

**July 13, 2025, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Traditional Worship Service**



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Congregation responses are in bold

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. Sprite Johnson

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude: *Prelude in G Major*

By: Handel

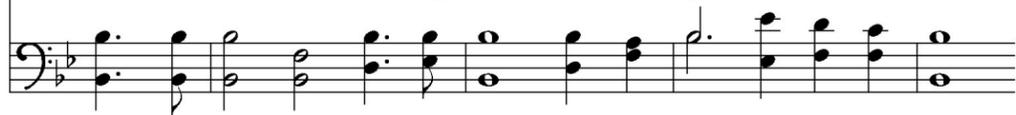
*Please stand as you are able
Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

Submitted By: Nicole & Amelia Milek - "It is reassuring and makes me feel protected. We can find strength in Jesus."

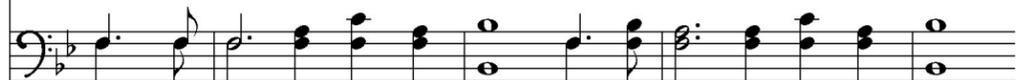
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



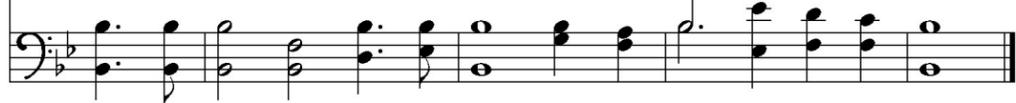
1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life
you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing
what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



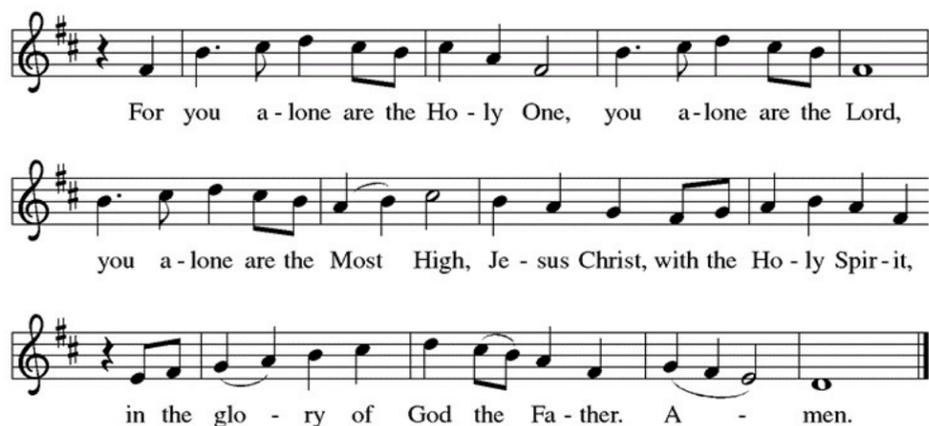
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PM: Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Deuteronomy:

(Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 145)

The reading concludes with:
 Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

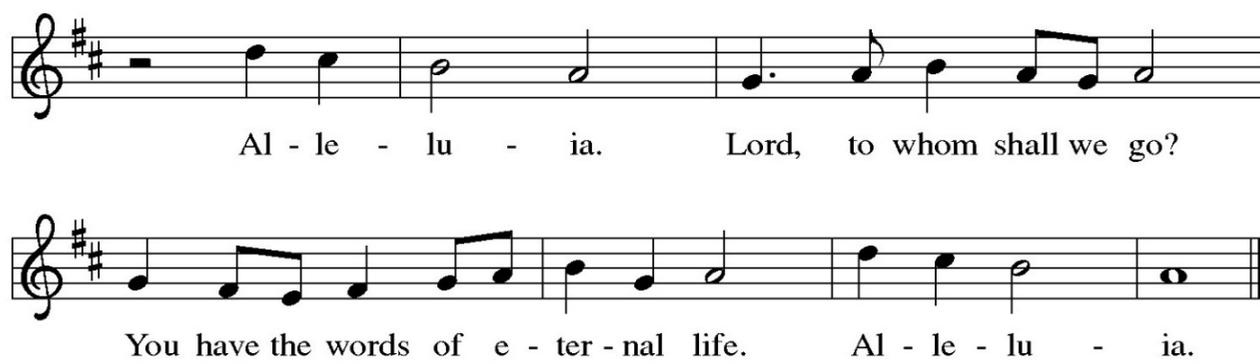
All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

A reading from Colossians:

(Colossians 1:1-14 Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 155)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able



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

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

(Luke 10:25-37 Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 54)

The reading concludes with:
The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

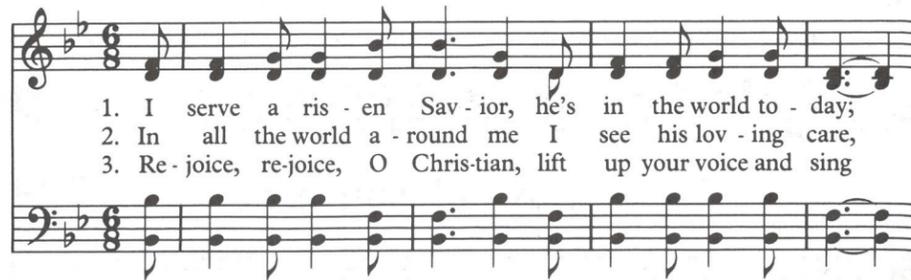
Please be seated

Children's Time with Pastor

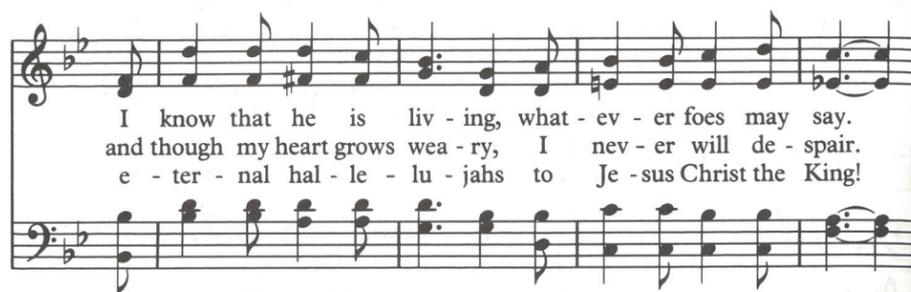
Sermon

Please stand as you are able

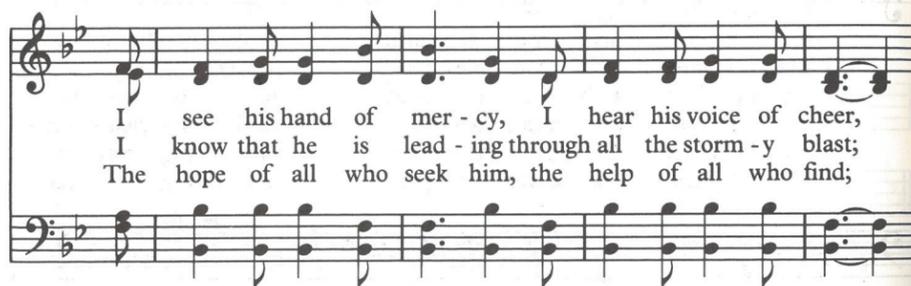
Submitted By: Nicole and Amelia Milek - "I may have sang this during a children's program. I don't really remember. This song has just stuck with me."



1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3. Re - joice, re-joyce, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing



I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say.
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!



I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;



and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear-ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

WORDS: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933
 MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933
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AM: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence for personal prayer

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bless this week's marriages and help us support their life together,
Connie & Rick Riffle and Margaret & Clayton Van Scoy

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Carole Singer

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.

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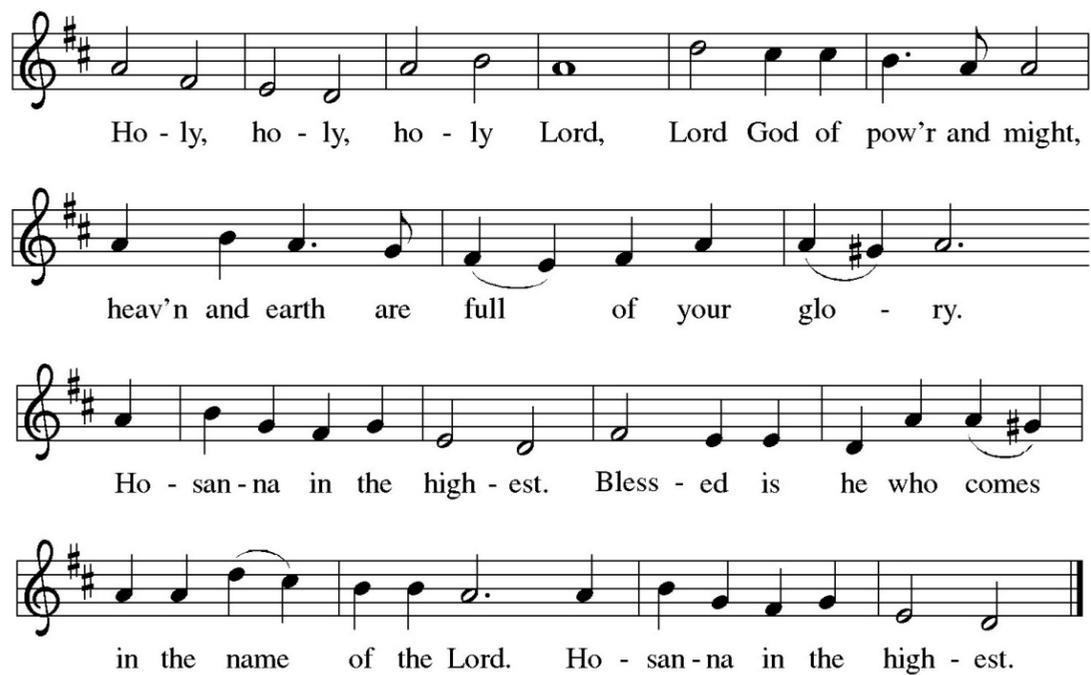
AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

PM: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your Light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit

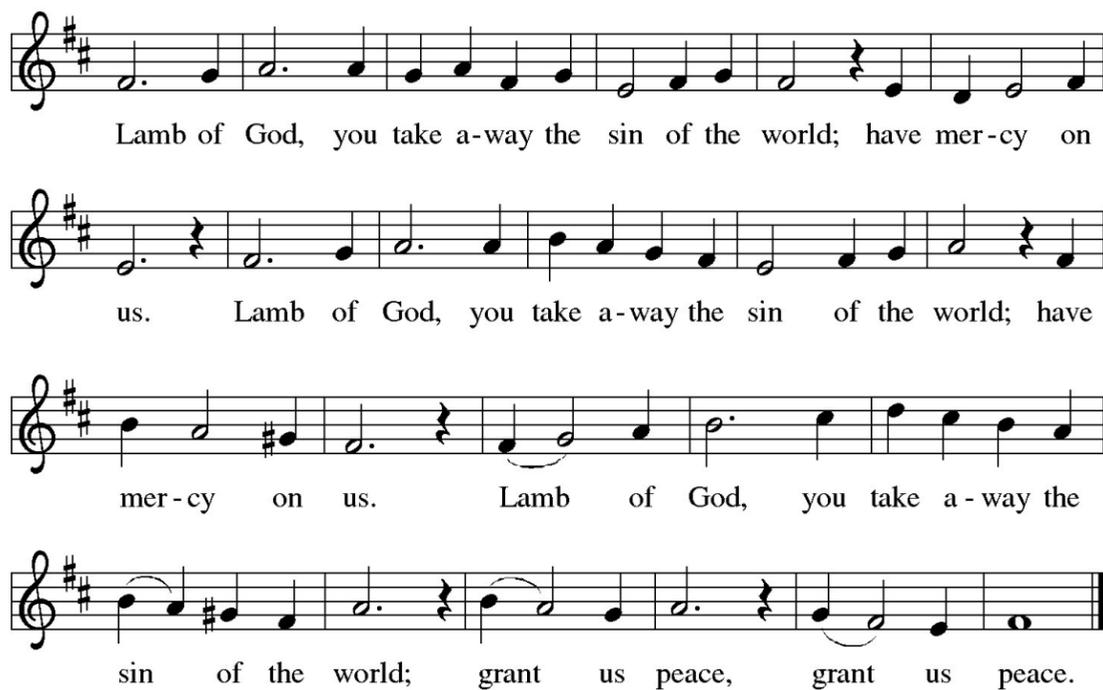
All praise and glory are yours, Holy God, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.
Thanks be to God. Amen.



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

Please be seated

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God. Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too. Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: *Bread of Life From Heaven*

Please stand as you are able

PM: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

AM: Let us pray,
Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

Submitted By: Amelia and Nicole Milek - "It makes me think of our congregation through the years worshipping together. I love that my kids will still break out in song when they're home. Even though they're off doing their own thing this message has stayed with them!"

Awesome God

By: Rich Mullins

[Verse 1]

When He rolls up His sleeves He ain't just putting on the ritz
(Our God is an awesome God)
There's thunder in His footsteps and lightning in His fists
(Our God is an awesome God)
And the Lord wasn't joking when He kicked 'em out of Eden
It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood
His return is very close and so you better be believing
That our God is an awesome God

[Chorus]

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God

[Verse 2]

And when the sky was starless in the void of the night
(Our God is an awesome God)
He spoke into the darkness and created the light
(Our God is an awesome God)
Judgement and wrath He poured out on Sodom
Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten
That our God is an awesome God

[Chorus]

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
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Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
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PM: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

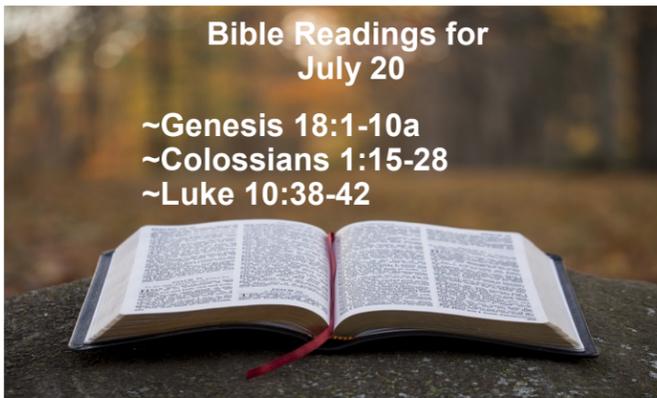
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Recessional*

By: Handel

Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Pastors Steve and Sprite Johnson will be leading Bible Discussions at the Sunday morning Adult Christian Education classes on July 13, 20 and 27. Discussion begins after the 9am Worship Service.

Everyone is welcome to come and participate in this special opportunity to share your views and ideas!!



Behind the cross is a broken man.
 In front of the cross is a healed man.
 The cross is the only thing that can heal a man.
 Stephen Ministries motto is:

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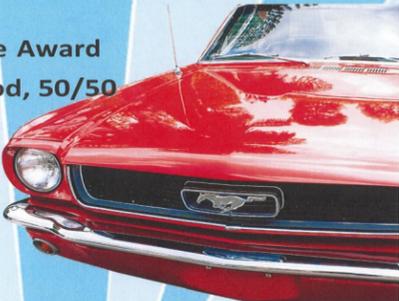
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My Favorite Songs

Forms available in the office!!

Today's Worship Leaders
 Guest Minister: Rev. Sprite Johnson
 Assisting Minister: Darlene Milavickas
 Acolyte: Ben Keith
 Accompanist: Carol McKimm
 Audio/Visual Technicians: Kairi LePelley and Chris Thompson
 Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Juanita Cignetti
 Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
 Reader: Jayne Schrader
 Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross
 Flowers by: Juanita and Nick Cignetti in loving memory of Charles Cignetti' s birthday

July 20, 2025 Worship Leaders
 Guest Minister: Rev. Steve Johnson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Fidler
 Acolyte: Eli Haga
 Accompanist: Susan Kaschak
 Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and Paul Bagocius
 Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Nikki Milek
 Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
 Reader: Laura Thompson
 Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek
 Flowers by: Randy Elsass in honor of the Elsass twins, Tristan and Gavin