

Zion Lutheran

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



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

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#886

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into
health and death into life. Open us to the power of your
presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your
promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer
and Lord.**

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not
fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with
terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes
of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the
speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the
wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall
become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

sung to the melody for
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
see next page

1 Praise the Lord, my soul, O praise Him; to the Lord your praises give;
2 I will praise Him my whole life; sing praise to God long as I live.
3 Do not put your trust in princes; in mere man who cannot save—
4 When they die, their plans are nothing; they descend into the grave.

5 Bless-ed is the one whose help is Jacob's God—how bless'd is he!
Bless-ed is the one whose hope is in the Lord his God, for He
6 is the Maker of the heavens, Maker of the earth and sea;
He, the Lord, made all that fills them, and keeps faith eternally.

7 He upholds the cause of those who are oppressed—to them is kind;
He gives food unto the hungry; and gives sight unto the blind.
8 The Lord sets the pris'ners free and lifts up those who are bowed down;
The Lord loves the righteous ones, and does their lives with glory crown.

9 The Lord watches o'er the strangers; and sustains the fatherless;
Helps the widows, but He frustrates wicked ones who would oppress.
10 The Lord God will reign forever; your God, Zion, evermore;
He reigns for all generations; hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

A reading from James.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Mark 7:24-37

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

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spirit, Open My Heart"
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 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

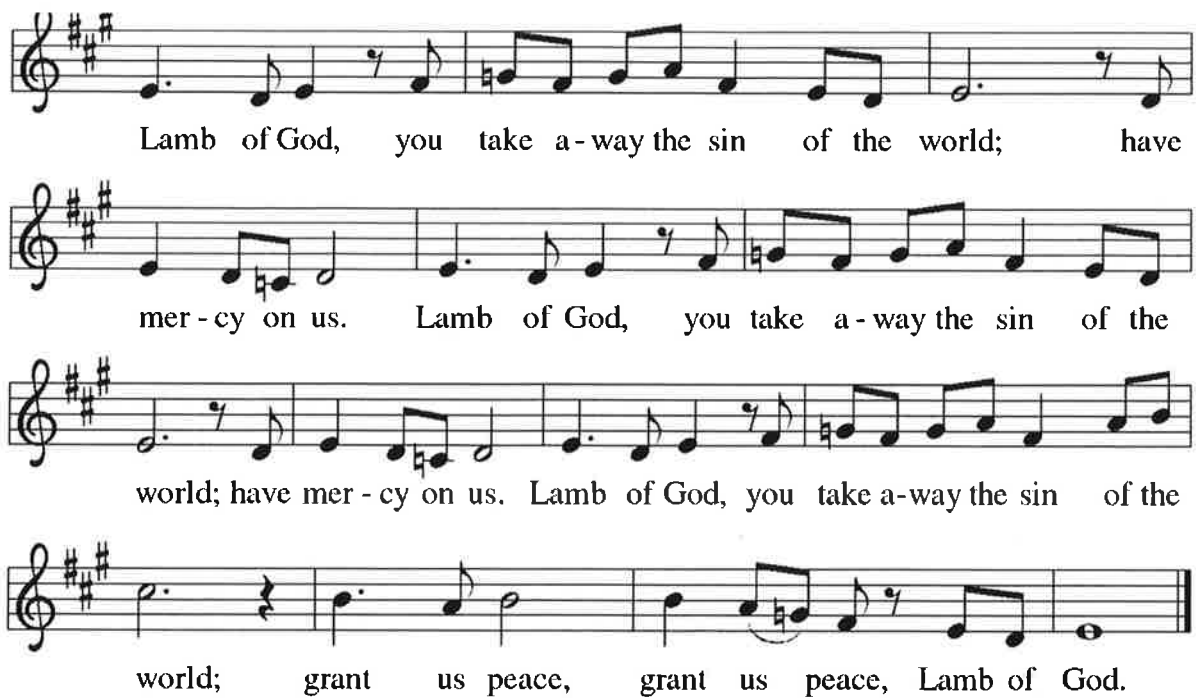
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

“Build a Longer Table”
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

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.

Worship Survey

Affordable Housing Presentation

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9:30 am - 2:00 pm.

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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 the selection team for the Affordable Housing Project will present pertinent information regarding the Affordable Housing Project proposal received from a potential developer. Please plan to stay after worship to avail yourself of this information as you will be asked for your vote on this proposal at a congregational meeting tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd following the worship service.

Grateful Hearts, Generous Hands "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7). Reflect on how a grateful heart leads to generous giving and look for opportunities to share your gifts.

Next Sunday is Rally Sunday for the Sunday School children & confirmation students. There will also be Bluegrass music. Please come & welcome the children & students & enjoy the music. You can sign up your Sunday School aged student for Sunday school. 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.

Special Worship Music and Celebrations at ZION.

September 15: Bluegrass Music --- Rally Sunday

October 27: Jass Music --- Welcome Sunday

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

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

January 4: Epiphany Walk and Brunch

For those that receive the messenger by mail, your envelope with the September messenger in it is in the back of the sanctuary. Please help keep costs down by getting your envelope so we don't have to send it in the mail. There are extra copies of the messenger on the table in the back of the sanctuary also.

The **final** 2024 Summer Concert for Linwood Community will be September 15 at 2pm. The group will be "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 on Monday, September 9t at 1pm. The topic will be "What Was It Like to be a White House Photographer". Join them for a captivating photo presentation by our very own Ozzie Rapp, who will tell us about his journey through his years as a White House photographer during the administration of President Lyndon B Johnson.

Each year Appleton Noon Lions Club sponsors a FREE event of interest for senior citizens, people with disabilities, their families and care-givers. The event is being held **Wednesday, Sept. 18th** from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. It is located at-Xtreme Air (formerly Players Choice) County Rd JJ, Appleton. The event is called Senior Living Expo--Celebrating Life after 50. 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. All proceeds go to charitable organizations.

Come join the Lunch Social group which meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:30pm. There will be a sign up in the narthex which will let you know where we are going. You can sign up on the sheet so we know how many are coming.

Lynn will have gift cards for purchase today after the service. They are \$25 Festival, \$10 Kwik Trip, \$25 Kwik Trip & \$10 McDonalds. Order forms are in the narthex with all the gift cards you can order. Her information is on the order form so you can take them home & decide what you want to order. Zion does benefit from your gift card purchases.

Sunday, September 8

Isa 35:4-7a; Ps 146

James 2:1-10 [11-13]; Mark 7:24-37

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Lectionary 23 (Pentecost 16)

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck

Musician: Jim Schley

Opens and Closes: Jim Schley

Tuesday, September 10

Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, September 11

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

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

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

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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