Divine Service

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26th, 2026

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 Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be *"his treasured possession,"* not because of any strength in us, but solely *"because the LORD loves"* us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He *"keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments"* (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us *"great value"* by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are *"hidden in a field,"* covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but *"to be conformed to the image of his Son"* (Rom. 8:29). Since we *"are called according to his purpose"* (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us *"at the right hand of God"* (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from *"the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 8:39).

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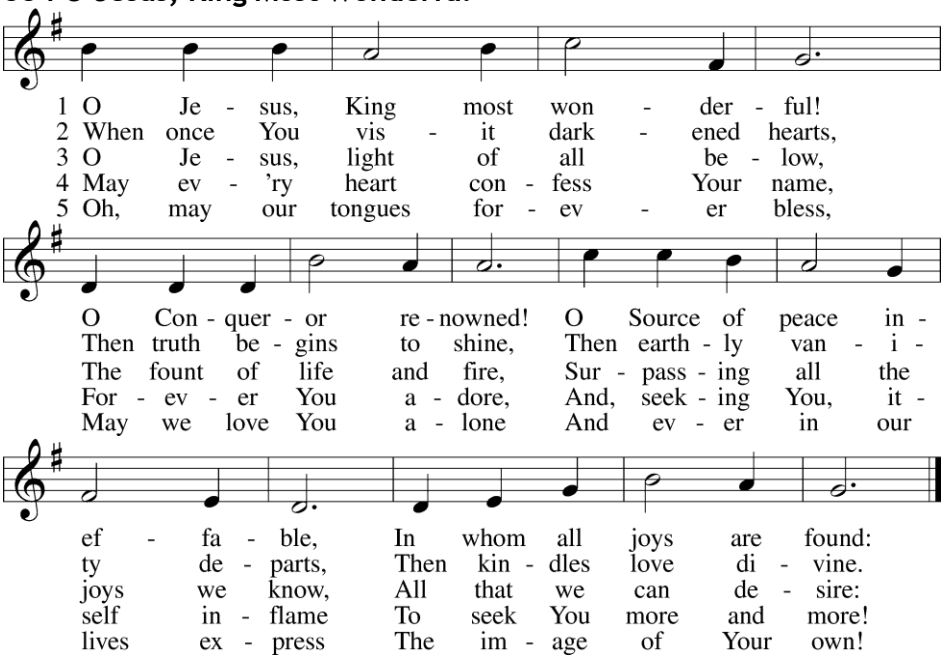
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Confession and Absolution

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.**

P 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 203

℗ 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 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*
tell of all his | wondrous works!
Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
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.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Kyrie

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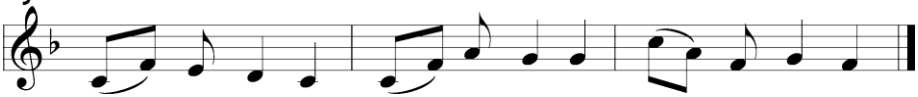
Gloria in Excelsis

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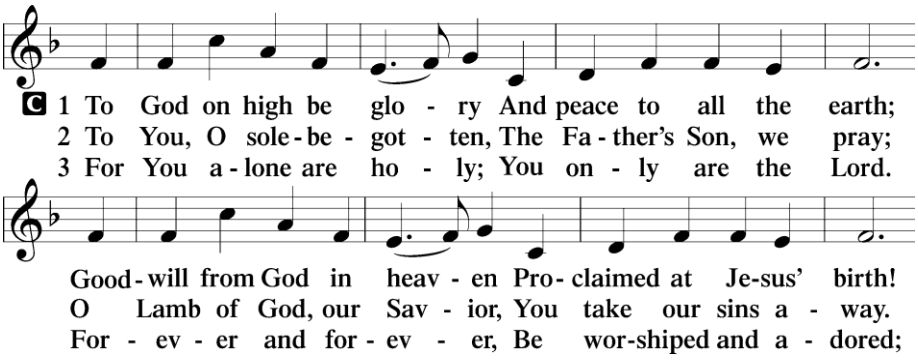

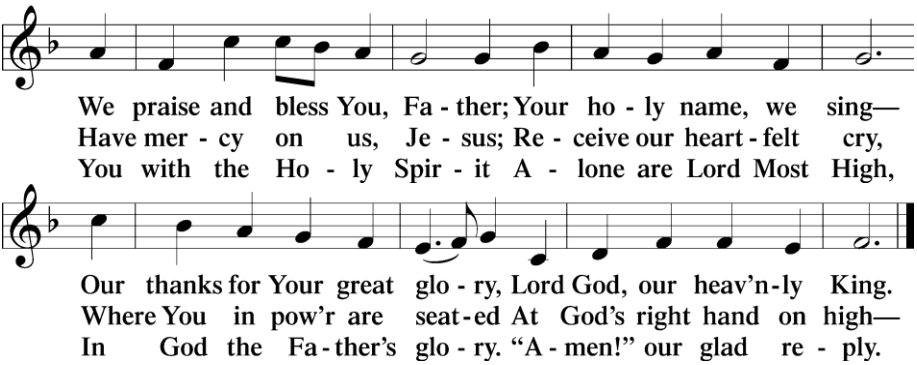

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 7:6–9

6"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen
you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the
face of the earth. 7It was not because you were more in number than any other people
that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all
peoples, 8but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore
to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed
you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9Know
therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and
steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand
generations."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!
For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

[28]We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for
those who are called according to his purpose. [29]For those whom he foreknew he
also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be
the firstborn among many brothers. [30]And those whom he predestined he also called,
and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also
glorified.

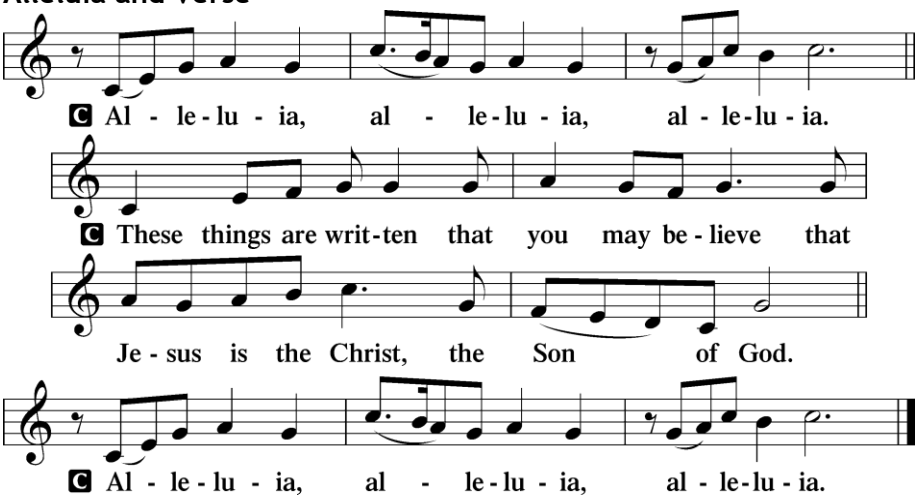
[31]What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
[32]He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also
with him graciously give us all things? [33]Who shall bring any charge against God's
elect? It is God who justifies. [34]Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who
died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed
is interceding for us. [35]Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall
tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
[36]As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

[37]No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
[38]For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present
nor things to come, nor powers, [39]nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

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

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

44[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. 49So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." 52And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Sit

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

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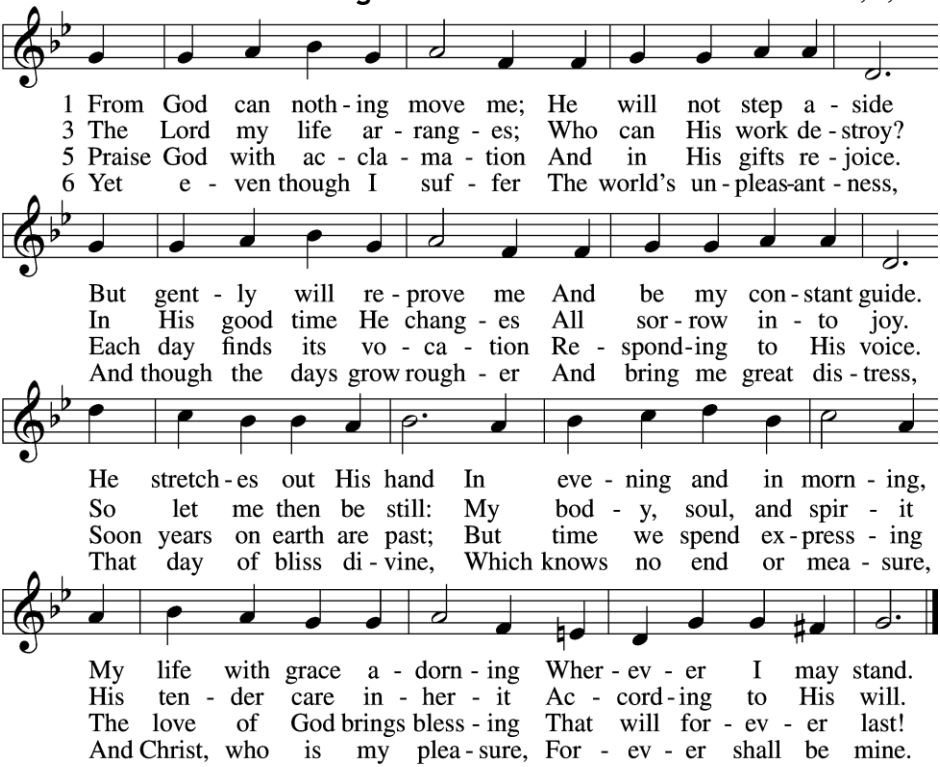
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Sermon

Stand

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

Consecration of the Offering

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

Stand

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.**

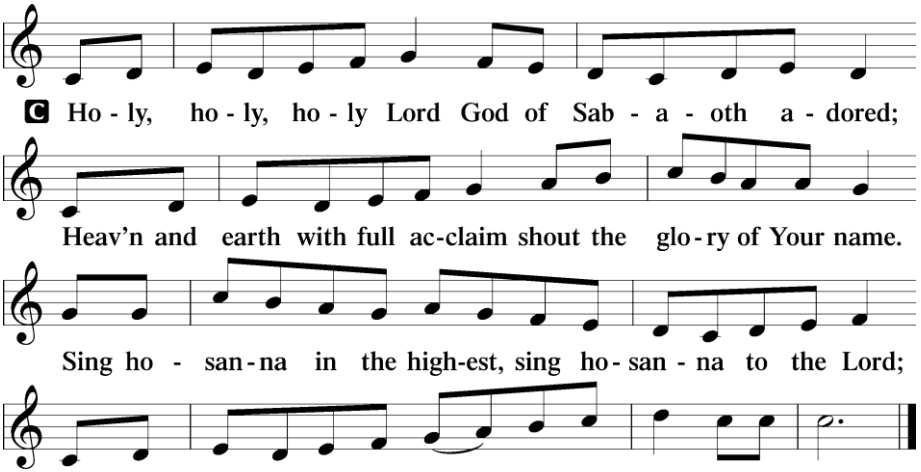
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P 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

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

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."

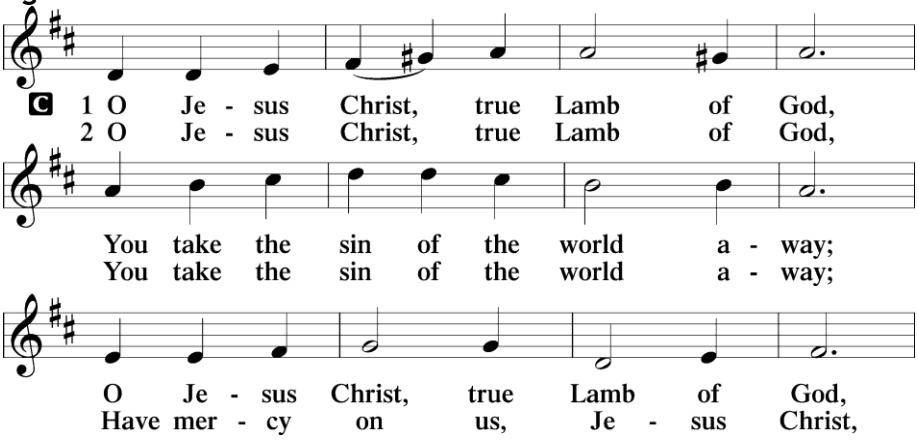
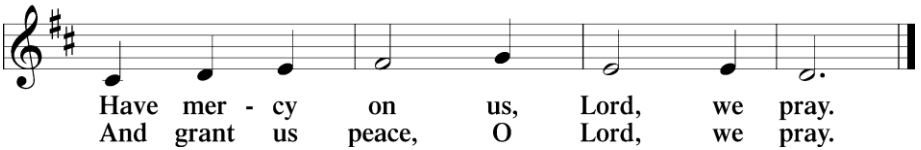
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



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Distribution

536 One Thing's Needful

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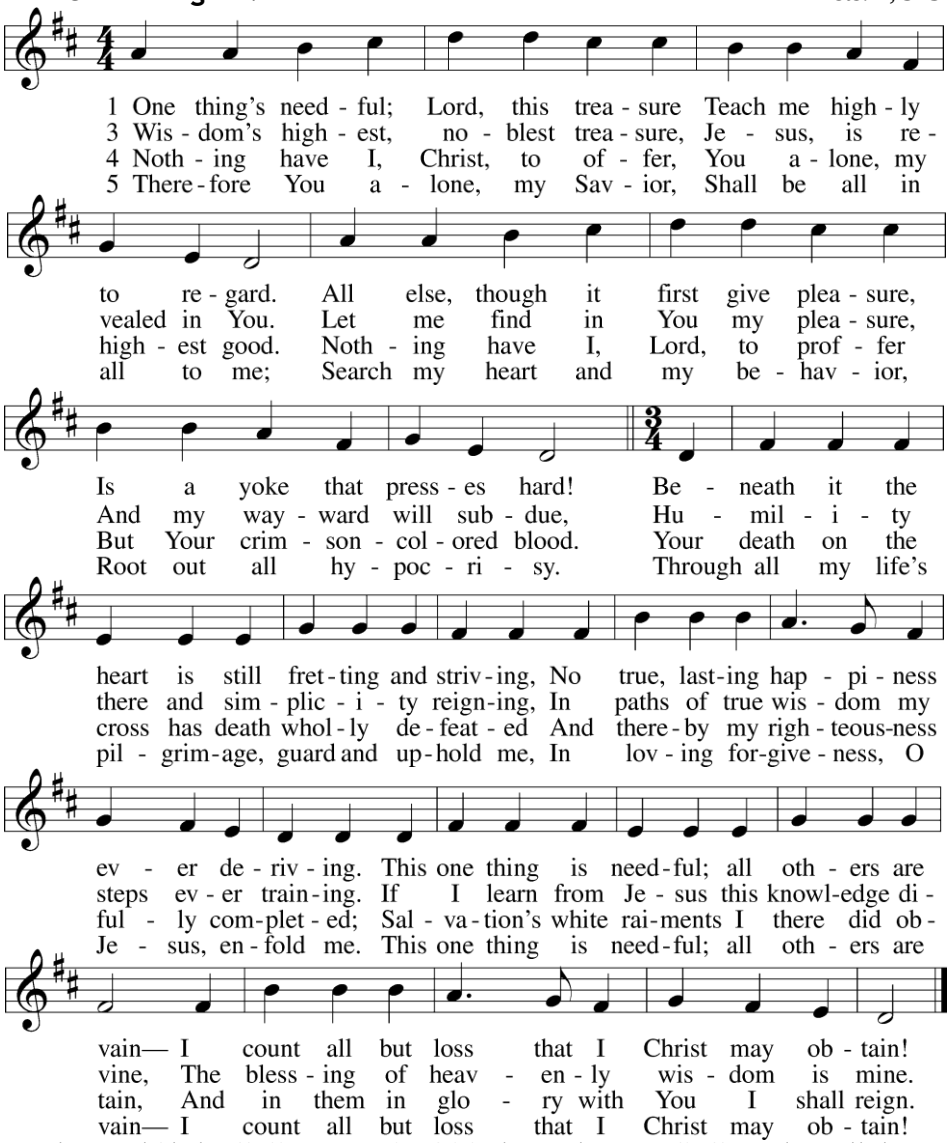
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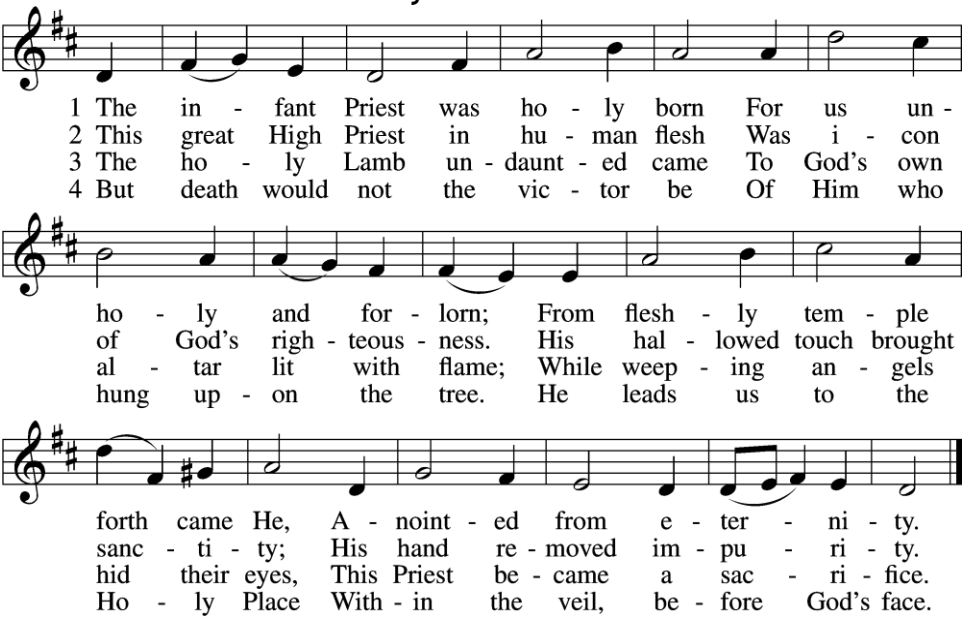
624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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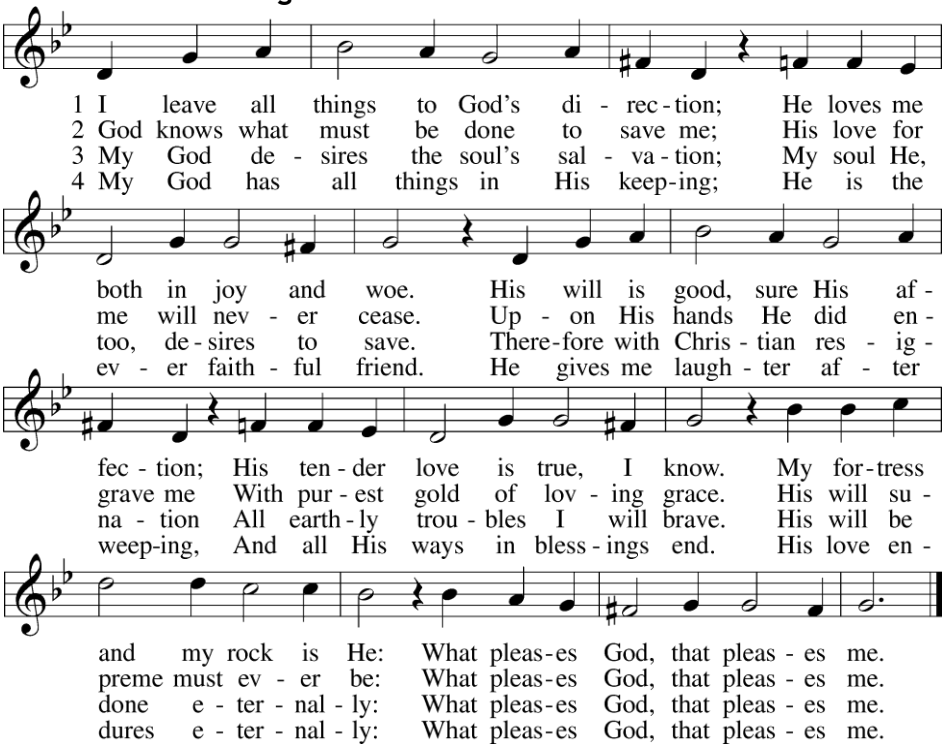
719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction



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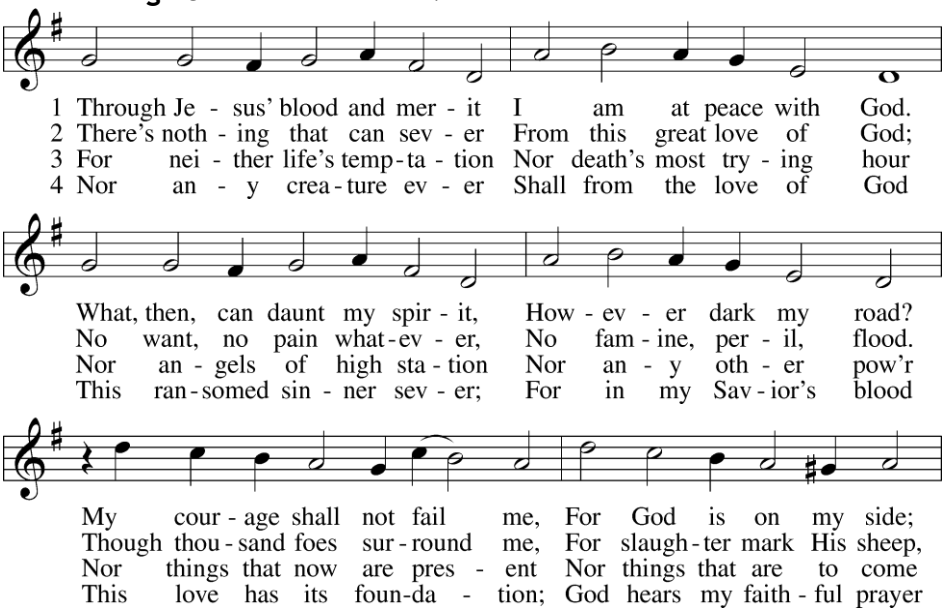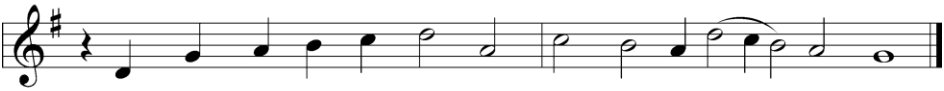

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The Dismissal

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.**

Nunc Dimittis

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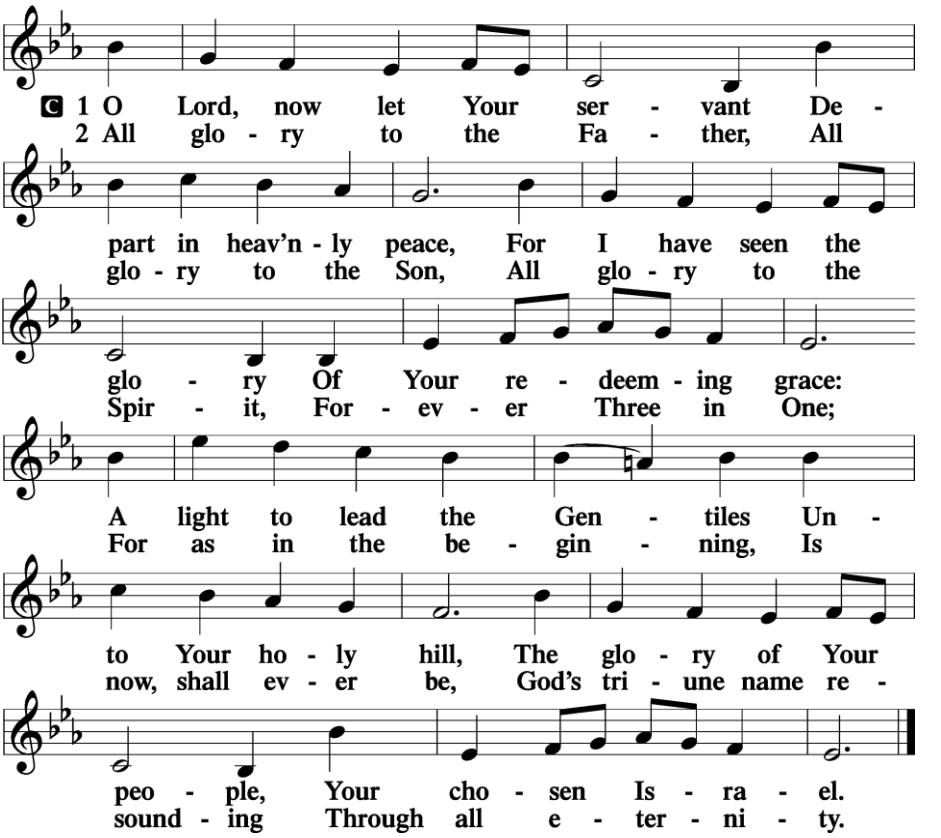

Post-Communion Collect

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*

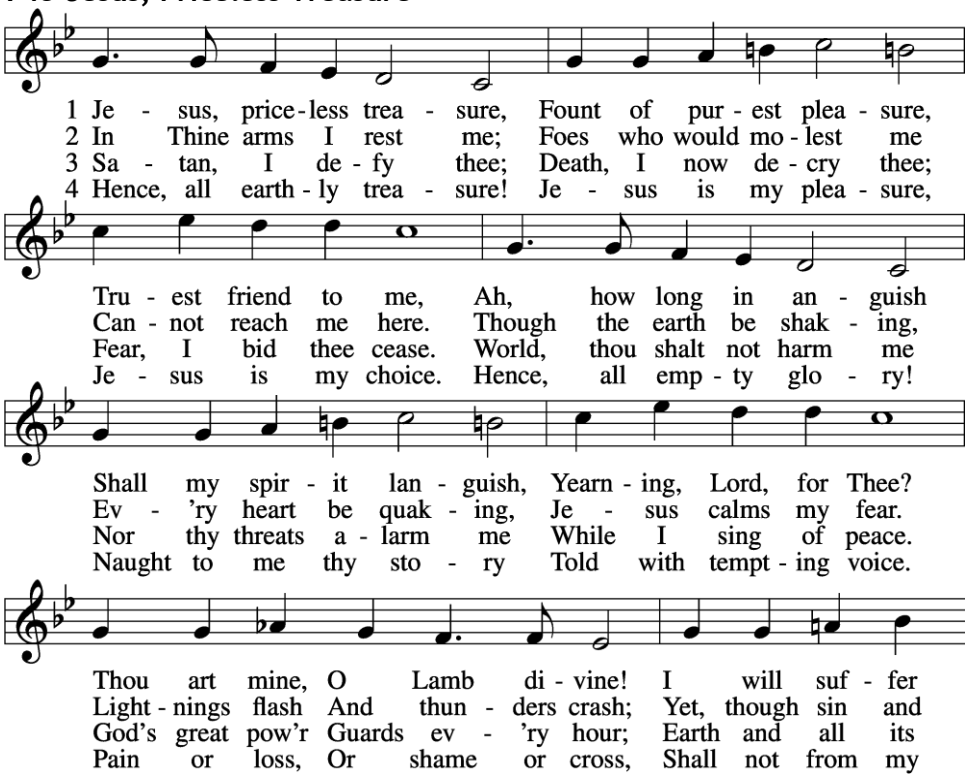
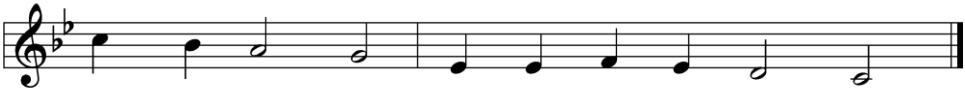
A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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.

C **Amen.**

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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Chelsea Herrera	Expecting
Madisen Skaggs	Expecting
Hope Smith	Expecting
Gary Albers *(St. Luke's)*	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (*Mt. Carmel)*	Healing
DyAnn Altwine (*Mt. Carmel)*	Healing
Dave Banner	Healing
Rich Crow	Healing
Pat Flodine (*Homestead*)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Jerry Hansen	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Gwen Holtz	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Debra Schinkel	Healing
Jeff Strong	Healing
Lincoln Baker	Cancer
Jill Bates	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends	
Joanna Allwardt (*Pastor and Carol DeLoach's niece)*	Expecting
Kayli DeLoach (*Zach's wife)*	Expecting
Kellsey McMahon (*Chris & Sarah Hoehner's daughter)*	Expecting
Nicole Teten (*Chris & Sarah Hoehner's daughter)*	Expecting
Kaylee White (*Emily Vos' friend*)	Expecting
Joan Bentley (*Kreutzer's friend*)	Healing
Arlene Blessen (*Margaret Smith's sister-in-law)*	Healing
Randy Fritson (*Carol Herron's friend*)	Healing
Barb Glover (*Shirley Helmbrecht's sister)*	Healing
Carolina Mulligan (*Pat Flodine's newborn granddaughter)*	Healing
Noah Ramirez (*Isaiah Gaunt's friend)*	Healing
Barry Rich (*Bruce Fattig's brother-in-law)*	Healing
Melissa Sims (*Jade Florang's friend)*	Healing
Randy Solomon *(Beth Rosenthal's father)*	Healing
Ruth Sturgeon (*Joyce Hartman's aunt)*	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (*Willers' friend)*	Cancer
Emily Brachley (*Hodgson's friend*)	Cancer
Paul Brooks (*Bruce Brooks & Becky Thornton's brother*)	Cancer
Mike & Sherrie Crow (*Rich's brother & sister-in-law*)	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 Kreutzer (*Rich's mom*)	Cancer
Ashley Maddox (*Ken & Ellen Hockemeier's niece)*	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair *(Pam Uhlir's cousin)*	Cancer
Jennelle Pietsch (*Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law)*	Cancer
Carlie Russell (*Sue Bartels' friend*)	Cancer
Pastor North Sherrill (*Former Zion Pastor)*	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 7/19/2026

Offering: $5,116.69

Weekly Need: $9,230

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:
1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
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Worship Assistants

Sunday, July 26th - 9:00am

Elder: Dan Oertwig
Acolyte: Luke Barefoot
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller
Usher: Mike Wilkens
Engineer: Matt Hodgson
Altar Guild:
Carol Herron & Becky Thornton

Sunday, August 2nd - 9:00am

Elder: Eric Rosenthal
Acolyte: Bailey Helmbrecht
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer
Usher: Ed DeLaet
Engineer: Jamie Marquardt
Altar Guild:
Shirley Helmbrecht & Beth Rosenthal

This Week at Zion

Sun 7/26	**9:00a**	**Divine Service**
	10:30a	**Adult Bible Study**
	10:30a	**Radio Broadcast**
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	**Divine Service**
Mon 7/27	*Birthdays*	*Patrice Brost*
Tues 7/28	**1:30p**	**Sleeping Mats**
	Anniversaries	*Todd & Ellen Koopman*
		Pierre & Erica Peeples
	Birthdays	*Leah Baker*
		Lonna Gronewoller
Wed 7/29	*Birthdays*	*Owen Hodgson*
		Grayson Huryta
Thurs 7/30		
Fri 7/31	*Anniversaries*	*AJ & Madisen Skaggs*
	Birthdays	*Todd Junge*
Sat 8/1		
Sun 8/2	**9:00a**	**Divine Service**
	10:30a	**Adult Bible Study**
	10:30a	**Radio Broadcast**
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	**Divine Service**
	Birthdays	*Ava Peeples*

Announcements for July 26th, 2026

Weekly Devotion Help for August 2nd, 2026: The "Hymn of the Day" (HOD) for next Sunday is LSB 642 "O Living Bread of Heaven". Go to 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:

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."
- Ephesians 4:29

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

Final Registration: Be sure to sign up for a time slot to get in your Final Registration paperwork! https://tinyurl.com/spkehfwf
Check out the newsletter in the mail for all the information you need to start the new school year strong!