



**October 19, 2025, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Traditional Worship Service**



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*Congregation responses are in bold*

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. Steve Johnson

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude: *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

By: Lowell Mason & Van  
Denman Thompson

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

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886  
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

PM: 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 trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We 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.

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, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

A reading from Genesis:

(Genesis 32:22-31 Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 23)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

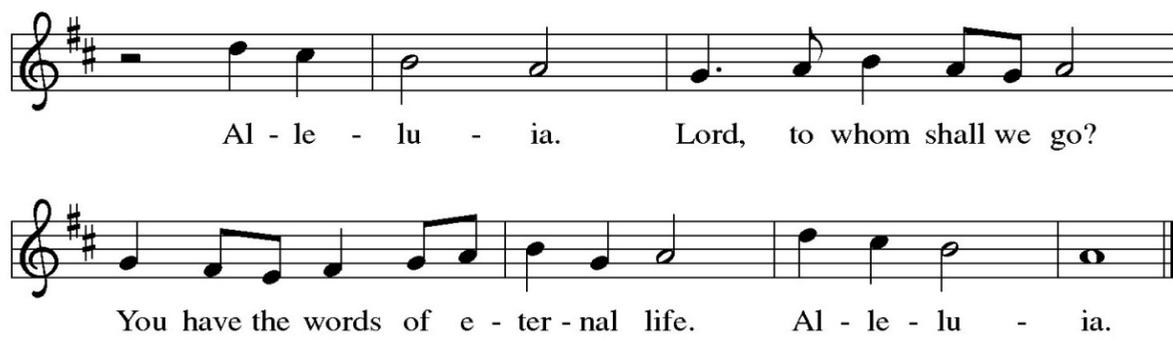
**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

A reading from 2 Timothy:

(2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Pew Bible,  
New Testament, page 166)

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 the Alleluia, 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 18:1-8 Pew Bible,  
New Testament, page 62)

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

*Please be seated*

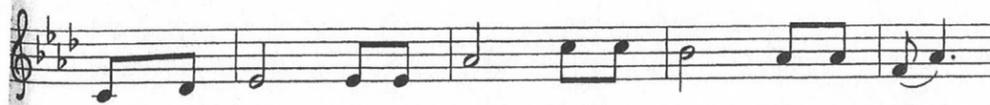
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Sermon

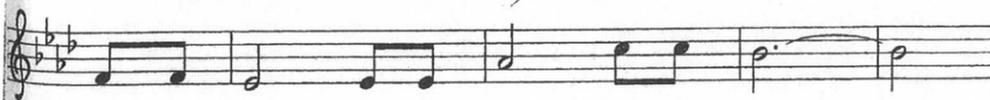
*Please stand as you are able*

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

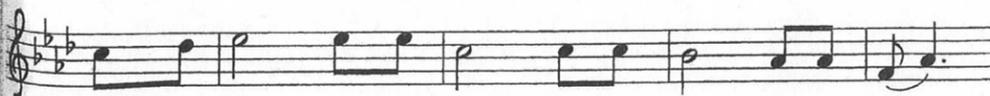
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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993  
Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey  
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PRECIOUS LORD  
Irregular

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: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence for personal prayer*

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for Zion Lutheran and our new Stephen Ministry Program. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Bless this week's marriage and help us support their life together,  
**Jayne and Mike Schrader**

Thank you for the life of our birthday sibling,  
**Nick Cignetti**

We thank you for giving Sue Montgomery and Maureen "Mo" Alters to us to know and to love. Give their family and loved ones comforting peace.  
**and confidence in your promise of eternal life.**

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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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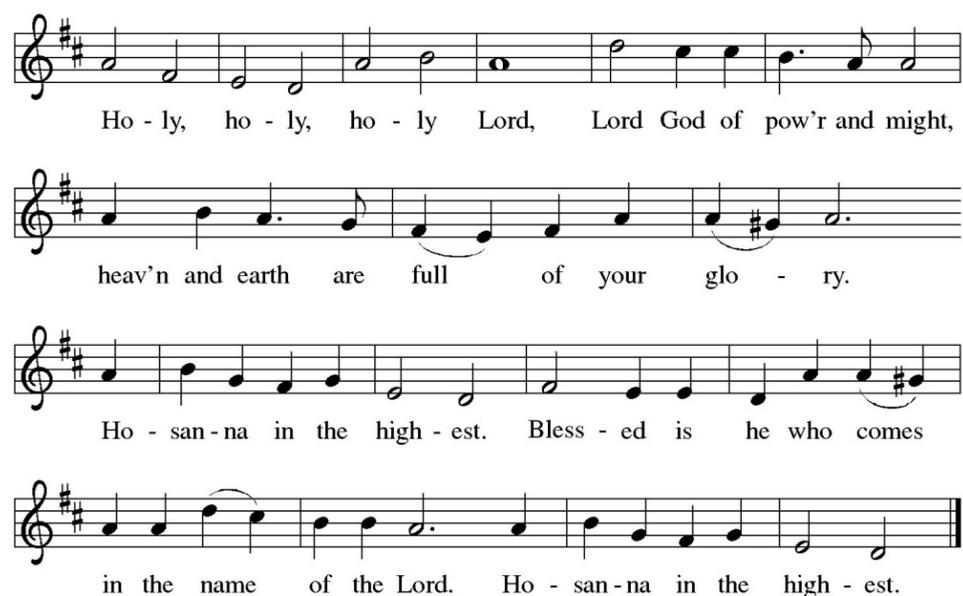


AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,  
**I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I  
have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.**

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.**

Let us enthusiastically pray as Jesus taught us,

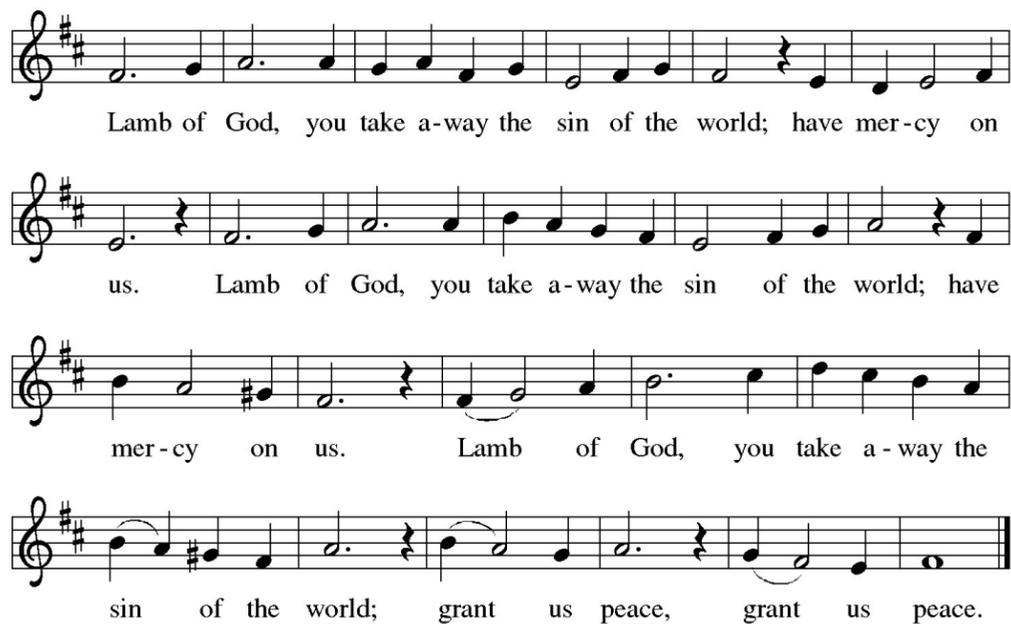
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Communion Music: *Day By Day*

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.

*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 come 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' 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.*

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;  
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.  
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1919  
 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

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: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

By: Henry Smart and Harold DeCou

*Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church*

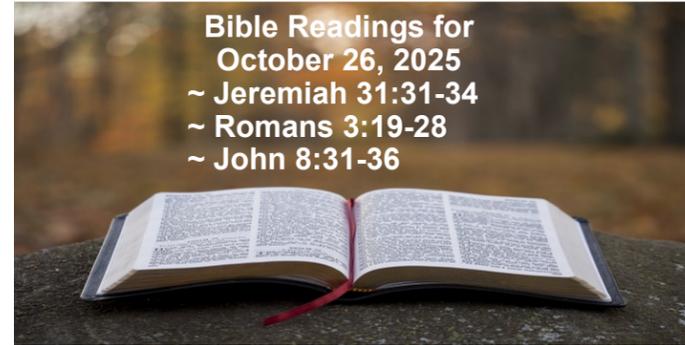
Wednesday, October 22—7pm  
Sunday, October, 26—9am

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Bible Readings for  
October 26, 2025  
~ Jeremiah 31:31-34  
~ Romans 3:19-28  
~ John 8:31-36



**CONGREGATIONAL  
COUNCIL  
MEETING**  
October 26, 2025  
After Worship Service  
With Coffee & Rolls  
2024-2025 Annual Report in Narthex



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26  
3-5PM  
TAKING CANDY DONATIONS  
IN LUTHER HALL**

**Today's Worship Leaders**

Guest Minister: Rev. Steve Johnson  
Assisting Minister: George Miller  
Acolyte: Ben Keith  
Accompanist: Steve Moore  
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and  
Chris Thompson  
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle  
Reader: Nick Cignetti  
Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross

Flowers By: Herb Beadle and Family in loving  
memory of Cheryl Beadle  
Flowers By: Moore Family in loving memory of  
Larry Moore  
Flowers By: Randy Elsass in loving memory of  
son, Michael Elsass  
*Flowers in celebration of Jayne & Mike Schrader's  
55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!*

**October 26, 2025 Worship Leaders**

Guest Minister: Rev. Sprite Johnson  
Assisting Minister: Jim Fidler  
Acolyte: LJ Brown  
Accompanist: Susan Kaschak  
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and  
Chris Thompson  
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Nikki Milek  
Reader: Randy Cizek  
Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek  
Flowers By: Bobbie & Bernie Wilson in loving  
memory of our dear sister and  
brother in Christ, Mo Alters and  
Gary Horton