

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

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.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM 33

sung to the melody from
"A Beacon from Age to Age"

Let the righ - teous, to - gether - er, sing God's praise. It's so
 For the words of the Lord are al - ways right, and the
 For the will of the na - tions has no pow'r, nor de-

3
 good just to sing to the Lord. Play the
 deeds of the Lord, ver - y sure. God de-
 signs of the king and the sage. But the

5
 harp, the gui - tar and the trum - pet. Make a
 sires our love and af - fec - tion and re-
 will of the one who is faith - ful is a

7
 pow'r - ful, re - sound - ing chord. Praise the
 sponds to a heart that's pure.
 bea - con from age to age.

9
 Lord, all the earth! Praise the Lord, all peo-ples of the

12
 world! With a word, the earth was cre - a - ted; with a com-

15
 mand ev - 'ry-thing un - furled.

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 Music: "Roll Call", James M Black, 1902

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 12



GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:32-40

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

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY #764**"Have No Fear, Little Flock"****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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

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

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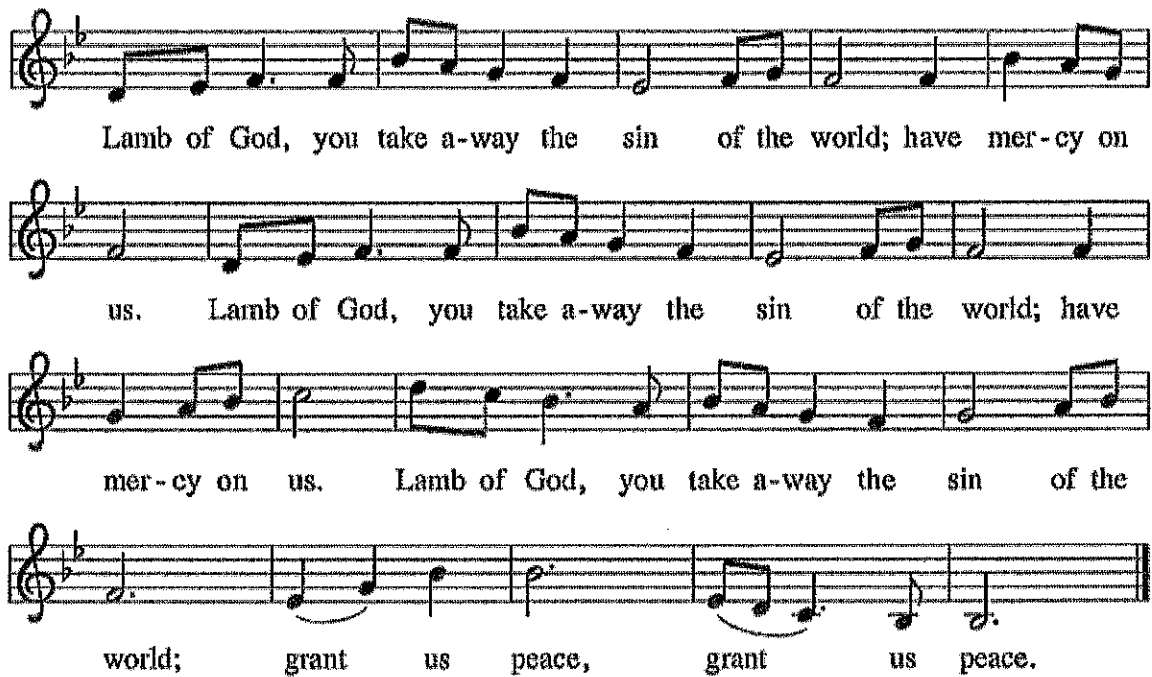
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 12



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN #522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

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

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.

BLESSING

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.

SENDING HYMN

"City of God"
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**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!

Attendance:

Last Week: 55

Last Year: 76

Announcements!

The total monetary amount collected for the blessing box from the Giving Tree and otherwise for July was \$255. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Christmas in July Giving Tree.

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Candy Korzilius's birthday given by her family.

The cost to repair the handbells and chimes will cost approximately \$5000 plus shipping. Generous donations of approximately \$3600 have been received so far. If you would like to contribute towards the bell and chime repair, please mark your donation for this purpose. Thank you!

Zion is collecting supplies needed by Edison school which is where the neighborhood children will be attending in the fall. School Supplies are paid by the school so these are some other supplies that are needed. There will be a tote at the back of the sanctuary where you can put these items. We will be collecting them through August 24th. **Things needed are:** disinfecting wipes, tissues, gallon sized ziploc bags, Sturdy drawstring backpacks for field trips, snack sized ziploc bags, kid -friendly birthday cards so each child can receive a card for their birthday from their school family. **They are also hoping to collect the following items for families in need:** Toilet paper, all-purpose cleaners like Fabuloso or Mr. Clean, Laundry supplies, shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant /anti-perspirant, Twin sized sheets and blankets, Children's socks, Children's underwear, Gently used children's jackets and coats and reusable water bottles.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Custodian - Zion Place is seeking an individual to provide ongoing custodial services for 10-15 hours per week. If you have a high school diploma or equivalent, take pride in attention to detail and the presentation of a clean and welcoming atmosphere, we would love to talk to you.

Apartment Manager - Zion Place is seeking an individual to manage its facility. If you have prior building management/maintenance experience, take pride in offering a safe and welcoming community for individuals age 55 and older to live independently, we would love to talk to you. Please call Zion's office at 920-739-3104 or email: zion@zionappleton.org

The Historic Central Neighborhood is hosting **Porchfest** again this year. It will be at Columbus playground on **Tuesday, August 26th from 5:30-8:30pm**. Zion has participated in this event in the past. If you'd like to volunteer to cook and/or sell brats and hot dogs, please let Sue Bunkert or Brianne Connelly know.

Aug. 27th is the last Lunchtime Organ Recital Series for the season. Below is where the next 2 Organ Recitals will take place. They are on Wednesdays at 12:15pm.

August 13 - Dr. Erich Knapp	First English Lutheran Church 326 E North St, Appleton
August 20 - Devin Atteln, CAO	St. Mary Catholic Church 528 2nd St, Menasha

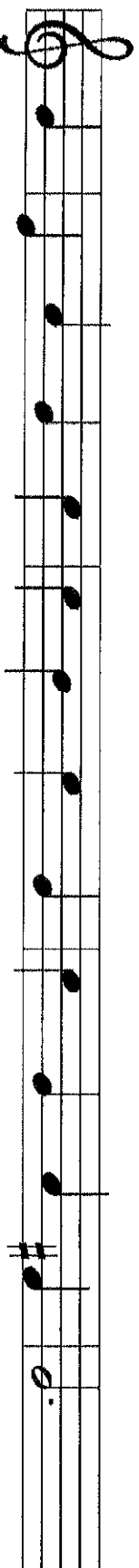
If you have lost a loved one to suicide please join St. Joseph Parish's monthly support group which is held on the second Monday of every month throughout the year beginning at 6:30pm. They are located at 404 W. Lawrence St., Appleton. The support group meets in the Holly Hall building which is located between the church and the parking lot. There is no pre-registration required. Just come."

There are many activities going on this week. There are posters on the bulletin board with details but here is a list of the events. Synod Golf Tournament, Tuesday, August 12, Linwood Community, Thursday, August 14th, 20th annual Voices of Peace & peach Church, Potter, Friday, August 15 & Saturday August 16, Linwood Park Pavilion, August 17 & Linwood Community, Tuesday, Aug. 19.

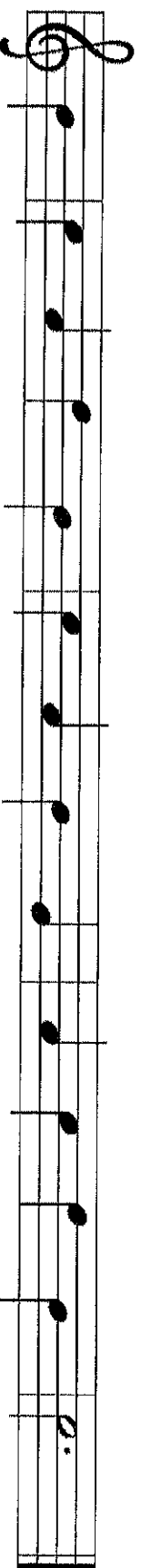
Zion/Columbus Playground Program at the Columbus playground has been very well attended. It is for neighborhood kids ages 5-13. Every **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from Aug. 12 -Aug 21 between 1-4pm**, Brianne is supervising the neighborhood kids for free play on the playground. If you would like to volunteer as a supervisor with Brianne or would like to donate toward toys or snacks, please reach out to Brianne.

Sunday, August 10 Gen 15:1-6; Ps 33:12-22 Heb 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40 Worship Service 9:00 am Followed by Coffee Hour	Lectionary 19 (Pentecost 9) Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck Reader: Heather Watney Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Gene Wiese Closes: Jodi Hoesli Greeters: Jo Schiedermayer, Linda Wirtz
Tuesday, August 12	Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am
Sunday, August 17 Jer 23:23-29; Ps 82 Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56 Worship Service 9:00 am followed by Coffee Hour	Lectionary 20 (Pentecost 10) Pastor Roger McQuiston Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs Reader: Lynn Walter Musician: Jim Schley Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt Greeters: Collen Malchow, Diane Moseng

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



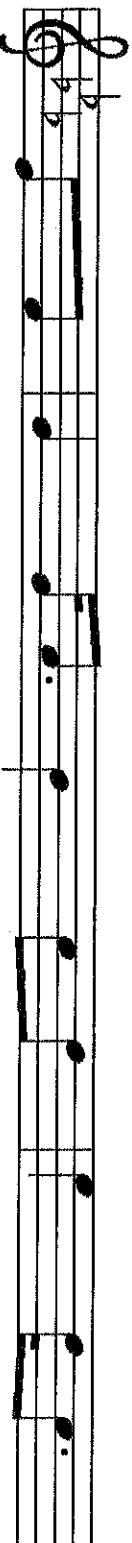
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, 6 O God, our help in ages past,
bears all our years away; our hope for years to come,
they fly forgotten, as a dream still be our guard while troubles last
dies at the op'ning day. and our eternal home.

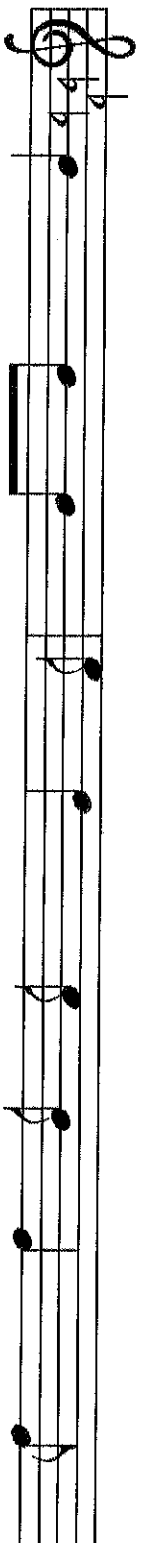
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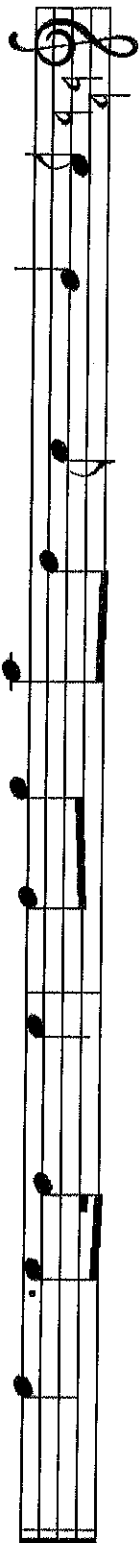
Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down be - side you, in
 God, for he stays close



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

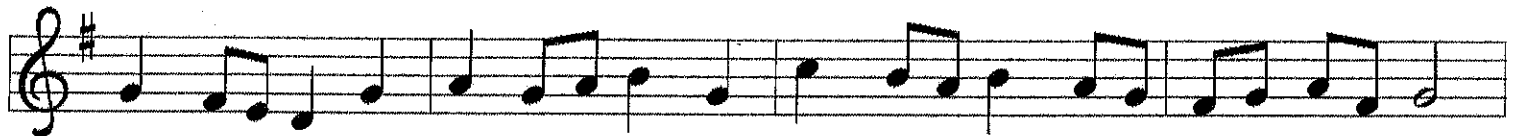
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 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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JOIN US | FOR THIS FREE FALL PREVENTION COMMUNITY EVENT

Tuesday, August 26th, 2025

Bridgewood Conference Center

1000 Cameron Way, Neenah

Event - 8:30am - Noon

Registration Opens at 8:15am

Welcoming Remarks: 9:00am

What's in Your Finding Balance Toolbox?

Join us for this year's Finding Balance Together event, where you'll discover tools to help you stay steady, safe, and independent!

You'll have the opportunity to:

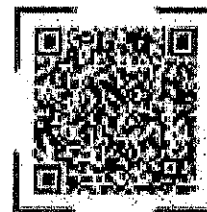
- Learn new exercises promoting balance and strength
- Gain valuable insights to preventing and managing concussions as you age
- Participate in interactive health screens
- View engaging demonstrations—such as how to use Urban Walking Poles, and nutritious meal ideas
- Explore helpful community resources
- Build your own "Finding Balance Toolbox!"

Pre-registration is appreciated

Please register to reserve your place as seating is limited.

For more information, and to register online, visit

www.FindingBalanceTogether.org or scan the QR code:



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