

Zion Lutheran

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



Camp Sunday
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

"I'll Do My Best"

see insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

1. Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

(Refrain)

Refrain: And you spell it with a J (a J) E (an E) S (an S) U (a U)
S (an S)

What's that spell? Jesus! (Louder) Jesus! (Louder) Jesus (Softer)
Jesus (Softer)

2. Jesus loves me he who died, heaven's gate to open wide.

He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. **(Refrain)**

3. Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking
children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." **(Refrain)**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDRENS SERMON

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos.

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

PSALM

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

see insert

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from 1 Timothy.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us. ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Father, I Adore You"

1. Father, I adore you
And I lay my life before you
How I love you
2. Jesus, I adore you
And I lay my life before you
How I love you
3. Spirit, I adore you
And I lay my life before you
How I love you

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, receive our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for you.

And I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, O Lord.

And I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, O Lord. **(Repeat)**

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our 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

Setting 12

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.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

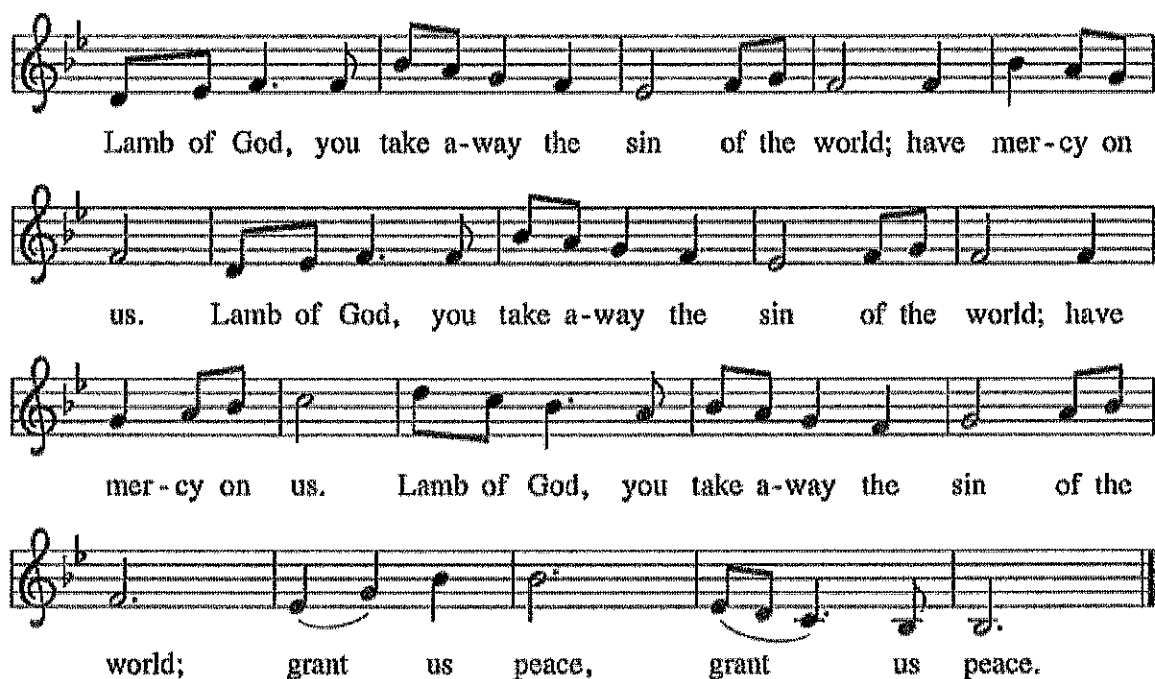
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 12



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Seek Ye First"
see insert

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

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.

BLESSING

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.**

SENDING HYMN

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

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

POSTLUDE

"I'll Do My Best"

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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: 79

Last Year: 82

Announcements!

A congregational meeting of Zion Lutheran Church will be held next Sunday, October 5, 2025 following the 9:00 service. The purpose of this meeting is a vote to call a new Pastor.

Today there is a survey insert in your bulletin for you to vote what time you prefer for the Christmas Eve service. You can also vote online. visit our website at <https://www.zionappleton.org> and **scroll down** on the main page to find the survey.

Beginning today, there will be a Bible Study in the Chapel hosted by Jon Meyer, looking at various Bible passages that deal with our stewardship, or "caretaking," of different facets and times of our lives. The sessions will be only a half-hour, from 10:30 to 11:00, and we will try to have some engaging discussion not only about the Scriptures, but in sharing some of our own experiences. If you'd like to participate, all you have to do is show up at the Chapel! There will be three sessions, Oct. 12, 19, and 26 after today's session. Each week we'll look at a different aspect of "caretaking": Time, Space, Poverty, and Abundance. Feel free to come to one week's meeting or to all of the sessions. Bring along your coffee and treats from Coffee Hour!

A Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the wall across from the the bulletin board as you enter the church through the Winnebago Street doors. They are for you to take with you. It is also on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

ELCA celebrates "God's Work, Our Hands" on Sept. 7th but Zion will be celebrating it all the month of September & October. We are doing cleaning rooms at Zion. We will be calling for volunteers for Zion work. When you get a call please remember "God's Work, Our Hands". Zion appreciates it very much.

To help all of us hear better in worship today, we recommend sitting closer to the front of the Sanctuary. Faith Technologies is inspecting the circuitry in our building to be sure there is no further damage from the lightning strike. When completed, work will commence on repairs or replacement parts for the sound system and live streaming. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Thank you to everyone that has already donated to the neighborhood family. They really appreciate what we have given them. They are still in need of help so if you would like to help them you can either put money in an envelope marked neighborhood family or they can use gift cards to grocery stores, fuel & clothing stores.

The Community Clothes Closet is having **Be a Pajama Hero** drive! It runs from September 25 to October 6. By contributing to the Be a Pajama Hero drive, you'll ensure children, teens, and adults have something cozy and new to wear at night. You can either donate \$25 which will provide a new set of pajamas for a client or you can purchase new pajamas in any size from infant to adult 3XL. Drop off locations are Fox River Mall, Community Clothes Closet, Gunderson Cleaners in Appleton, Neenah & Oshkosh or Maurices in Neenah & Oshkosh.

Linwood Community will be hosting Michelle Graf, owner of Care Patrol, on Monday, October 7 at 10 AM where she will explore inspiring ways to "Live Our Best Life." Come enjoy snacks, engage in meaningful conversations, and participate in a bit of fun as we share experiences and support one another in enhancing our physical, mental, and social well-being. Joy and fellowship know no age limits at Linwood.

Sunday, September 28 Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 113 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation	Lectionary 26 (Pentecost 16) Camp Sunday Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Gene Wiese Closes: Jodi Hoesli Greeters: Elmer & Karen Luedtke
Monday, October 13, 2025	Submissions due for November's calendar
Wednesday, October 1st	Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm
Sunday, October 5th Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Ps 37:1-9 2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:40 am Worship Service 9:00 am followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation	Lectionary 27 (Pentecost 17) Pastor Jan LaVake Assisting Ministers: Grace Van Eyck Reader: Cheryl Meyer Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Greg Pettigrew Closes: Jodi Hoesli Greeters: Carol Gipp, Diane Moseng

I'll Do My Best

Love, I'll love, I'll love You, Lord, forever.

Love, I'll love, I'll love You, Lord, forever.

Refrain: I'll do my best, I'll do my best, (Oh-oh-oh) I'll do my best for You (Oh-oh-oh) I'll do my best, I'll do my best, (Oh-oh-oh) I'll do my best for You.

2. Praise, I'll praise, I'll praise You, Lord, forever.

Praise, I'll praise, I'll praise You, Lord, forever. **(Refrain)**

3. Serve, I'll serve, I'll serve You, Lord, forever.

Serve, I'll serve, I'll serve You, Lord, forever. **(Refrain)**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

1. Lord, I lift Your name on high

Lord, I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

Refrain: You came from heaven to earth to show the way.

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

2. Lord, we come before your throne

Bowed in humble adoration

We're so glad to be your own

We're so glad you came to save us. **(Refrain)**

Seek Ye First

1. Seek Ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

Refrain: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

2. Where two are three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst. And
whatsoever you ask I will do,
Allelu, Alleluia. **(Refrain)**

3. If you abide in me and my word abides in you,
Ask what you will, and it shall be done for you,
Allelu, Alleluia. **(Refrain)**

4. Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find.
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia. **(Refrain)**

5. You shall not live by bread alone but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia.
(Refrain)

We Are Marching In The Light of God

1. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching, we are marching Oh Oh, We are marching in the light
of God. We are marching, marching, We are marching Oh Oh, We are marching in
the light of God.

2. We are Singing...

3. We are Praying...



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The best part? Every gift matters, not for its size, but for the way it joins with others to create a community that makes camp possible for more families. Some of the most meaningful moments at camp aren't planned; they happen when we join together.

One of our campers, Eli, reminded us of this in the simplest way. When a weather alert sent us to the storm shelter, Eli was scared. But once we were safely inside, surrounded by songs, laughter, and the comfort of community, Eli took a deep breath, looked around, and said, "The best memories always happen when we're all together."

That's the power of camp! It's belonging, connection, and the love of God made real. Your gift today helps make sure every camper can be part of it. Support Camp Scholarships: Give Today! Every gift brings another camper into the circle. And the best memories? They're still waiting to be made.

Freda Koehler
Crossways Chair of Operations



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Christmas Eve Worship Service Time Preference



Please choose the service time that you are willing and able to attend.

— 1:30pm

— 4:00pm

— 6:30pm

