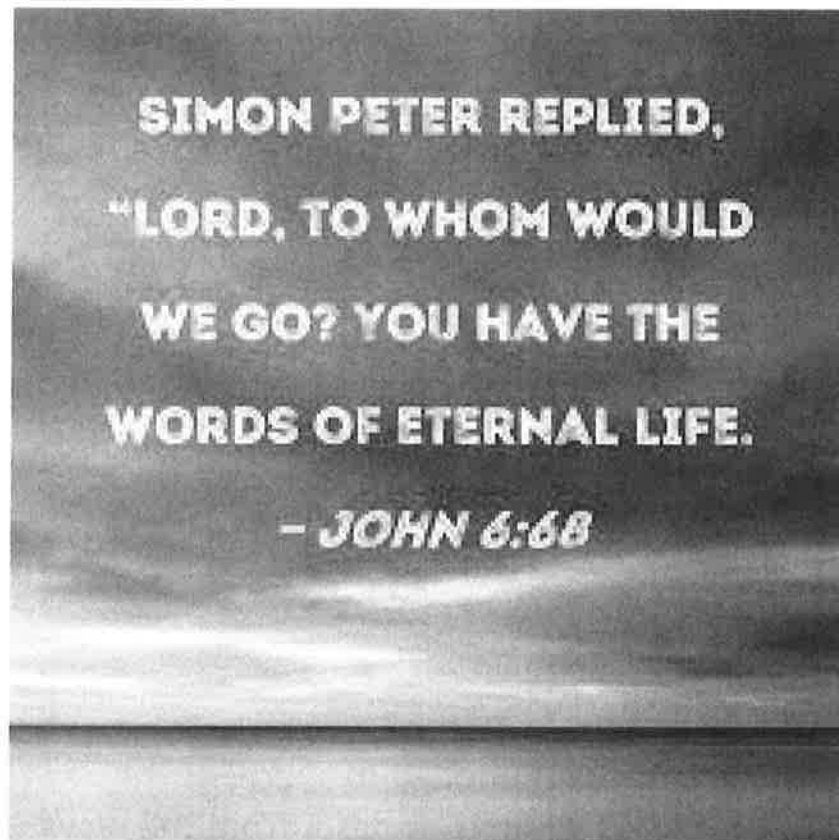


Zion Lutheran

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



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024

PRELUDE

Please respect this time before worship for those who want to pray quietly in the sanctuary. Once the prelude begins, please use that time to listen to the music and prepare for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#504 "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

A reading from Joshua.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed;

¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

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

PSALM 34: 15-22 sung to the melody for “Abide with me”

15 Open are His eyes toward the righteous ones;
God’s ears attentive to their ev’ry cry.

16 Proud, evil men, the Lord’s face does oppose;
Quickly He cuts their mem’ry from the earth.

17 Righteous cry out—the Lord will hear their cry;
Saves them from all their troubles and distress.

18 The Lord is close to every broken heart,
And saves those who are crushed in heaviness.

19 Under His care, the righteous still have trials;
Very sure is the Lord’s deliverance.

20 Well He protects their bones and does assure
not one of them will ever broken be.

21 Expect that evil will slay wicked ones;
Yes, foes of righteous ones will be condemned.

22 Zion’s true servants, the Lord does redeem;
None who take refuge in Him stand condemned.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

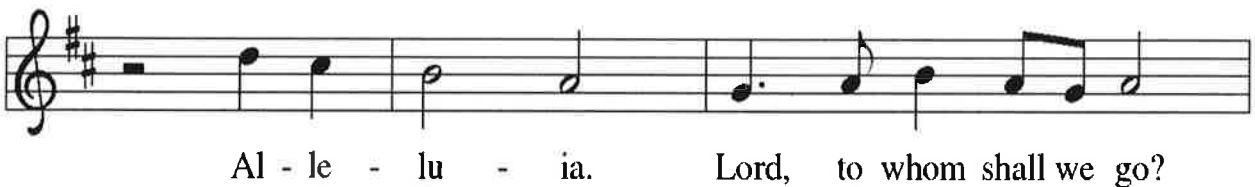
A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-69

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”

⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?" ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY#759

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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BAPTISMAL HYMN

"Welcome the Child"

Verses 1 & 4

see insert



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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
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



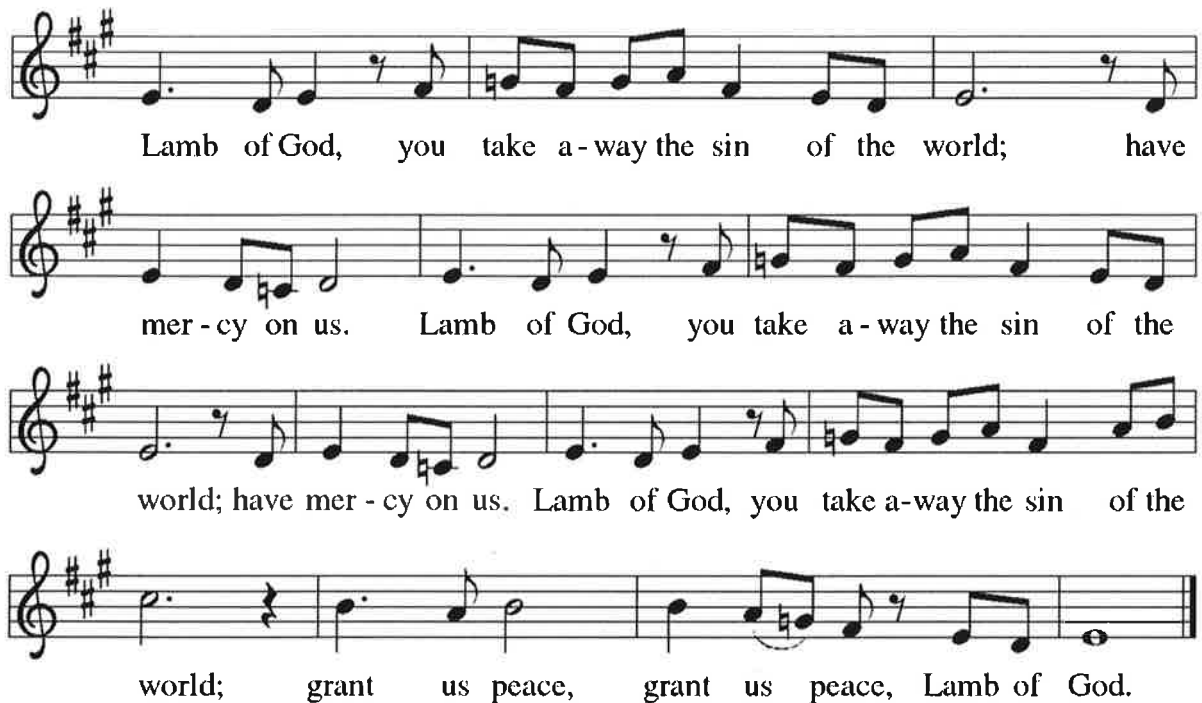
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#469 "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

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

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN#763 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**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!

Announcements!

Today Vera Rose Brossman will be baptized. Evelyn Kasten & William Brossman are her parents. Please keep them in your prayers.

The office will be closed on **Monday, Sept. 2nd** in observance of Labor Day.

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 15th. Now is the time to sign up your Sunday School aged student. Sunday school is for children 3 years of age by September 1st through 5th grade. We're also looking for volunteers to assist with Sunday School this year. This is a low commitment opportunity that has a big impact on our students! You can volunteer once to more often. To sign up your children or volunteer, please go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/jt6t2BsHnB>. We look forward to Sunday School starting this September! Remember to bring your backpacks to be blessed on Sept. 15th.

The last Lunchtime Organ Recital is **Aug.28**: Dr. Naomi Rowley Memorial Presbyterian, 803 E. College Ave. Appleton. It is at 12:15pm.

Linwood Community will have a talk on "What Happens AFTER You Leave the Hospital". It will be on **Thursday, August 29, at 2 PM**. Bri McCarthy from Theda Care at Home will share insights on Post Acute Care Services (care after hospital discharge).

M. C. Kinney Photography of Appleton recently photographed the sanctuary as part of their project documenting historic churches. Any interested parties may purchase a professional print of the photo at the link below and 10% of any sales will be donated to the congregation. The picture is in the back of the sanctuary so you can see what it looks like. <https://mckp.acisitebuilder.com/store/shop/image/119/8>

Hospitality and Outreach Coordinator-We are seeking an individual to work with the pastor, other church staff, church council and volunteers to turn their ideas and content for events and outreach into reality. This is a part-time, hourly position, without benefits. The position is open to people who are committed to the mission of Zion Lutheran Congregation and serving the needs of the local community. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Sachs by phone 920-851-3422 or email wife4bike@aol.com. A copy of the job description is available upon request.

Beginning on August 5th, our Church Administrator, Karen Farlow, will be reducing her hours from 20 hours per week to 10. Due to additional hours required by her other employer, this change is necessary. However, because of Karen's knowledge and efficiency as well as Zion transitioning to Lambert Business Solutions for our financial matters, there will be no disruption to the effective running of our facility. Thanks, Karen, for all you do. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sue Bunkert.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, August 25

Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ps 34:15-22

Eph 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Lectionary 21 (Pentecost 14)

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs

Reader: JoAnn Salm

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Sunday, September 1

Deut 4:1-2, 6-9; Ps 15

James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Lectionary 22 (Pentecost 15)

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Tricia Kasten

Musicians: Cheryl and Jon Meyer

Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Monday, September 2

Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

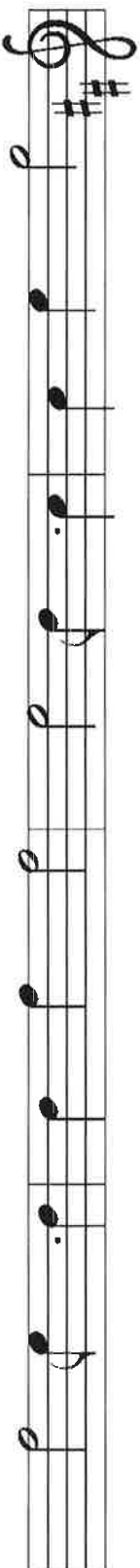


he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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My Faith Looks Up to Thee



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer. 1808-1887
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason. 1792-1872

By Your Hand You Feed Your People



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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My Life Flows On in Endless Song



- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
- 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-i-or liv-eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.