.

Also, be on the lookout for information about our Universal Church Directory Mobile App. This will allow us to add families and pictures that are not in the hard copy. Holly will be the primary contact for this once it is all set up.

<u>4th Quarter Missions:</u> Zion's fourth quarter mission project, October through December, will be supporting Zion students studying to be Church Workers: Peter Kreutzer (Concordia) LTD

Jessica Zehendner (Concordia) LTD

Those wishing to donate, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex and place them in the offering plate.

<u>Adult Instruction Class:</u> An Adult Instruction Class is meeting each Sunday in our Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m. Please contact Pastor DeLoach (james.deloach@zionkearney.org or 308-627-5260) with any questions.

<u>Sunday School:</u> Sunday School is provided for any child age 3-12th grade. We are still in need of someone to teach Sunday School or willing to fill in some days. If you are interested, contact Matt Hodgson - (308) 627-7732 or matthodgson1@hotmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

<u>No School:</u> There will be no school on Friday, September 29th for a teacher in-service.

<u>**Pie Sales:**</u> Students received packets last week for the Pie Sales. Students have until October 27th to turn in orders.

<u>Receipts:</u> Remember to save your grocery receipts, UPC codes and Coke rewards codes. Apple Market receipts (dated September 1 through March 31 of each year) Best Choice UPC (Apple Market & Boogaarts private label) and Our Family UPC (Family Fresh private label) Coke Rewards codes from 20 oz, .5 L, 1.25 L, 2 L, Fridge packs and 24 packs. Just drop them in the small container by the south parking lot door.

*Family Fresh is no longer participating in their receipt program.