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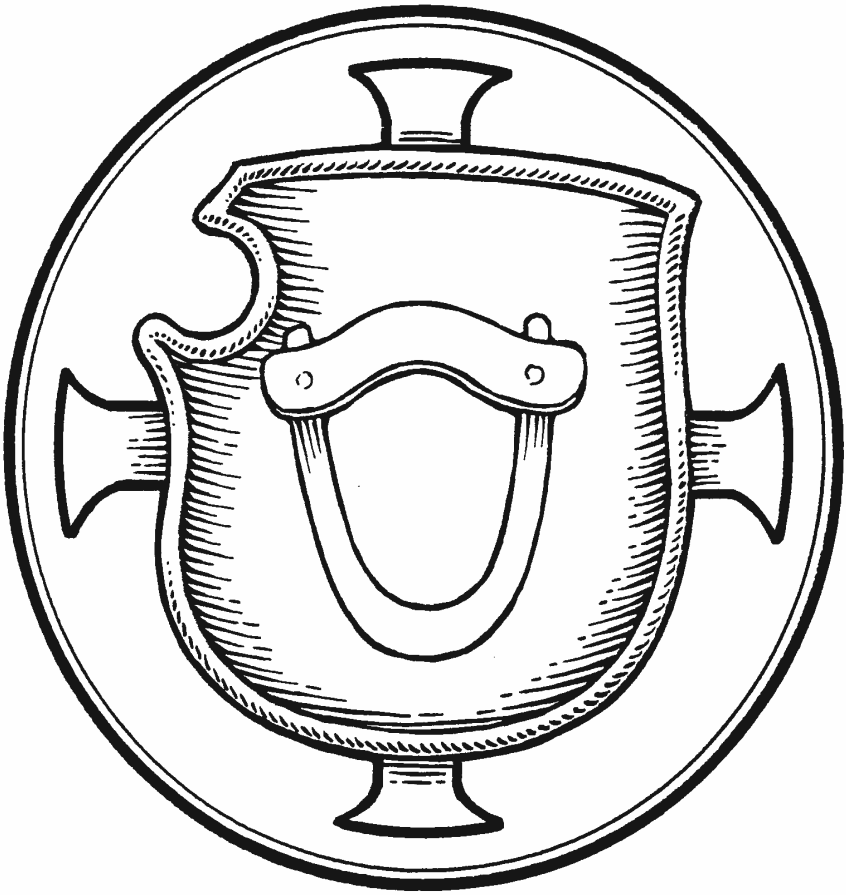

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1st, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we know how we can best serve you. 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.

We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God

Wickedness and evil come *"from within, out of the heart,"* and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus *"declared all foods clean"* (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, *"listen to the statutes and the rules"* of the Lord, *"and do them, that you may live"* (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is *"your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples"* (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it *"to your children and your children's children"* (Deut. 4:9). Put on this *"armor of God"* by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may *"stand firm"* in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the *"gospel of peace,"* and take up *"the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,"* by confessing Christ Jesus and *"praying at all times in the Spirit"* (Eph. 6:14–18).

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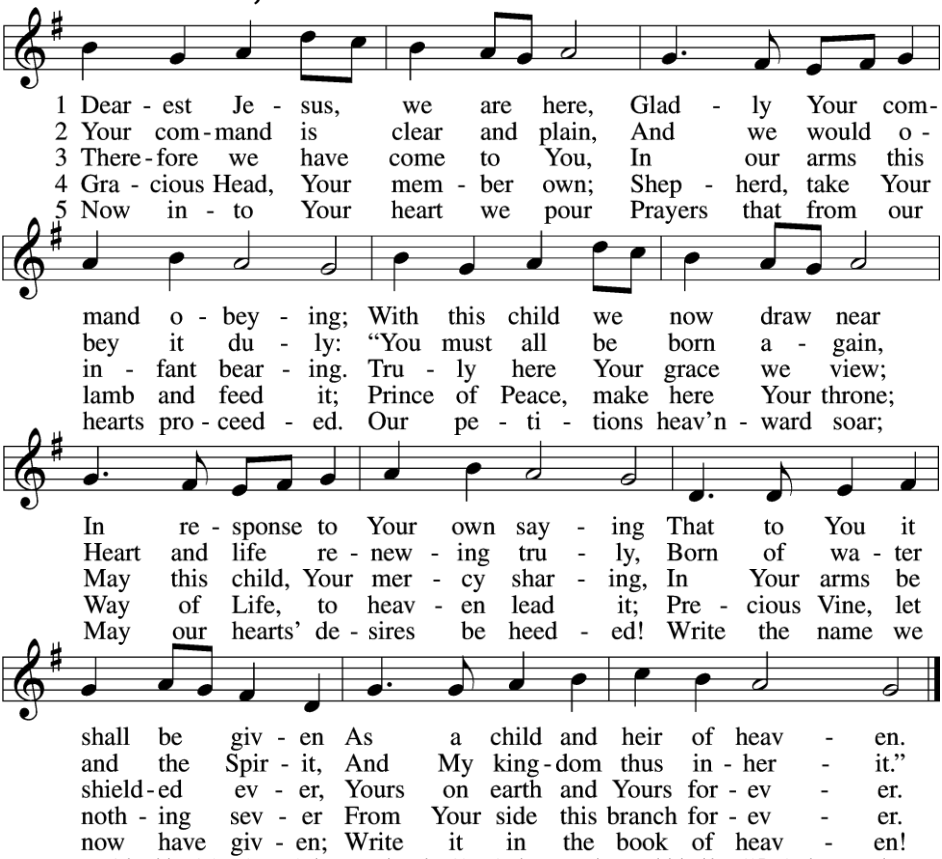
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Holy Baptism (9 a.m.) *LSB 268*

Stand

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 203*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

℗ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

Confession of Sins *LSB 203*

ℂ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution *LSB 204*

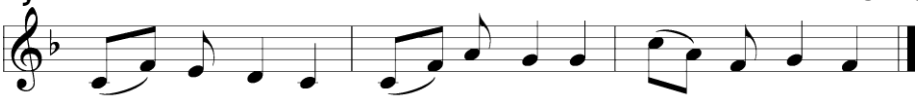
℗ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

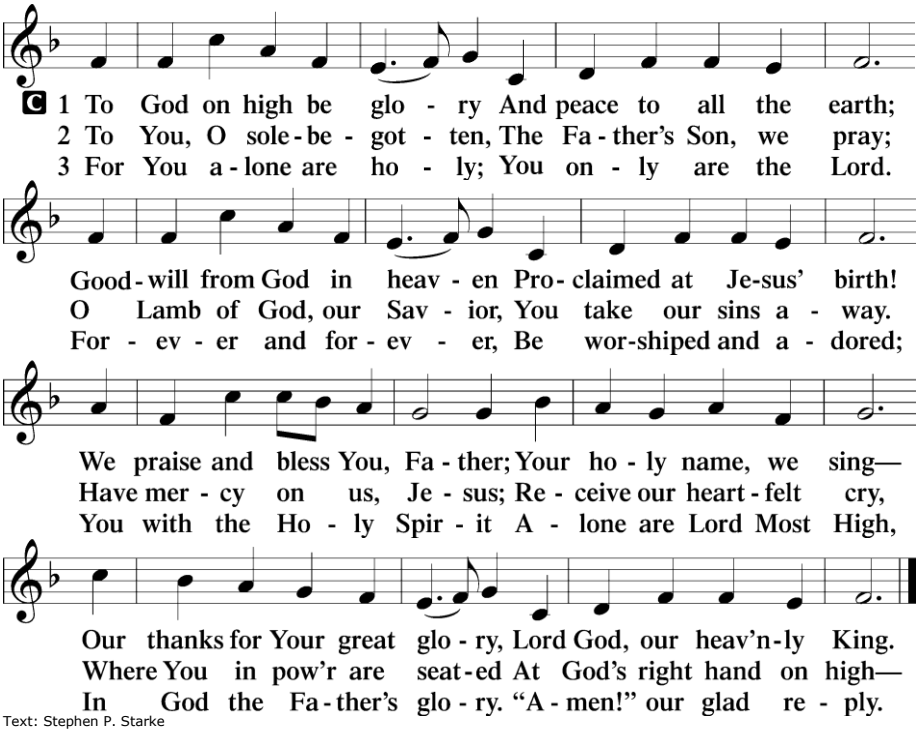
Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2*

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
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.
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

Kyrie *LSB 204*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



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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.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you,
and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the
LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I
command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD
your God that I command you. . . .

6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding
in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely
this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' 7 For what great nation is there
that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon
him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous
as all this law that I set before you today?

9 "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that
your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life.
Make them known to your children and your children's children."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10–20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the
whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the
authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the
spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor
of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to
stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on
the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the
readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of
faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take
the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,
18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep
alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me,
that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery
of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly,
as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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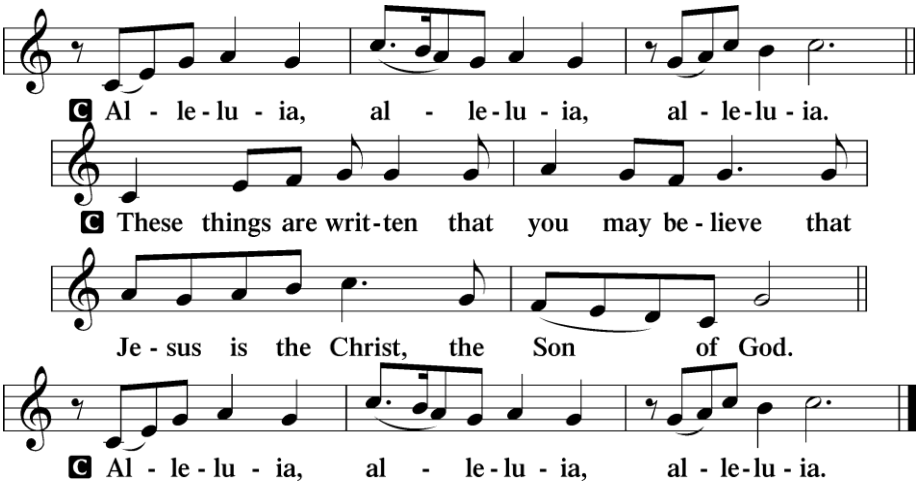
Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

14 [Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you,
and understand: 15 There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile
him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." 17 And when he
had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable.
18 And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see
that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters not
his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20 And
he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of
the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,
22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All
these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

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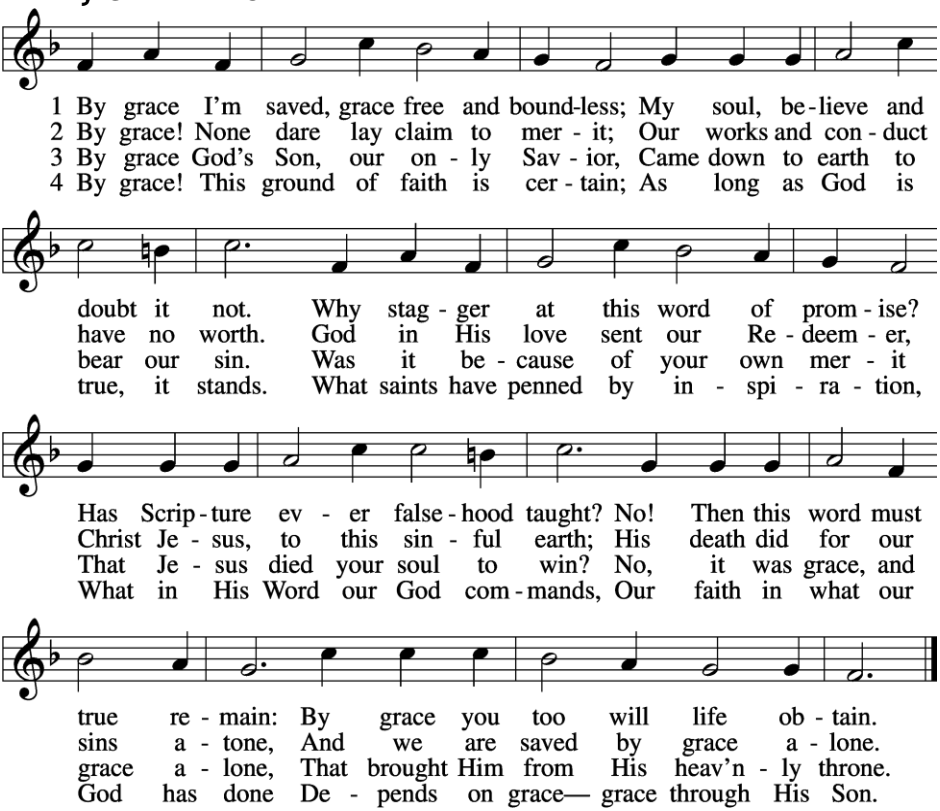
5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C **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 Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

Consecration of the Offering

After the peace please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn

Service of the Sacrament

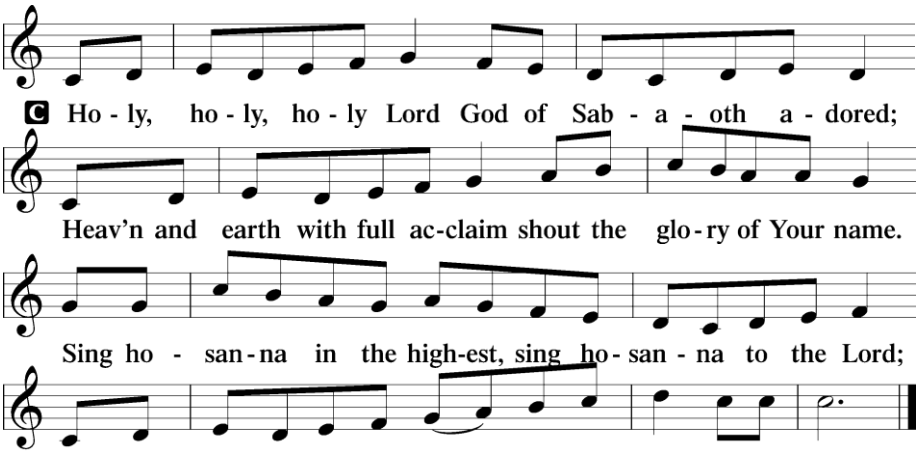
Preface *LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 208



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Lord's Prayer

℄ **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 *LSB 197*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

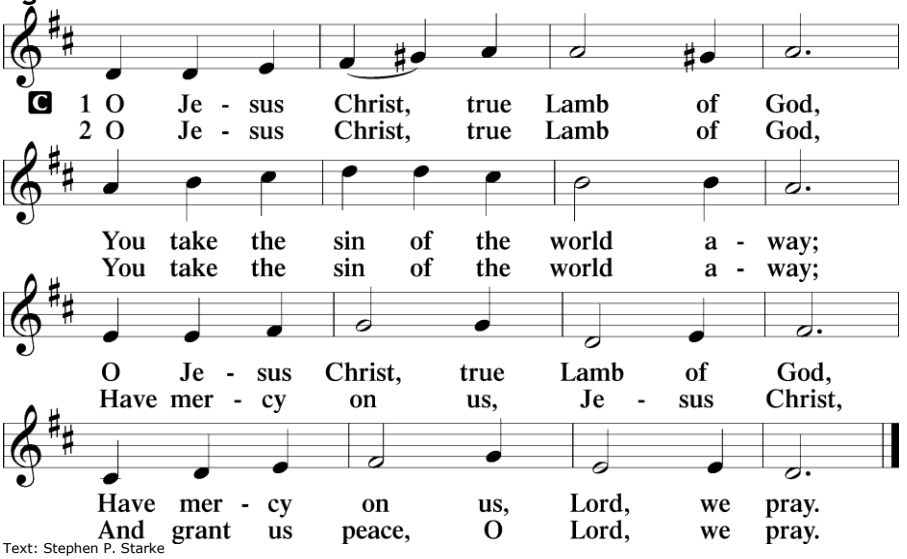
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*



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Distribution

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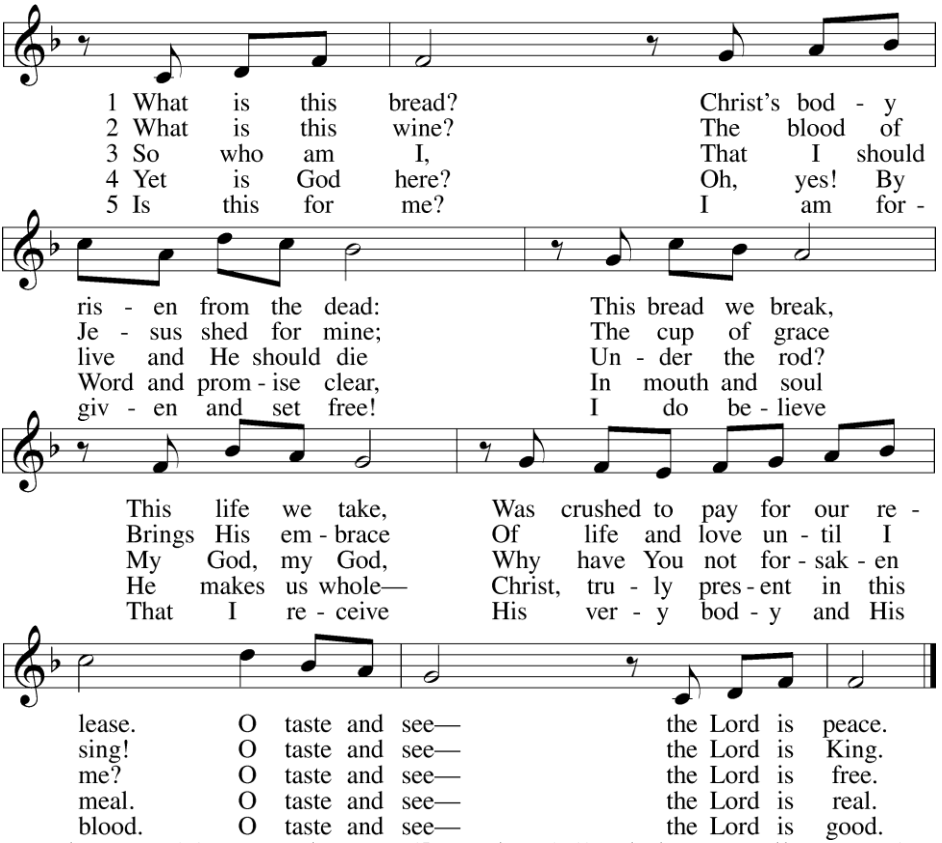

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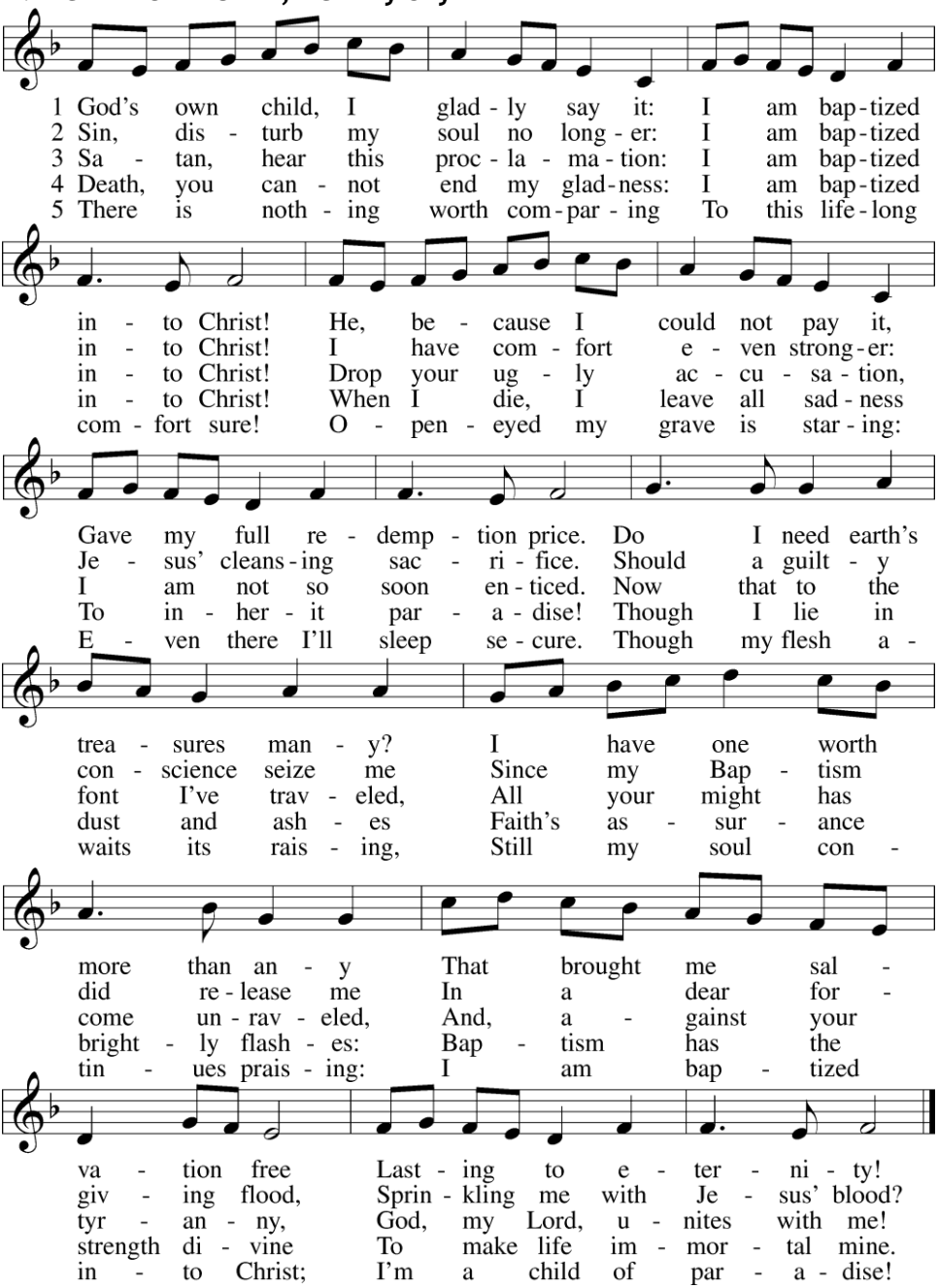
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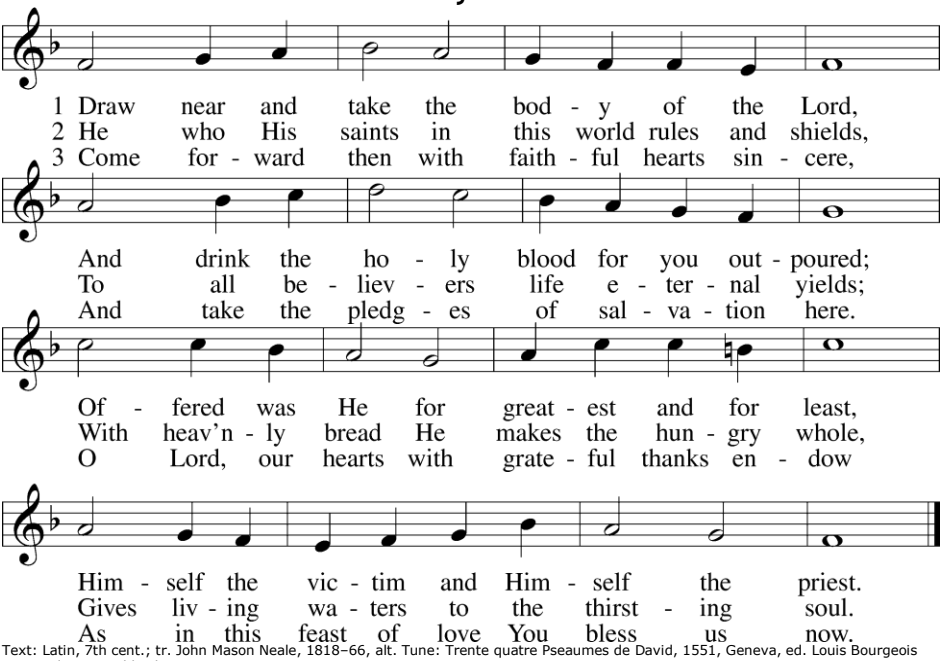

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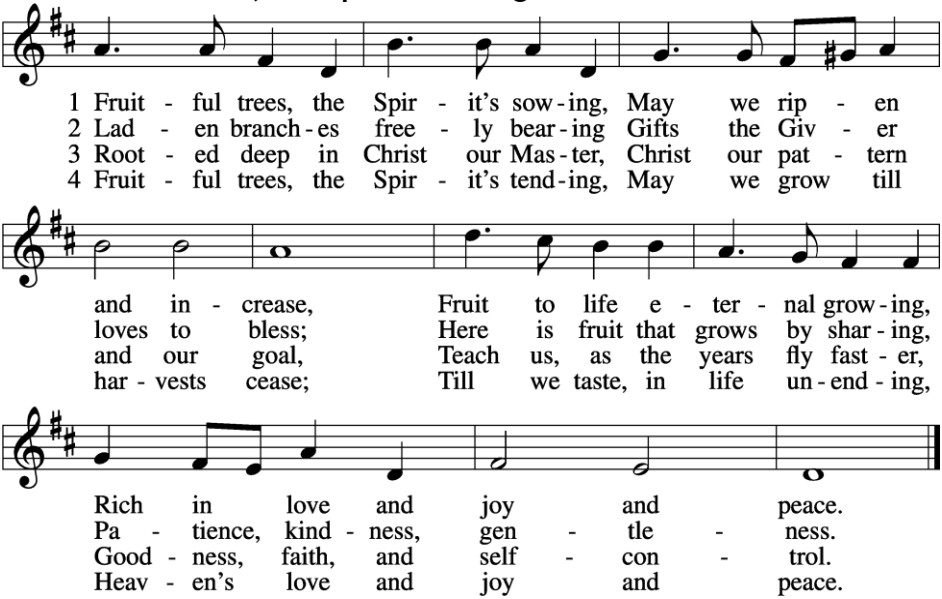
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Stand

The Dismissal

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

C **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

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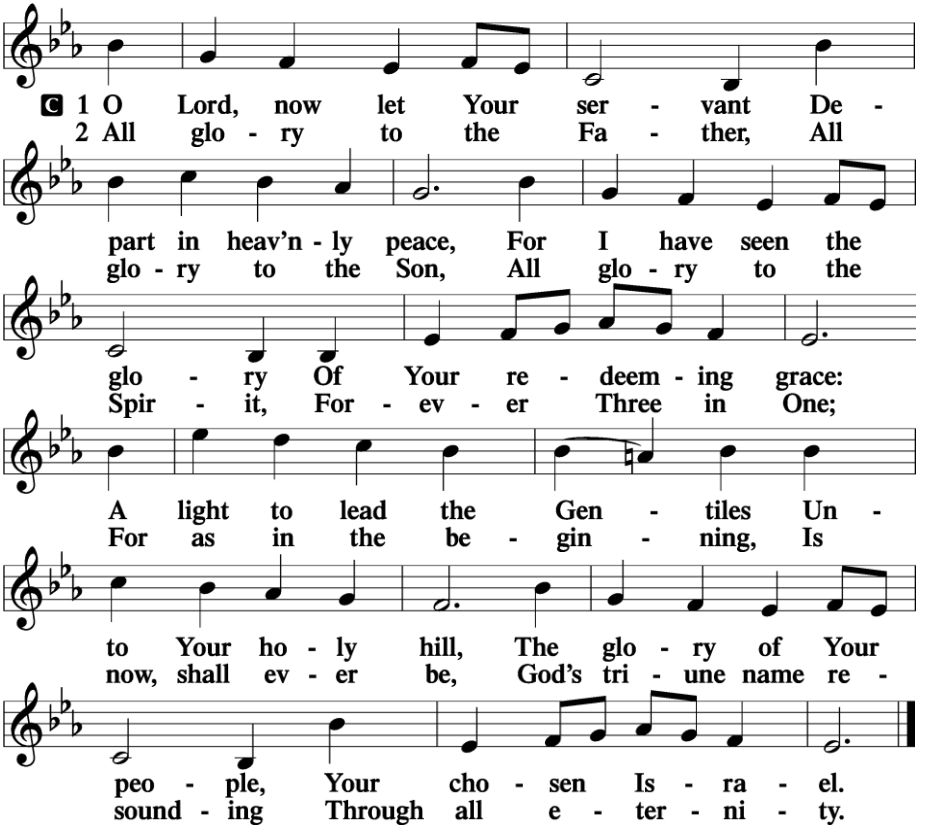
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness 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.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

℗ 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.

℃ **Amen.**

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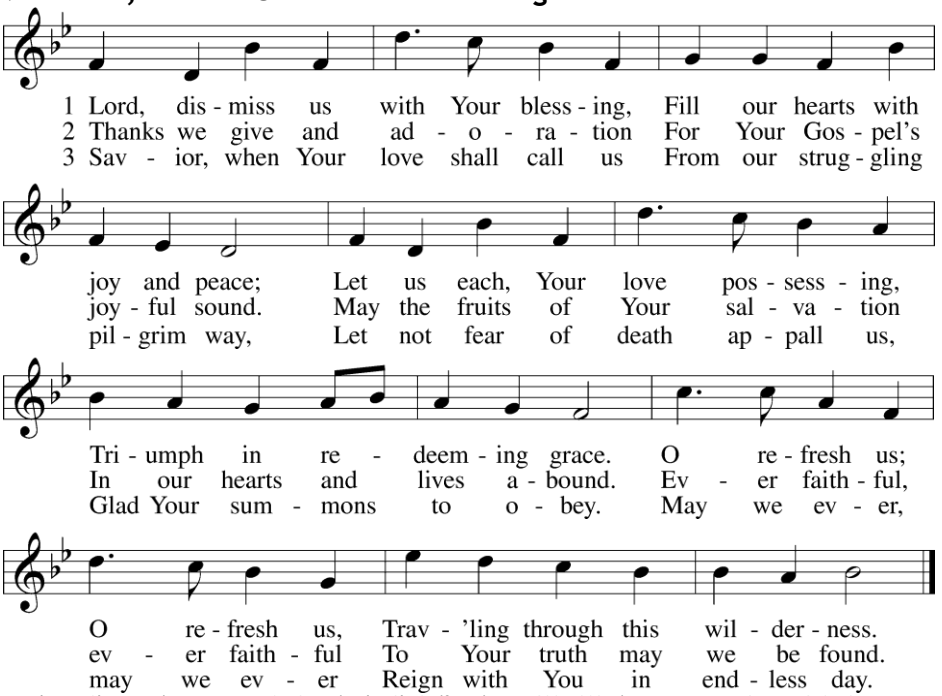
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Wylder Lee Rupprecht	**Holy Baptism**
Judy Ahrens	Healing
Gary Albers	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Kay Banner	Healing
Bruce Brooks	Healing
Pat Catterson	Healing
Pat Flodine (*Cambridge Court*)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Cindi Foresman	Healing
Sheryl Fox	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden *(Mother Hull)*	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Rebecca Larsen	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz	Healing
Betty Mustard	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Norrine Rockwell (*Mother Hull)*	Healing
Jane Schmid	Healing
Gretchen Trampe (*Prairie View)*	Healing
Cinda Ward	Healing
Jill Bates	Cancer
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends	
Family & Friends of Betty Neal (Sister of Dennis Holtz, Kathy Hoffman and Janet Blasingame)	**Grief**
Wylder Lee Rupprecht	**Holy Baptism**
Kellsey McMahon (*Hoehner's daughter*)	Expecting
Taylor Parker (*Zehendner's daughter*)	Expecting
Roger Young (*Tiffany Davis' father*)	Parkinson's
Jac (*Banner's friend*)	Healing
Joan Bentley (*Kreutzer's friend*)	Healing
Reed Flodine (*Pat's grandson*)	Healing
Jerry Foote (*Carol Herron's friend*)	Healing
Marilyn Glover (*Don Helmbrecht's sister)*	Healing
David Heapy (*Janel Lange's father*)	Healing
Annette Hoffman (*Robin Baker's cousin*)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (*Ruby Hatfield's sister*)	Healing
Tim Powers (*Kim Wilkens' brother)*	Healing
Howard Quandt (*Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)*	Healing
Eve Sane (*Quentin Lange's friend*)	Healing
Randy Solomon *(Beth Rosenthal's father)*	Healing
Emmett Sprague *(Jill Bates' nephew*)	Healing
Joanne Staton (*Kristian Arevalo's grandmother*)	Healing
Ruth Sturgeon (*Joyce Hartmann's aunt)*	Healing
Gerald Taubenheim (*Jan Hatfield's uncle)*	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (*Willers' friend)*	Cancer
Brent Burhoop (*Friend of the Hatfield family*)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (*Ruby Hatfield's niece*)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen *(Jeff's dad)*	Cancer
Steven Junge (*Steve & Fran's nephew*)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (*Rich & Carol's sister-in-law*)	Cancer
Helen Lange (*Bartels' friend)*	Cancer
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Milton Naprstek *(Marilyn Fuqua's brother)*	Cancer
Ashlynn Ostgren (*friend of Carol Florang)*	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir *(Pam's nephew)*	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 8/25/2024
Offering: $7,922.30
Weekly Need: $7,900

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

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Worship Assistants

Sunday, September 1st - 9:00a

Elder: Ken Hockemeier	Usher: Fred Flessner
Acolyte: Asher Splittgerber	Engineer: Jamie Marquardt
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller	Altar Guild: Carol Gaunt & Liz Gaunt

Sunday, September 8th - 9:00a

Elder: Nathan Gaunt	Usher: Steve Junge
Acolyte: William Hodgson	Engineer: Jared Nuttelman
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This Week at Zion

Sun 9/1	**9:00a** **10:30a** **10:30a** **5:00p** *Birthdays*	**Divine Service** **Adult Bible Study** **Radio Broadcast** **1460AM & 92.1FM** **Divine Service** *Tom Peterson*
Mon 9/2	*Birthdays*	*Carol Kreutzer*
Tues 9/3	**1:30p** *Birthdays*	**Sleeping Mats** *Andy Wollberg* *Jeffrey Strong*
Wed 9/4	**8:30a** *Birthdays*	**Chapel** *Abigail Lange*
Thurs 9/5		
Fri 9/6	*Birthdays*	*Jesse Florang*
Sat 9/7	*Birthdays*	*Gabriel Bates* *Steve Junge*
Sun 9/8	**9:00a** **10:30a** **10:30a** **5:00p** *Birthdays*	**Divine Service** **Adult Bible Study & Sunday School** **Radio Broadcast** **1460AM & 92.1FM** **Divine Service** *Harvest Wilkens*

Announcements for September 1st, 2024

Labor Day: The office will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day.

Weekly Devotion Helps for September 8, 2025:
Here's this weeks "Hymn of the Day" (HOD) for next Sunday so our members and students can read, sing, and study it to prepare for worship. All hymns are from the Lutheran Service Book. Next week's HOD is #797 ~ "Praise the Almighty." Go to "zionkearney.com/worship" for study helps.

We will also participate in our synod's "Memory Verse Challenge" as we all memorize the same Bible verse each week. This week's verse is "***And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.***" (Acts 4:12)

Sunday School: We will resume Sunday School on Sunday, September 8th at 10:30am.

Financial Report: The fiscal year financial report ending 6/30/2024 is available in the church office. Contact Holly (308-234-3410) if you would like a copy.

Adult Choir: Like to sing? Join Zion's adult choir when rehearsals start up Wednesday, September 4, at 7:00 pm in the balcony. Rehearsals last one hour or less, choir sings about once a month, and no special music training is required! High school students are also welcome to join in on the fun! Questions? Look for more information in the September Sower or call/text Carol DeLoach, 308-627-2279. "The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him." Exodus 15:2

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers: If you are interested, consider signing up for a radio broadcast! We are grateful to have the opportunity to spread the gospel this way but we need the funds to do it.

Sanctuary Committee Updates

- Of the 41 pews that will be replaced, 18 full pews have been claimed and 5 half-pews have been requested. Four individuals have expressed an interest in some lumber from broken down pews.
- We are looking for an individual who would be able to convert a full pew to a half-pew. If you or someone you know would be able to do this work for a price, please contact Mr. Splittgerber.
- We are now accepting requests from the public for full pews and/or lumber. Please have them email Mr. Splittgerber at Anthony.splittgerber@zionkearney.org to make a request. It should be understood that all claiming pews will be responsible for the loading and transport of them. Please do share with others who may be interested! We want our pews to go to a good home!
- Claimed pews will be available for pick-up by appointment Oct. 2-Oct. 5. More info to come. Mr. Splittgerber will send an email in the next 2 weeks to verify claims for those who had expressed interest via the survey. If you are interested, but do not get an email by Sept. 8, please reach out to him or the church office.

SCHOOL NEWS

Apple Market Receipts: 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 blue container by the south parking lot door.
*Family Fresh is no longer participating in their receipt program.