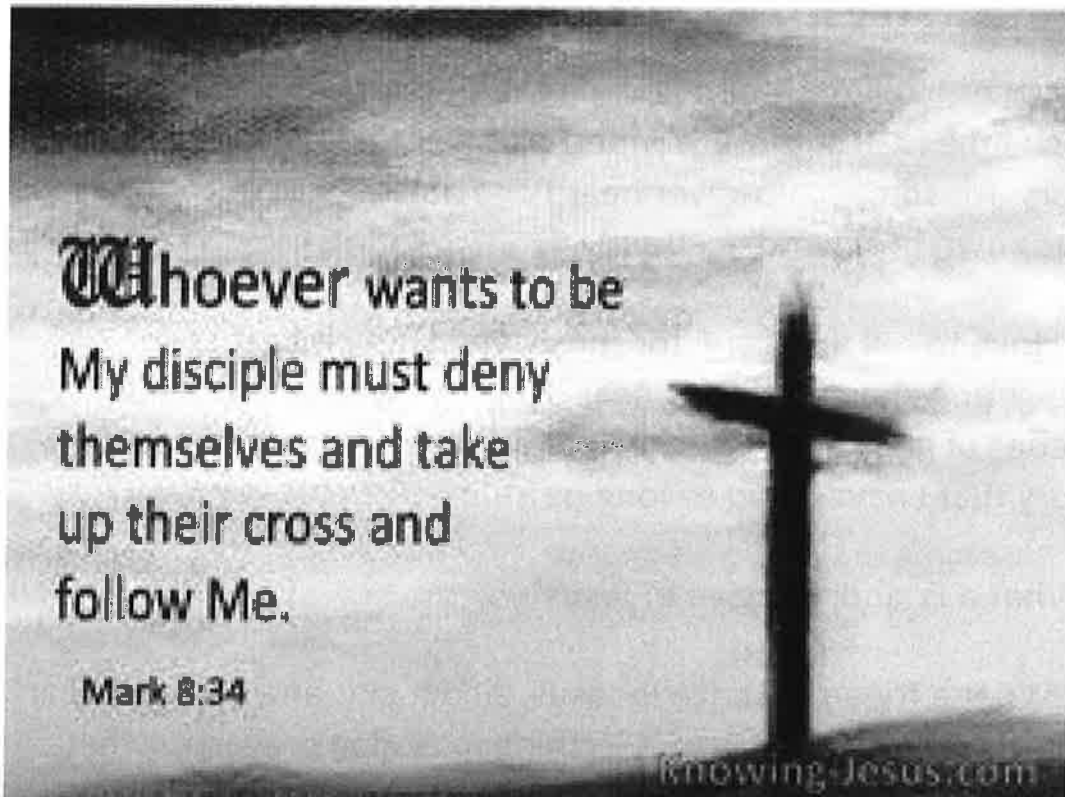


Zion Lutheran

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



Rally Sunday

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024**

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

"I Shall Not Be Moved"

"I Love to Tell the Story"

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard The message of salvation from Gods own holy word. (refrain)

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seen hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long (refrain)

"What a Friend we have in Jesus"

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry, ev'rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, o' what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, ev'rything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake Thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**“Shall we Gather at the River”
see insert**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

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

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND BACKPACKS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 116: 1-9

Read Responsively

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

A reading from James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al le lu ia, al le lu ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? — You have the words of e

ter nal_ life, al le lu ia.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-38

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What a Fellowship”
see insert

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

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

“The Church in the Wildwood”

OFFERING PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**


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



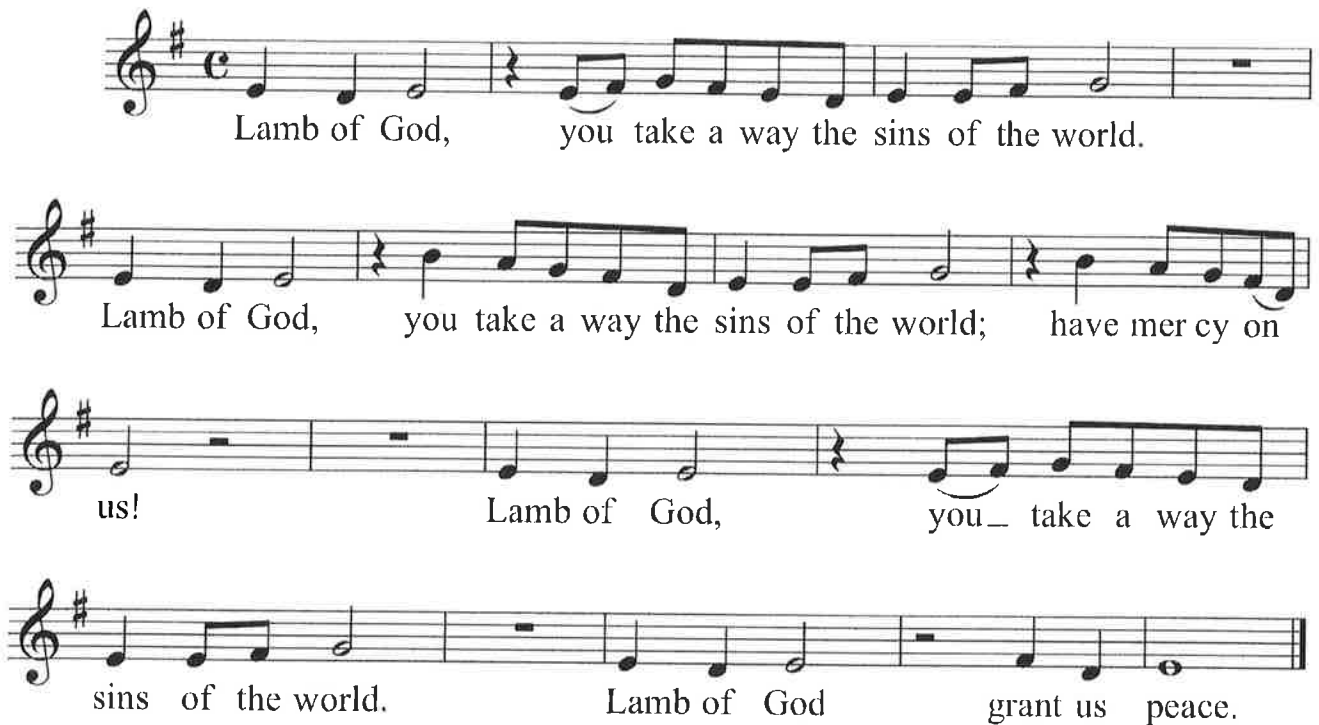
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
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est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
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THANKSGIVING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



Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on

us! Lamb of God, you take away the

sins of the world. Lamb of God grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

“Welcome Table”
see insert

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Come and Dine”

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

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful
bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"I'll Fly Away"
See insert

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**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!

Altar Flowers are from Ellie Wilz, in memory of her late husband, Jim, and in honor of what would be their 67th wedding

The Affordable Housing Presentation that was given on Sept. 8th is now on our website under the Affordable Housing tab at the top of the webpage. The website is zionappleton.org

Next Sunday, Sept. 22 there will be a vote on the Affordable Housing Project Proposal after the worship service. This is for approval to start working with the developer. Please stay and make sure you vote.

Giving Thanks Through Service "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35). This week, find a way to serve someone in need as an expression of your gratitude.

Each week there will be a Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, on the tables at the back of sanctuary for you to take with you. It will also be on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

Special Worship Music and Celebrations at ZION.

September 15: Bluegrass Music --- Rally Sunday

October 27: Jazz Music --- Welcome Sunday

November 3: Bagpipe and Cello Music --- All Saints Sunday

December 24: String Quartet(4 pm) and Organ (6 pm)

January 4: Epiphany Walk and Brunch

Today is the final 2024 Summer Concert held by Linwood Community. It will be at 2 PM. Join them for fellowship and great music from "Voices of Peace." Bring your lawn chair and enjoy great music with family and friends at Linwood Park Pavilion, 401 N Douglas St, (across the street from Linwood Community). In case of rain, concerts will be moved to Belfry Hall, 900 N Mason St, Appleton. A freewill offering will be accepted to support the ministry of Linwood Community.

There is also a educational event at Linwood Community Thursday, September 19, at 2 PM. The subject is Fall Prevention. Sue Coyle, owner of Coyle Care Management, a geriatric care management business will be our speaker. By encouraging a shift from a reactive mindset to a proactive approach, Sue inspires individuals to integrate safety practices into their daily lives.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 from 8:00 am -12:00 noon there will be a Senior Living Expo Celebrating Life after 50. It will be at Xtreme Air (formerly Players Choice) County Rd JJ, Appleton. Older adults, their families, caregivers and all interested are invited to attend. Interactive Tradeshow with 60+ Exhibit Booths and many prizes. FREE Admission, NO advance registration, FREE Seminars and Health Screenings. Sponsored by Appleton Noon Lions Club. All proceeds go to charitable organizations.

Grief Support groups are being provided for those who have lost a loved one in death. The support group will be meeting on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The group will meet for seven sessions. Please contact Nancy Scheuerman from Prince of Peace at nancy631@sbcglobal.net or call the church office at 920-739-5255 to indicate your interest or to hear more.

On Monday, September 23rd @ 11 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church, 326 E North St., Appleton WI, Rev. Tim Krick, Senior Advisor, Congregational Engagement with Lutheran World Relief (LWR), is planning to share stories about how all of our love is making a difference around the world. Along with those stories, he will share about the depth and breadth of work that we all do through LWR and let us know how we can continue to be God's presence in the world. Tim is a former pastor at Christ the King in Combined Locks.

<p>Sunday, September 15 Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 116:1-9 James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38 Worship Service 9:00 am followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation</p>	<p>Lectionary 24 (Pentecost 17) Rally Sunday Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Greg Pettigrew Closes: Tammy Mossholder Acolyte: Lily Gruselle</p>
<p>Monday, September 16</p>	<p>Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 17</p>	<p>Visitation Minister Meeting 10:30am</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 18</p>	<p>Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm</p>
<p>Sunday, September 22 Jer 11:18-20; Ps 54 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation</p>	<p>Lectionary 25 (Pentecost 18) Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Deb Reis Musician: William Surtees Opens: Jim Schley Closes: Tammy Mossholder Acolyte: Alexa Rusch</p>

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Shall we Gather at the River”

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day (refrain)

3. 'Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (refrain)

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (refrain)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What a Fellowship”

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (refrain)

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (refrain)

COMMUNION HYMN**"Welcome Table"**

1. We're gonna sit at the welcome ta-----ble.
We're gonna sit at the welcome table one o' these days, alleluia!
We're gonna sit at the welcome ta-----ble.
Gonna sit at the welcome table one o' these days

2. Je---sus calls us to the ta-----ble.
Jesus calls us to the table one o' these days, alleluia!
Je---sus calls us to the ta-----ble
Gonna sit at the welcome table one o' these days

3. There'll be singin' at the ta-----ble.
There'll be singin' at the table one o' these days, alleluia!
There'll be singin' at the ta-----ble.
Gonna sit at the welcome table one o' these days

4. We're gonna sit at the welcome ta-----ble.
We're gonna sit at the welcome table one o' these days, alleluia!
We're gonna sit at the welcome ta-----ble.
Gonna sit at the welcome table one o' these days (*repeat*)
Gonna sit at the welcome table one o' these days

SENDING HYMN**"I'll Fly Away"**

1. Some glad morning when this life is over... I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore... I'll fly away!

Chorus: I'll fly away oh glory, I'll fly away
When I die Hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away!

2. When the shadows of this life have grown... I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars have flown... I'll fly away (*chorus*)
3. Just a few more weary days and then... I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end... I'll fly away (*chorus*)