

Zion Lutheran

*Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance*



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK-FAITH FORMATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#705 “God of Grace, and God of Glory”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed
by the world’s violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

PSALM 96: 1-8

sung to "You Servants of God"



1.O sing to the Lord, a new song now sing. O
2.A - mong na - tions all His glo - ry de - clare, His
3.For all of the gods of na - tions are vain, The
4.O wor - ship the Lord in splen - dor of all His



5 sing to the Lord, all earth your _____ praise bring. O
mar - vel - ous deeds to folk ev - er - ry - where. For
Lord made the heav - ens, and o'er them does reign. Be -
ho - li - ness; come and trem - ble _____ in awe. Say



9 sing to the Lord and give praise to His name, And
great is the Lord and most worth - y of praise; He
fore Him are splen - dor and great ma - jes - ty. Strength,
un - to the na - tions, "The Lord a - lone reigns!" The



13 day af - ter day His sal - va - tion pro - claim.
is to be feared a - bove all gods al - ways.
glo - ry are there in His sanc - tu - ar - y.
world is es - ta - blished; it firm - ly re - mains.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly

³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 8

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY#685

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

p. 227

BAPTISMAL HYMN

“Welcome the Child”
Verses 1 & 4

Verses 1 & 4



1. Wel - come the child who comes to be blessed,
2. Joy - bring - er God, new life is our joy!
3. Bless them by wa - ter, Spir - it and sign,
4. Give them a Church with fam - i - ly claim,

5



wel - come the faith that makes the re - quest,
Gift them with hope no hurt can de - stroy,
bring them to share the bread and the wine,
close - ness to Christ, not on - ly in name,

9



ech - o the words that Je - sus would say:
keep them clear - eyed to won - der and trust,
draw them, like frond of fern leaf un - curled,
make them a source of light and de - light,

13



"Bring them and nev - er turn them a - way!"
find - ing a peo - ple gen - tle and just.
o - pen to love and life in your world.
bap - ti - sm's grace with bap - ti - sm's rite.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,

that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,

Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 8

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

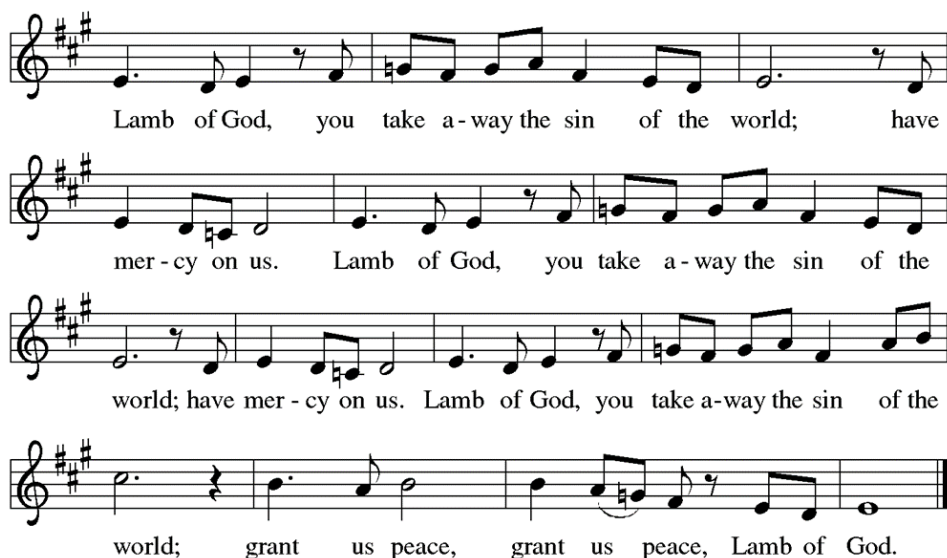
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 8



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, Lamb of God.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN# 479

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory,
Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #543

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Please ask an usher for a Large Print or Children's Bulletin

Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF Jade Charlotte

Anderson who is being baptized today. Her parents are Amy Hansmann & Tyler Anderson. Jade's sponsors are Anna Hansmann, Melissa Ayari & Emilie Anderson.

Thank you to everyone who attended the worship service & festivities for Zion's 140th anniversary celebration last Sunday. It was well attended.

As we move past our 140th Anniversary, our "church thoughts" turn toward that time of year when we remember Martin Luther's famous 95 theses nailed to the door of the Wittenberg church. Luther's teaching is often summarized in three phrases – by faith alone, by grace alone and by scripture alone. The key to reformation theology is found in God's love for people. By grace alone means that God gives his love freely. So we continue along Luther's path: we are people of faith, loved by God. Gratitude follows, for how can we deny our thanks for our Lord and Savior's love for us? And finally, generosity arrives, as we seek to share our blessings and faith with other people around us. This is the theme of our stewardship time this year: Faith, Gratitude, and Generosity. You will be hearing about those three parts of our life together in the coming weeks at temple talks before the service and you also will receive a mailing that will discuss it in detail. Please think and pray about these three important parts of our faith journey in the coming weeks!

Our new Communications Coordinator is Heather Plainse. She is working remotely and is responsible for all electronic communication. She is working 5 hours per week and the position is funded by the Endowment Fund.

We are very excited to announce that our new Website will go live today! Be sure to check it out. If you don't want your picture to appear on the website in any group photos, please call the church office.

There will be a Historic Central Neighborhood meeting at Zion on Thursday, Nov 9 from 6:30 pm to 8:30pm. You are all welcome to join us. We will be having some food (pizza and brownies) and drink (lemonaide) from 5:30 to 7.

Everyone likes a gift card for Christmas. When you are doing your early Christmas shopping think of the Raise Right program that Zion is part of. Order your gift cards from Lynn Walter. Order forms are in the narthex.

Sunday, October 22

Choir Practice 8:00 am

Isa 45:1-7; Ps 96:1-9; 1Thess 1:1-10

Matt 22:15-22

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Pastor Jake

Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: Heather Watney

Jim Schley opens

Gwen Schwandt and

Fellowship crew close

Monday, October 23

Office Volunteer: Lynn Walter

Tuesday, October 24

Staff Meeting, 10:30 am-12:00pm

Wednesday, October 25

Office Volunteer Meeting, 10:00 am

Thursday, October 26

Book Club, 6:30-8:00

Sunday, October 29

Choir Practice 8:00 am

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 46; Rom 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

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Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz

Acolyte: Alexa Rusch

Musician: Jim Schley

Peg McCarthy opens

Tammy Mossholder closes