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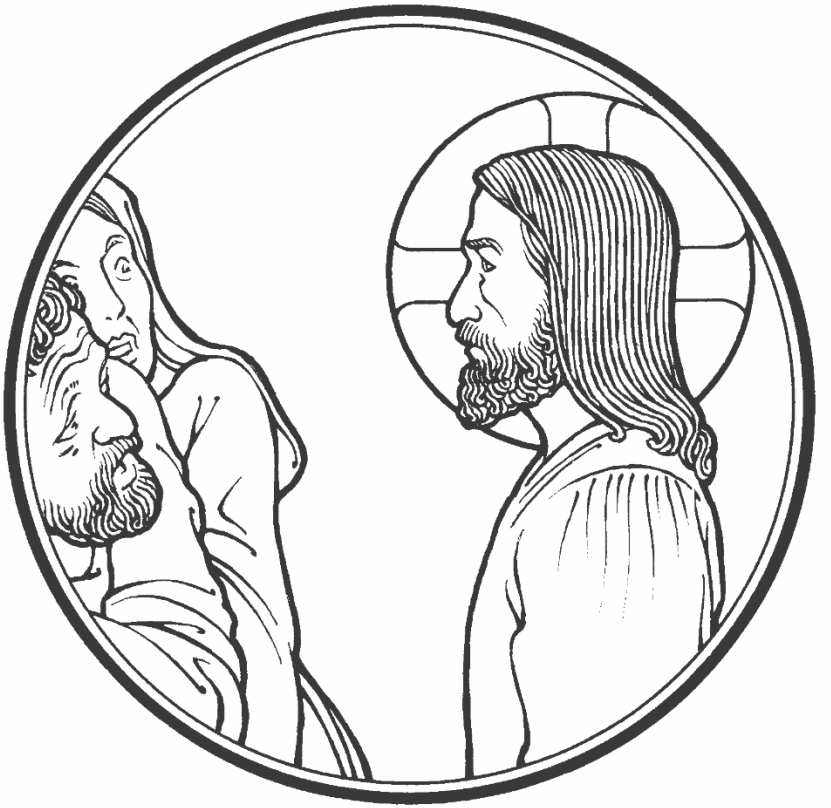

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24th, 2025

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.

The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God

With the cross of Christ, the time has come *"to gather all nations and tongues"* (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord's glory *"among the nations"* (Is. 66:19). Many *"will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God"* (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only *"weeping and gnashing of teeth"* (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ's disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into *"the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem"* (Heb. 12:22).

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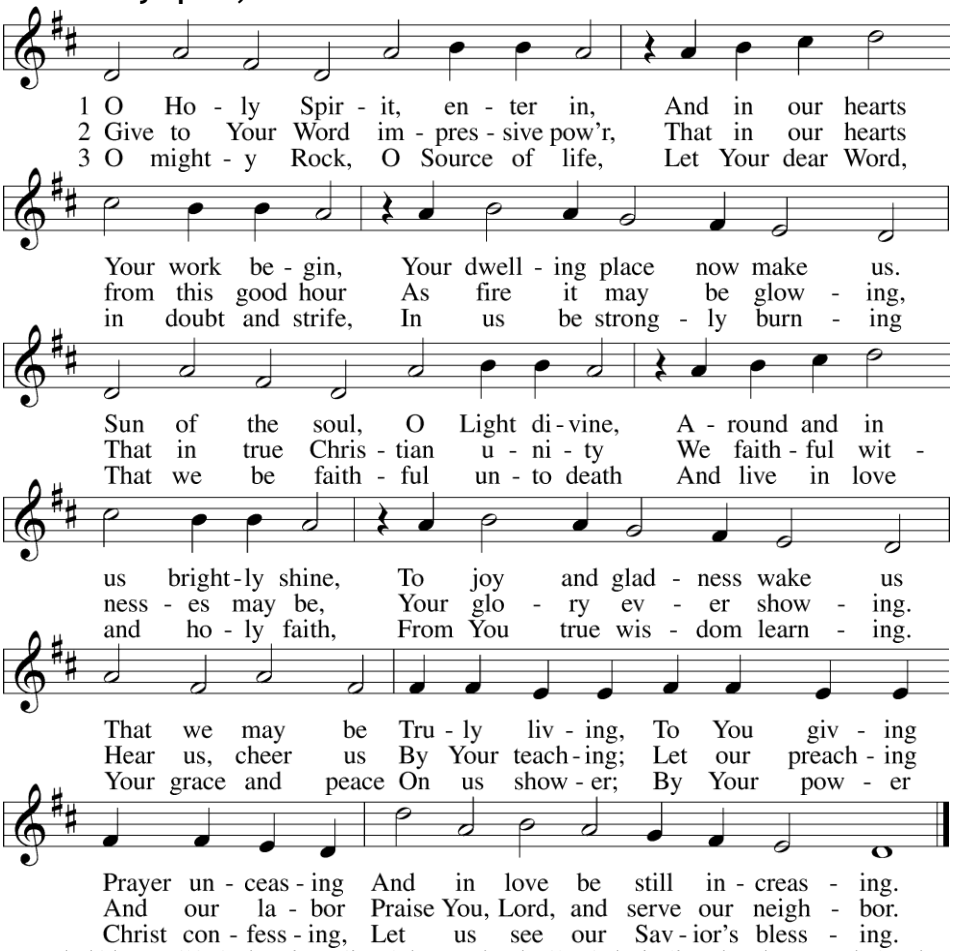
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

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 of Sins *LSB 151*

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.

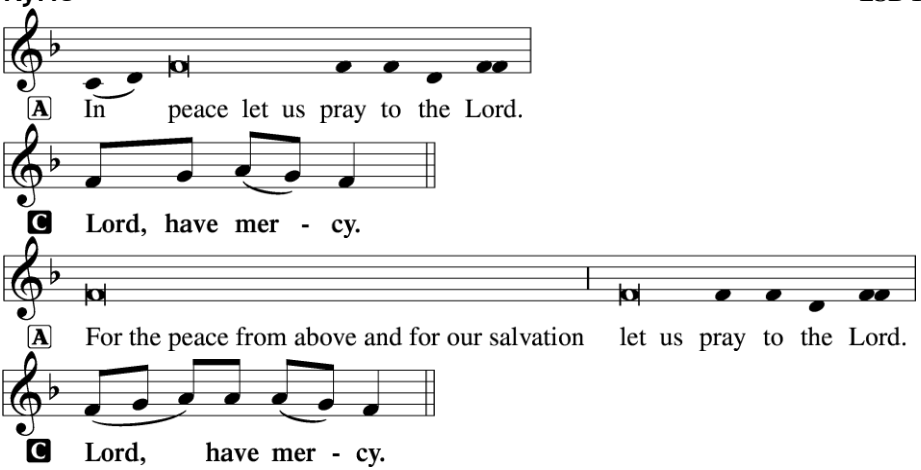
C **Amen.**

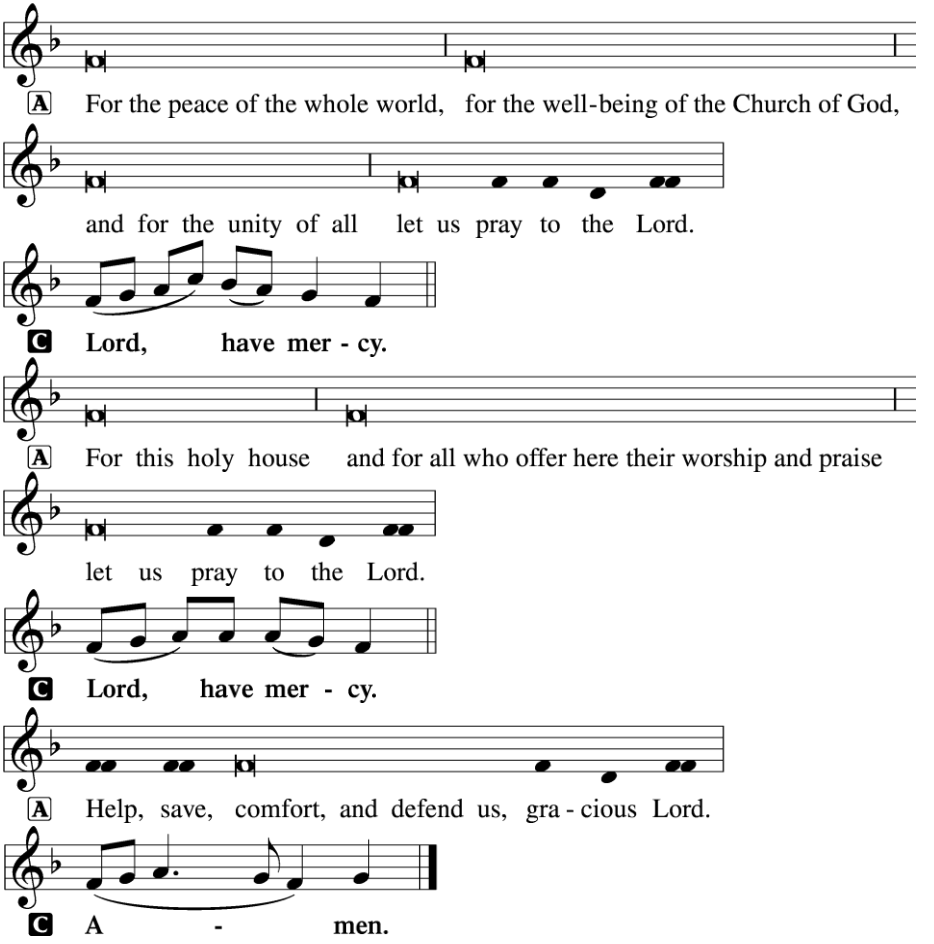
Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18*

Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;*
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!
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.
Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;*
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Kyrie *LSB 152*





Gloria in Excelsis

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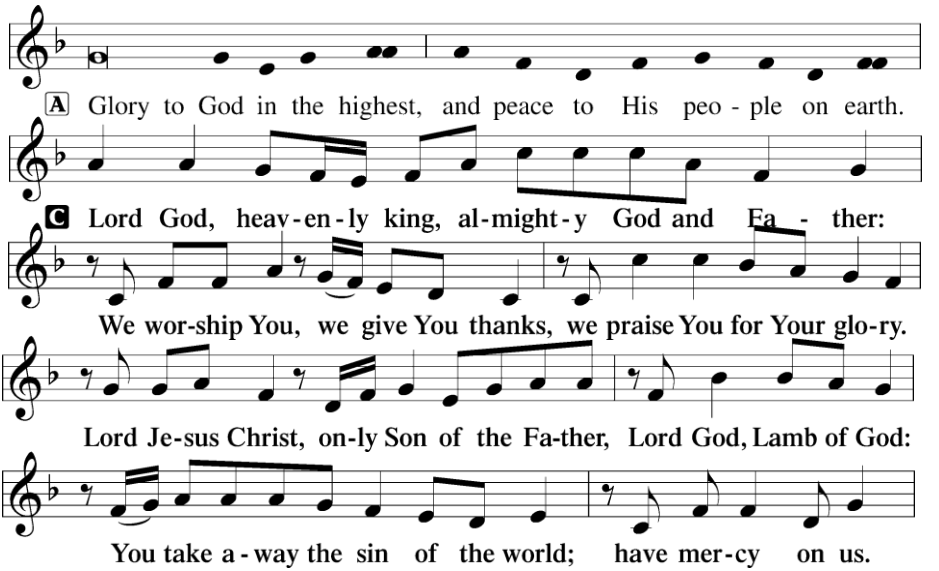
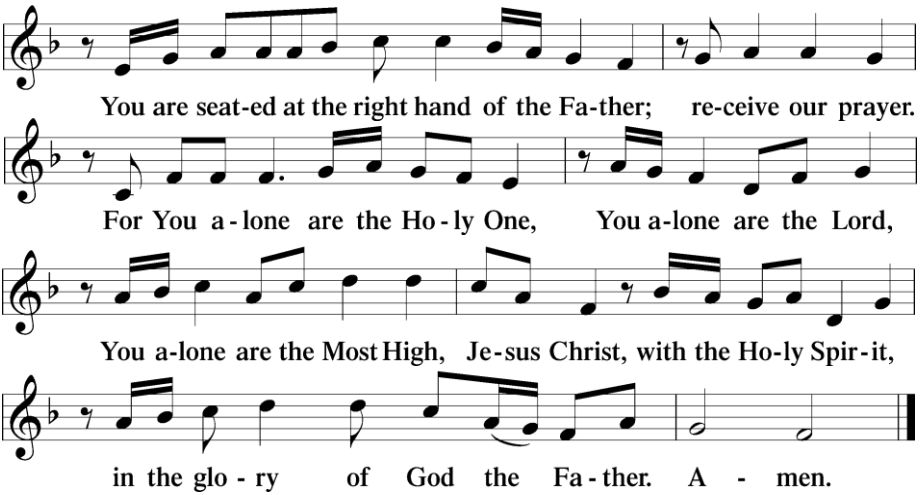
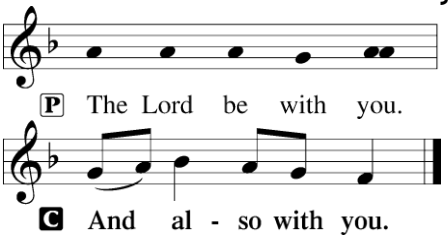
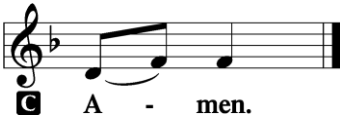




Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:18–23

18 "For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all
nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, 19 and I will set a sign
among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and
Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not
heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.
20 And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD,
on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy
mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in
a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. 21 And some of them also I will take for priests
and for Levites, says the LORD.

22 “For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.
23 From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.”

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

Hebrews 12:4–24

4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your
blood. 5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?
“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.
6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”
7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son
is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in
which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Besides
this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we
not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us
for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we
may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than
pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been
trained by it.
12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13 and make
straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather
be healed. 14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no
one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no
“root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;
16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a
single meal. 17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing,
he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.
18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and
gloom and a tempest 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the
hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. 20 For they could not endure
the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.”

[21]Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” [22]But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, [23]and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, [24]and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Alleluia and Verse

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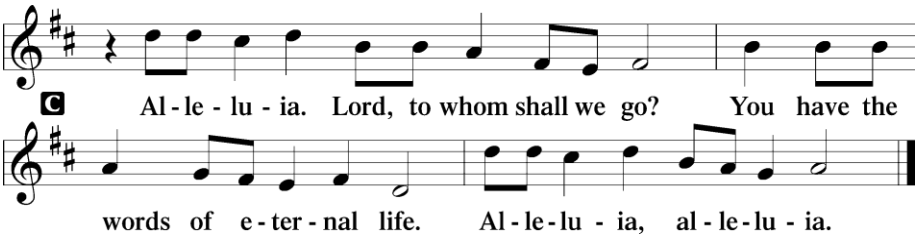
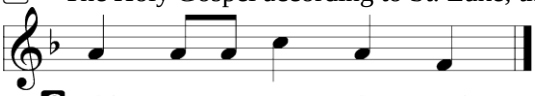

Holy Gospel

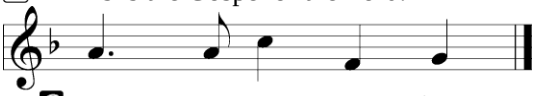
Luke 13:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.



[22][Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. [23]And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, [24]“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. [25]When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ [26]Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ [27]But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ [28]In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. [29]And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. [30]And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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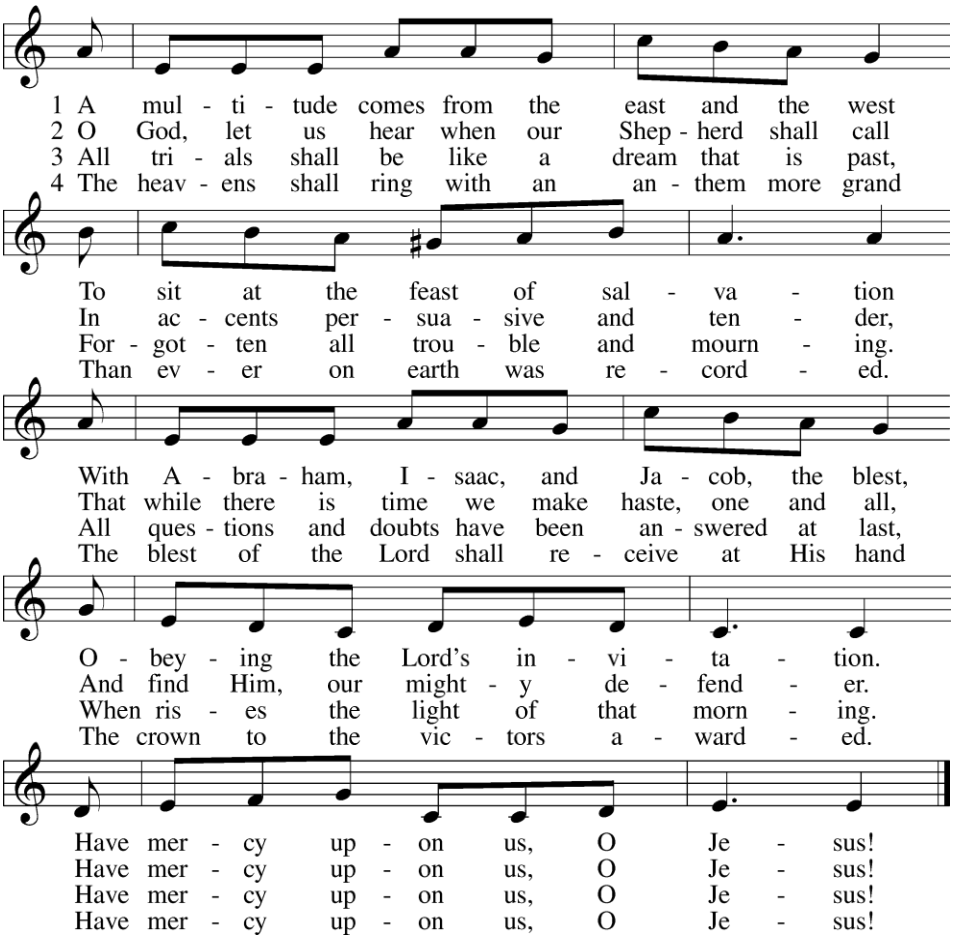
510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West



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Sermon

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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

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.

Sit

Offering

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.

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Offertory

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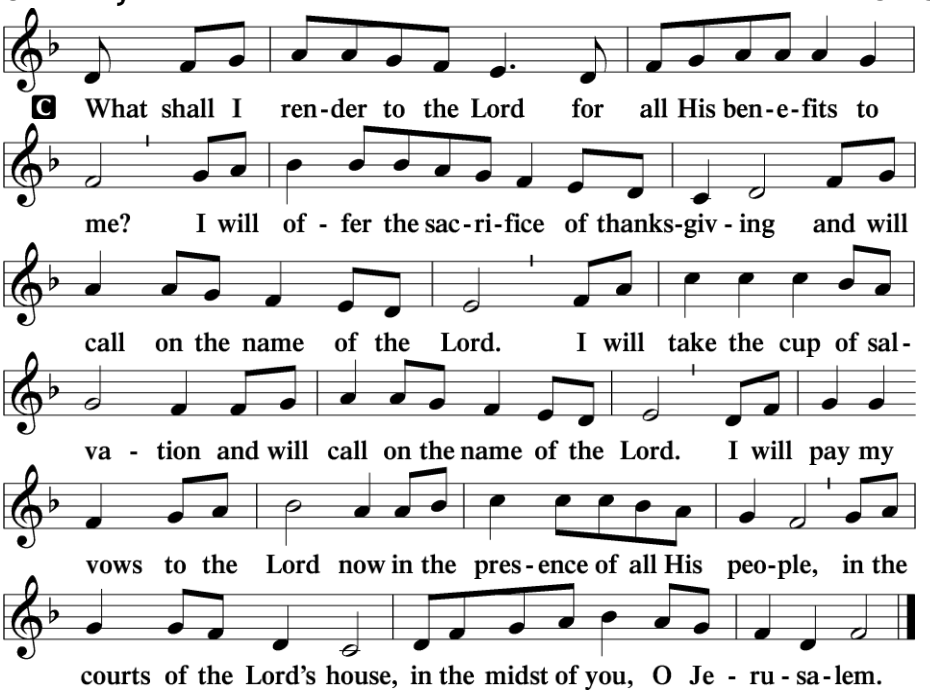
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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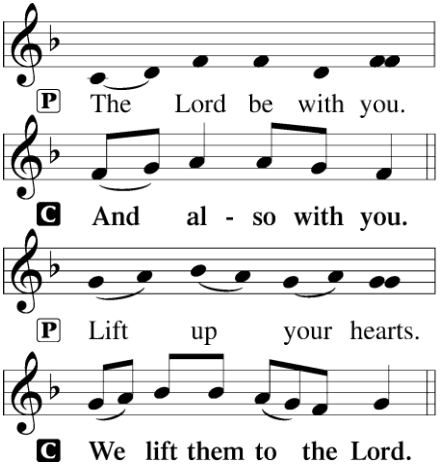
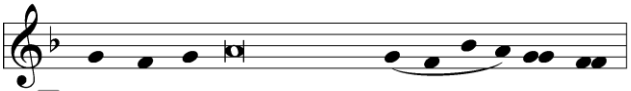
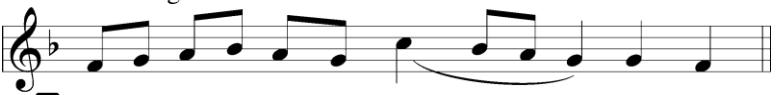




P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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, 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

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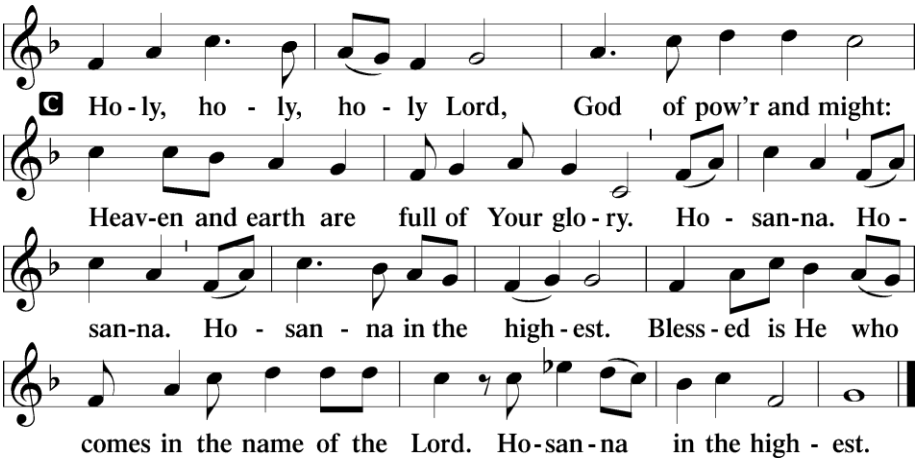

Lord's Prayer

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.

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."

Pax Domini

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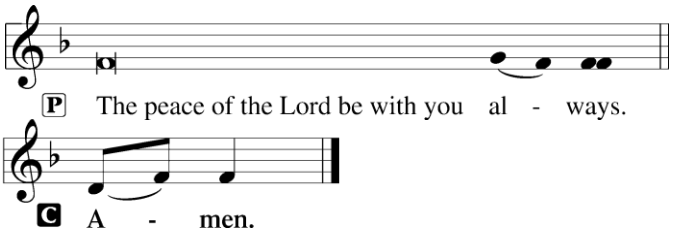

Agnus Dei

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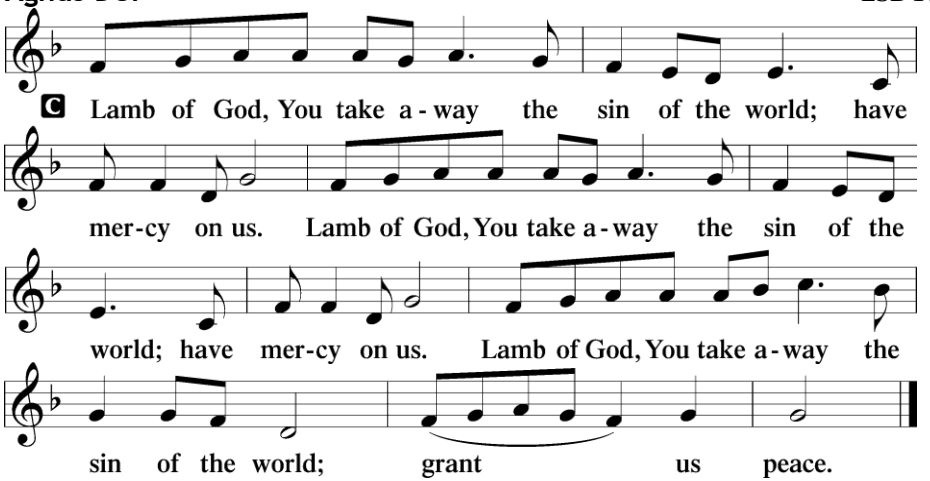

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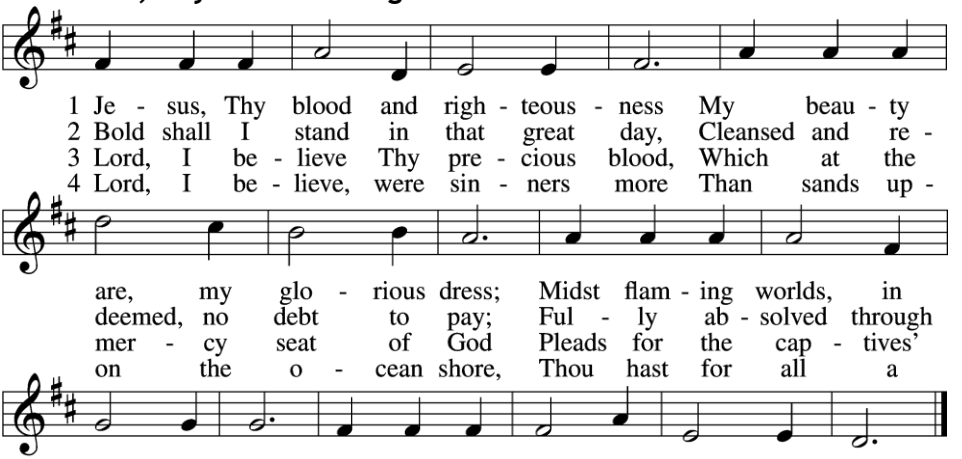
Distribution

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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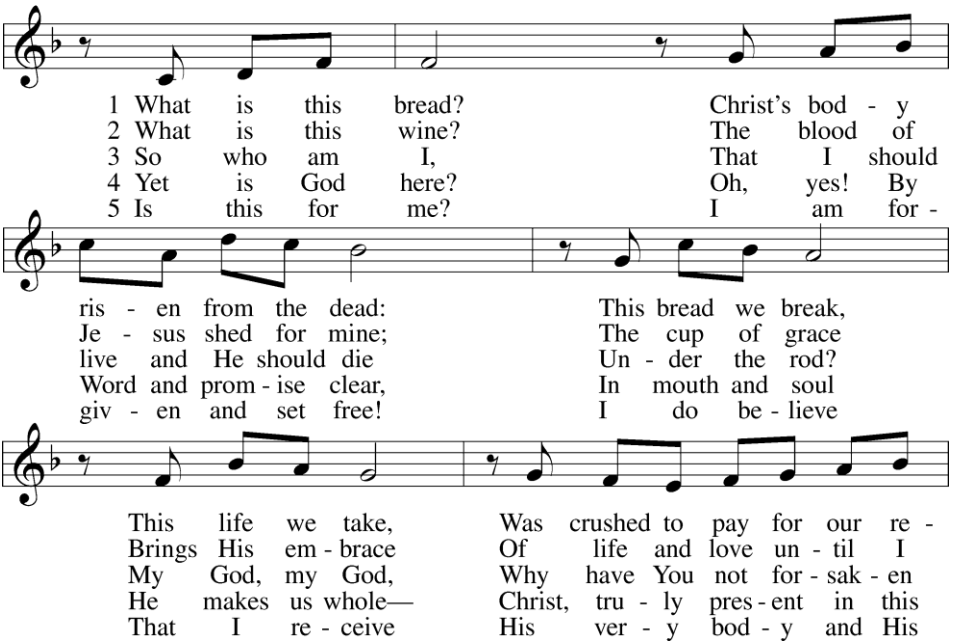
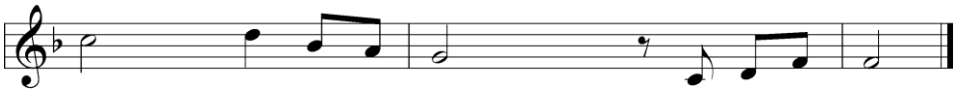
629 What Is This Bread



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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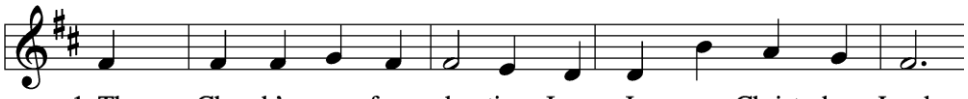
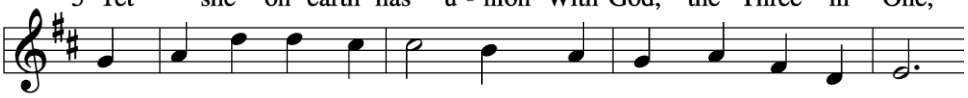
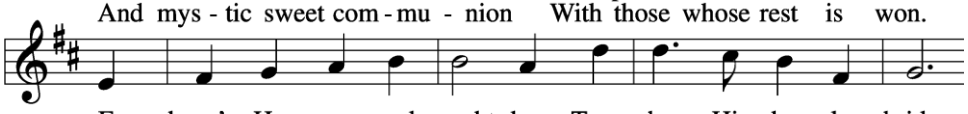
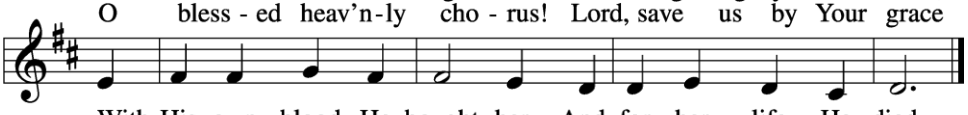


1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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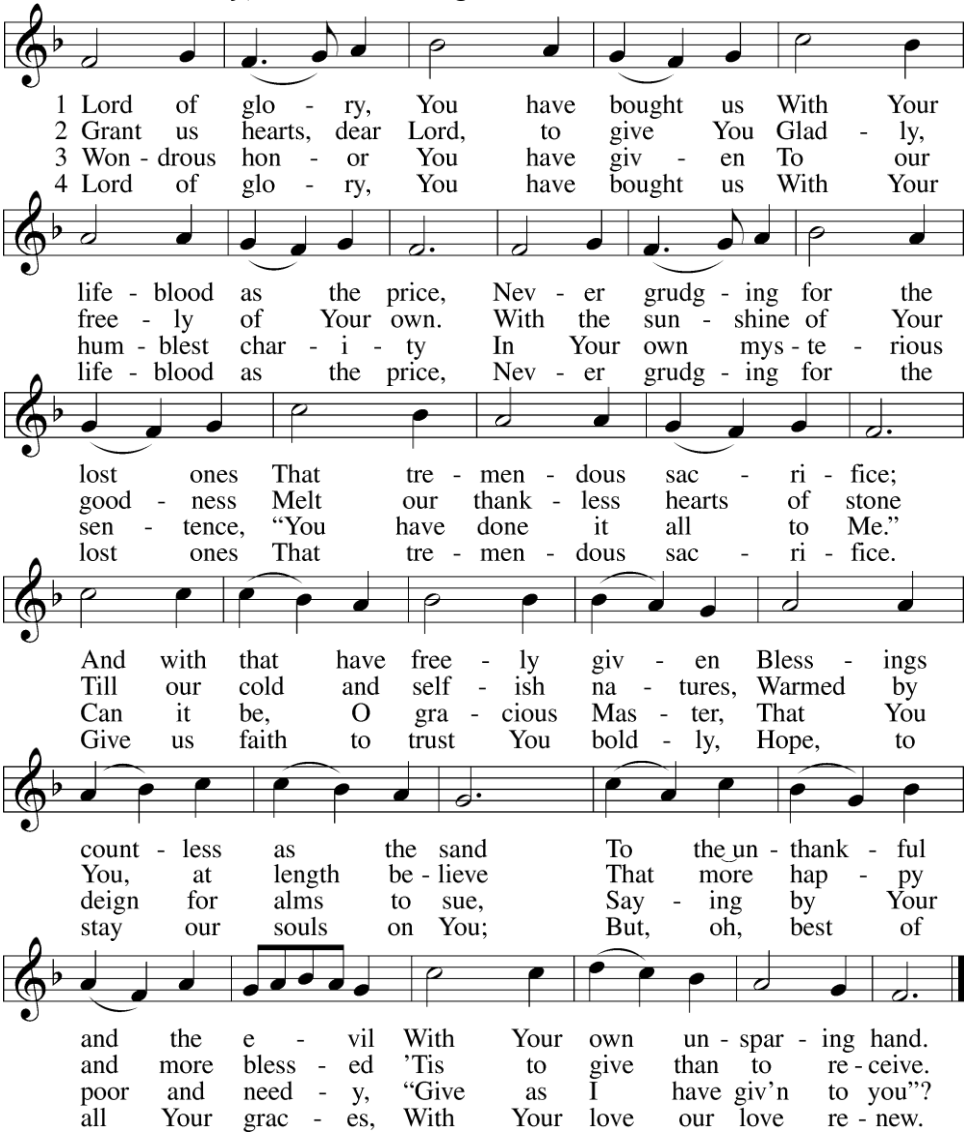
851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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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.**

Thank the Lord

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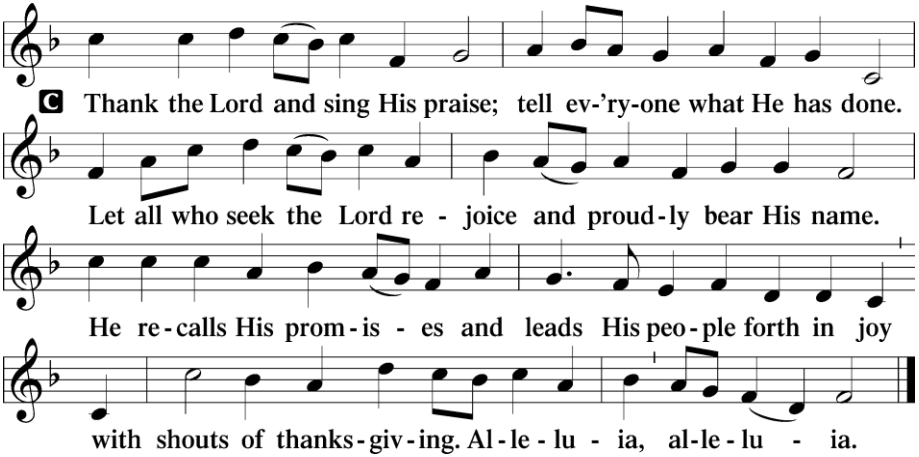
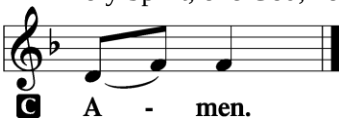


Post-Communion Collect

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.



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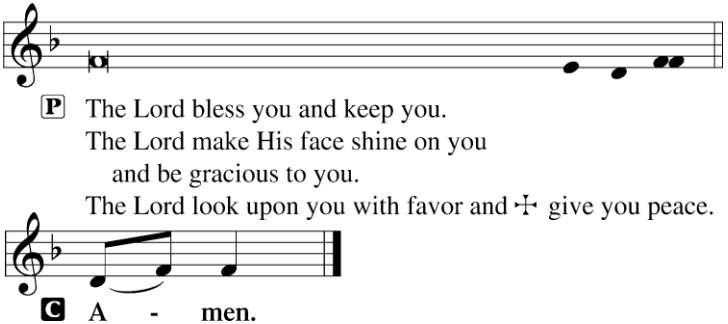
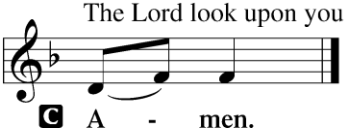


P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

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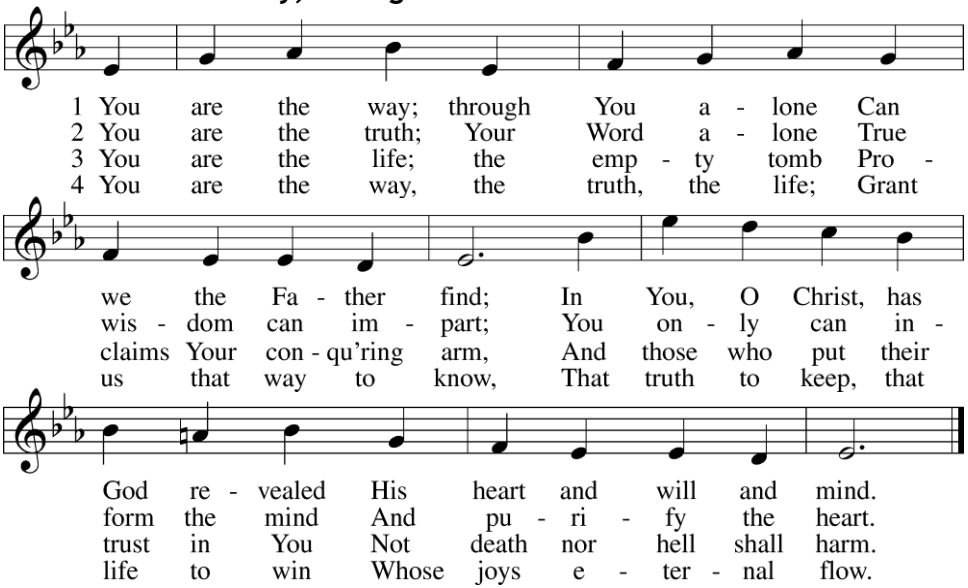

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Prayers for Our Members	
Gary Albers *(St. Luke's)*	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (*Mt. Carmel)*	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Dave Banner	Healing
Tom Barefoot	Healing
Jim Catterson	Healing
Connie DeLaet	Recovery
Pat Flodine (*Homestead*)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Bob Glanzer	Healing
Jerry Hansen	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden *(Mother Hull)*	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz	Healing
Betty Mustard (*Broadwell)*	Healing
Denalyn Nuttelman	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Norrine Rockwell (*Mother Hull)*	Healing
Jane Schmid	Healing
Evelyn Wuehler (*Brookestone Gardens)*	Healing
Jill Bates	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends	
Logan (*Flynn Baker family friend)*	Healing
Joan Bentley (*Kreutzer's friend*)	Healing
Derek Callahan (*Pr. Bill Ohlmann's nephew)*	Healing
Randy Fritson (*Carol Herron's friend*)	Healing
Keeghan Geidel (*Paul & Rachael Burger's sister-in-law)*	Healing
Gay Koopman (*Todd's sister)*	Healing
Levada Nielson (*Deane's mother*)	Healing
Kayla Rozelle (*Carol Gaunt's relative)*	Healing
Melissa Sims (*Jade Florang's friend)*	Healing
Randy Solomon *(Beth Rosenthal's father)*	Healing
Joanne Staton (*Kristian Arevalo's grandmother*)	Healing
Ruth Sturgeon (*Joyce Hartman's aunt)*	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (*Willers' friend)*	Cancer
Paul Brooks (*Bruce & Becky Thornton's brother*)	Cancer
Mike & Sherrie Crow (*Rich's brother & sister-in-law*)	Cancer
Terry Eirich (*Carol Herron's friend)*	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (*Ruby Hatfield's niece*)	Cancer
Jerry Glover (*Shirley Helmbrecht's brother)*	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen *(Jeff's dad)*	Cancer
Heather Hawke (*Ken & Ellen Hockemeier's niece)*	Cancer
Sharon Jones (*Rhonda Nielson's mom)*	Cancer
Steven Junge (*Steve & Fran's nephew*)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (*Rich & Carol's sister-in-law*)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair *(Pam Uhlir's cousin)*	Cancer
Jennelle Pietsch (*Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law)*	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir *(Pam's nephew)*	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 8/17/2025

Offering: $6,274.13

Weekly Need: $9,400

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Steve & Fran Junge, In honor of their anniversary (August 21st).

Worship Assistants	
Sunday, August 24th – 9:00a	
Elder: Eric Rosenthal Acolyte: Asher Splittgerber Announcer: Carol Kreutzer	Usher: Mike Wilkens Engineer: Matt Hodgson Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal & Shirley Helmbrecht
Sunday, August 31st – 9:00a	
Elder: Ken Hockemeier Acolyte: William Hodgson Announcer: Carol Kreutzer	Usher: Ed DeLaet Engineer: Jared Nuttelman Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal & Shirley Helmbrecht

This Week at Zion

Sun 8/24	**9:00a**	**Divine Service**
	10:30a	**Adult Bible Study**
	10:30a	**Radio Broadcast**
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	**Divine Service**
Mon 8/25	*Birthdays*	*Eric Rosenthal*
Tues 8/26	**1:30p**	**Sleeping Mats**
	Birthdays	*Marilyn Fuqua*
		Juanita Musfelt
		Jamie Wilkens
Wed 8/27	**8:30a**	**Chapel**
	Birthdays	*Grant Dahlgren*
Thurs 8/28		
Fri 8/29	*Birthdays*	*Declan Nuttelman*
		Keith Nuttelman
Sat 8/30		
Sun 8/31	**9:00a**	**Divine Service**
	10:30a	**Adult Bible Study**
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	5:00p	**Divine Service**
	Birthdays	*Kelie Bates*
		Matthew Kreutzer

Announcements for August 24th, 2025

Weekly Devotion Help for August 31st, 2025:
The "Hymn of the Day" (HOD) for next Sunday is LSB 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior". All our members and students can read, sing, and study it to prepare for next Sunday's worship service.
https://www.zionkearney.com/worship to access a Bible study based on the hymn. We are also taking part in our synod's "Memory Verse Challenge" as we all memorize the same Bible verse each week:

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." - **James 5:16**

Midweek Catechesis: Any public school students who wish to begin instruction this fall please contact Pr. DeLoach (308-627-5260).

Office Closed: The office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

Adult Choir: We will be starting again on Wednesday, September 10th from 7pm-8pm in the balcony.

Zion Lutheran Church Foundation Scholarship Application:
Did you know that we here at Zion have a scholarship that we offer to members of Zion that are studying to become a full-time church worker? If you know anyone that is currently a full-time student and has the intentions of working in the church after graduation, please have them fill out this application. https://forms.office.com/r/gpJVEESCTa

Our Life in Christ: will study the basic teachings of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. The purpose of this class is to prepare or strengthen people for communicant membership at Zion. After surveying the schedules of those interested, we will set the schedule and class times. Please contact Pr. DeLoach (308-627-5260) with interest or questions.

3rd Quarter Missions:
All mission offering from July-September will help Rev. Jonathan Clausing and his family, who are serving in Tanzania.
For more information go to:
https://www.lcms.org/clausing

SCHOOL NEWS

State Fair: K-6th students will be going to the State Fair on Tuesday, August 26th as part of the fair's Nebraska Largest Classroom program. Lunch will be included for the students.

Cross Country: The first Cross Country meet will be Saturday, August 30th at Faith Christian.

No School: There will be no school on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.