

**September 14, 2025, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Traditional Worship Service**



Zion
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church

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Serving like Jesus*

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Congregation responses are in bold

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. David Rice

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*

By: John Newton

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

Verses 1-4

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;

where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER. Joachim Neander. 1650-1680

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We often trample on the needy.
We sometimes grumble about your grace to others.
We may turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
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.

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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 God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Exodus:

(Exodus 32:7-14 Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 61)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

PSALM 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

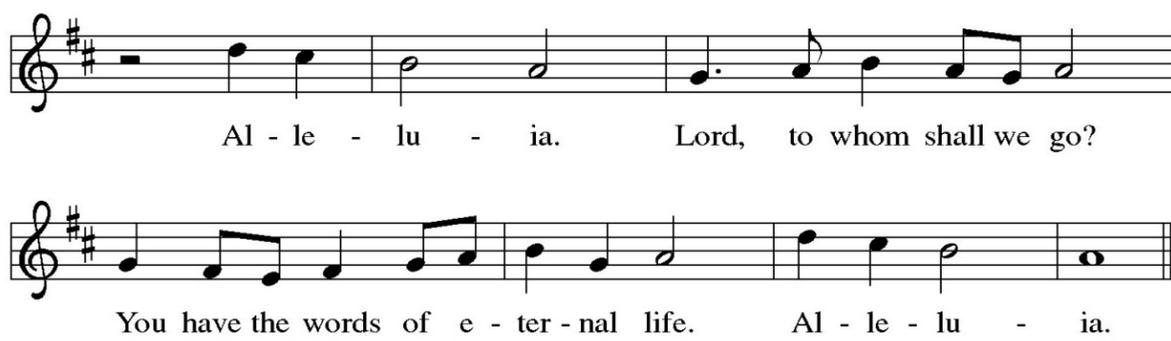
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

A reading from 1 Timothy:

(1 Timothy 1:12-17 Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 162)

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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

(Luke 15:1-10 Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 59)

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

Verses 1-4

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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 Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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Commissioning and Blessing of Teachers for Christian Education

PM: People of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support and examples of righteous living?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation's ministry to children, youth, and families? Will you support them, encourage them, and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed.

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray. Gracious God, for Jesus' sake empower these ministers to care for the young ones in our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, who has given you the gifts and the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Amen.

We now declare you commissioned for the ministry in which you have been called, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

PM: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

AM: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence for personal prayer

Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful, and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have sometimes neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your creation to its fullness. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain. Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
George Miller, Shirley Horton and Judy Arter

Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn,
and give them the hope of resurrection. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
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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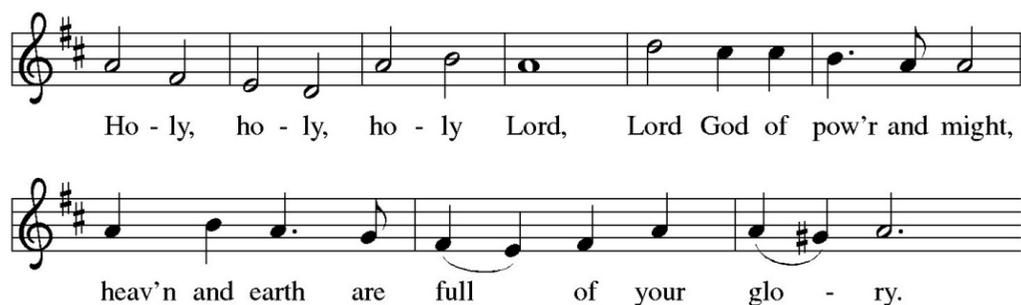


AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

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:



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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.

Let us enthusiastically pray as Jesus taught us,

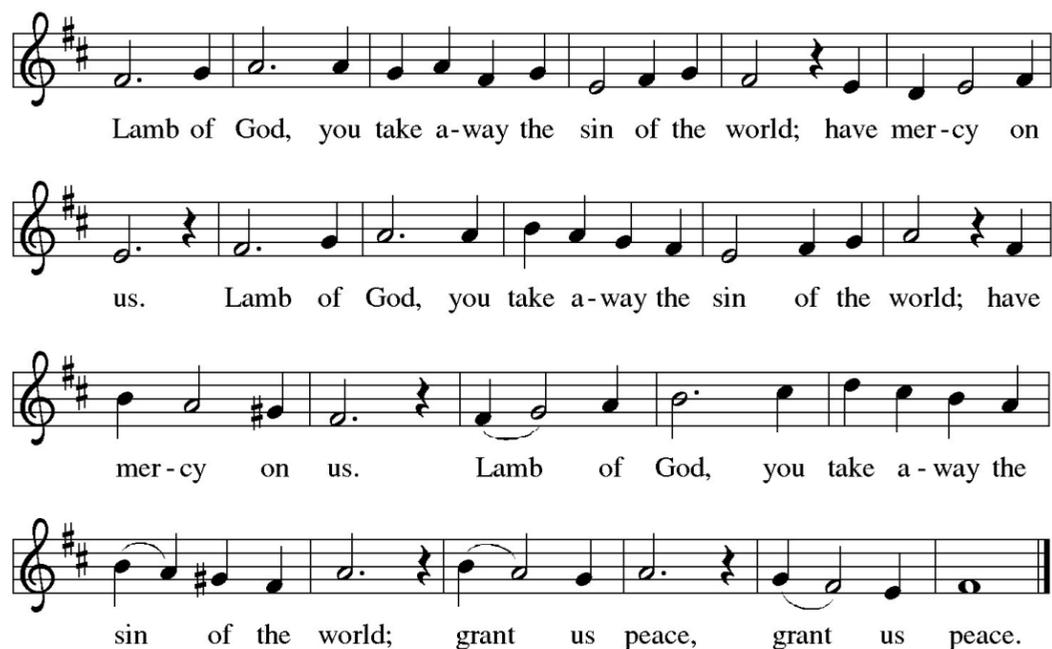
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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.

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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: *One Bread, One Body*

By: John B. Foley

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,
O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this 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 the person you have designed 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. Continue to 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.*

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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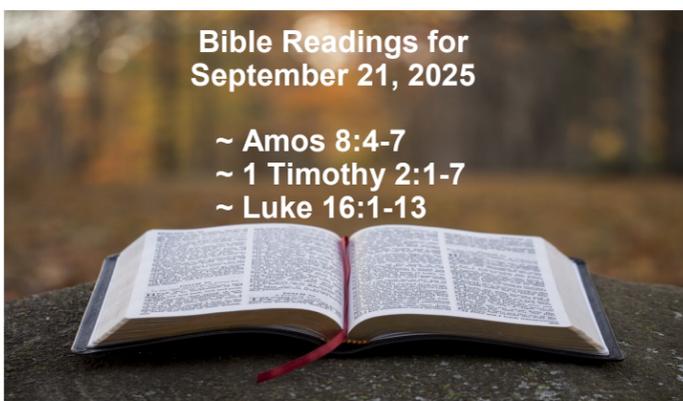
Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

PM: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

By: William G. Tomer



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**FOOD PANTRY
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - 9-11AM
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An illustration of several hands in various colors (purple, green, yellow, blue, red) raised in a gesture of volunteering.

**Plastic Pollution quiz
will be handed out
On September 21 &
24th!**

**Look for key
information on the
display posters in
Luther Hall!!**



Today's Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. David Rice
Assisting Minister: Darlene Milavickas
Acolyte: Eli Haga
Accompanist: Susan Kaschak
Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson and
John Rhodes
Chancel Guild: Darlene Milavickas & Harriet Bowers
Child Care Attendant:
Reader: Jayne Schrader
Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross
Flowers by: Lou & Darlene Milavickas in celebration
of Eric & Elizabeth Milavickas's
25th Wedding Anniversary!

September 21, 2025 Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. David Rice
Assisting Minister: Jim Fidler
Acolyte: LJ Brown
Accompanist: Steve Moore
Audio/Visual Technicians: Paul Bagocius and
John Rhodes
Chancel Guild: Jayne Schrader & Beth Shaheen
Child Care Attendant:
Reader: Mark Denman
Trustees: Darlene Milavickas & Randy Elsass
Flowers by: Jim Fidler in loving memory of
Elaine M. Fidler and
Frances Mejstrik