

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 23, 2018



Introduction to the Day

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

## **Welcome to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church!**

*If you are a visitor, please know that the restrooms are out the door in the back of the right side of the worship space, up the ramp to the left, across that room, and down the hall to the offices on the right side before you get to the offices.*

*If you need the nursery, go out the door in the back of the right side of the worship space, down the steps to the right, and through the door at the bottom of the steps to your right. It has a sign on it. The nursery is not staffed, but there is a changing table and a rocker available.*

### **Communion Statement**

*The belief of this congregation is that participation in the Lord's Supper is the reception of "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166). We believe that "a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,' is really worthy and well prepared. However, a person who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, because the words 'for you' require truly believing hearts" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166).*

*At this service, communion is distributed at the foot of the chancel steps. You will be given a piece of bread to eat, then you will be given a small cup filled with wine to drink. When you are done with the small cup, please put it in the tray held by the next person you see, which will either be empty or have other empty small cups in it.*

*Prayers for before and after worship and before and after communion can be found on pages 72 and 73 in the front of Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

**May the Spirit bless our time of worship.**

## GATHERING

PRELUDE: "Wondrous Love"  
*Southern Folk Hymn, arr. David N. Johnson*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand.*

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)***

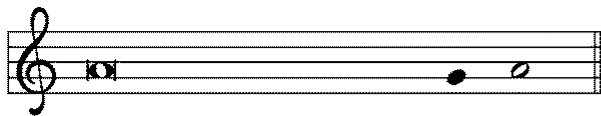
- 1 **Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.**
  
- 2 **Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**
  
- 3 **Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.**

GREETING

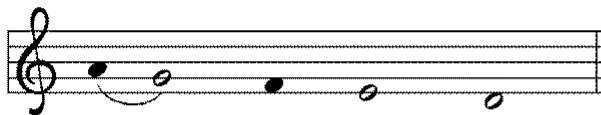
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

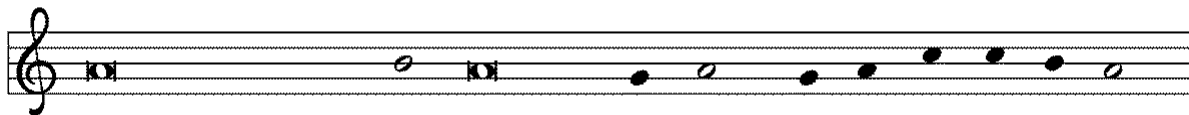
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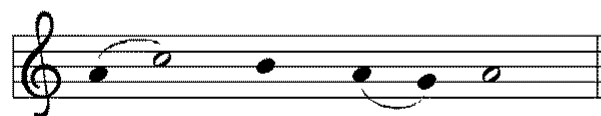
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



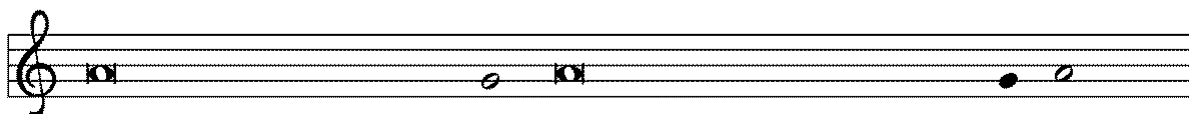
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



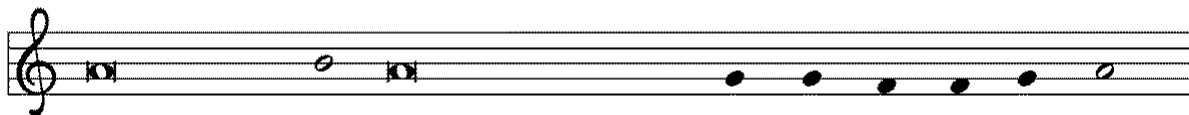
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



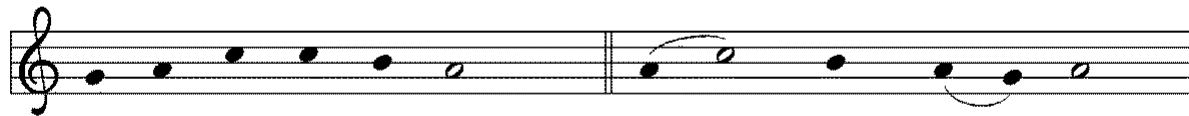
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# SONG OF PRAISE

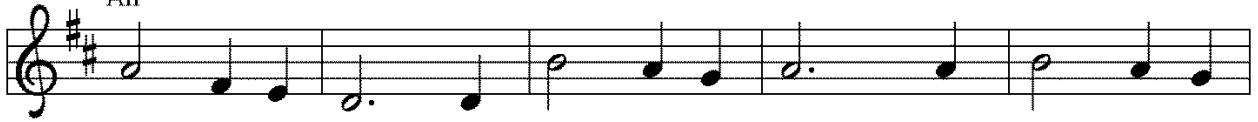
*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

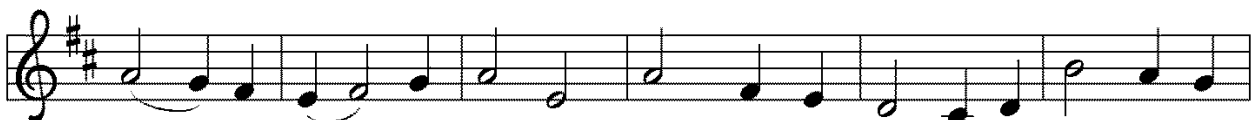
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

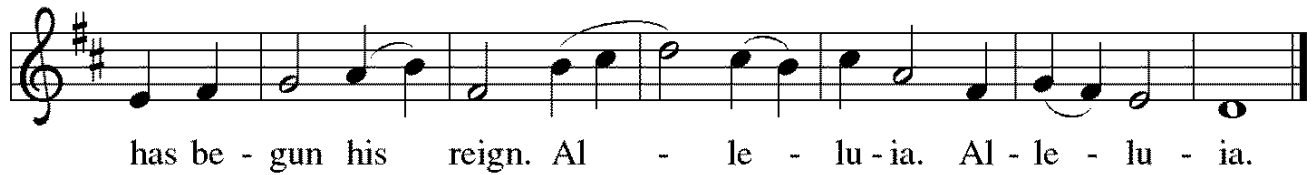


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
Arr. by Craig Courtney

*Congregation please stand and join the choir when directed.*

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

*Please be seated when directed.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

A reading from Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name;  
in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have  
sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble,  
and my eye looks down on my enemies.



SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

A reading from James.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the gospel.*

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Please stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### ***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)***

**1 I want to walk as a child of the light.**

**I want to follow Jesus.**

**God set the stars to give light to the world.**

**The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.**

**The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God.**

**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

#### 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

*Each petition ends:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*The prayer concludes:*

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

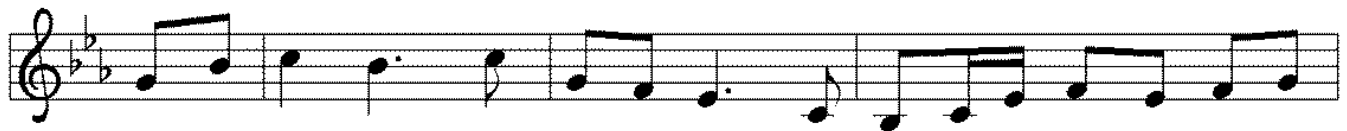
Please be seated.

## MEAL

OFFERTORY: "Voluntary in G. Major" A.F. Hesse

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

### OFFERING HYMN: **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful** (ELW #184)



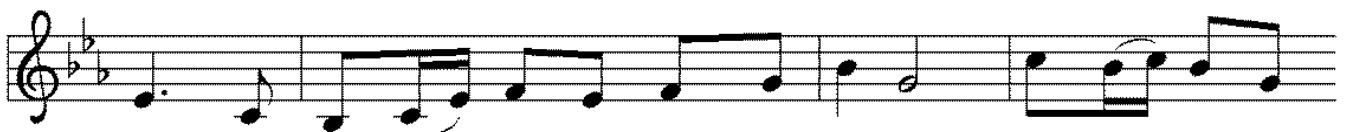
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

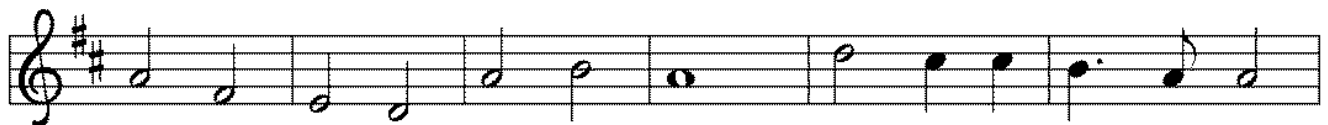
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

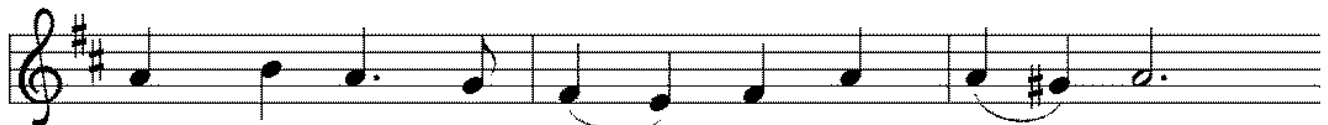
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

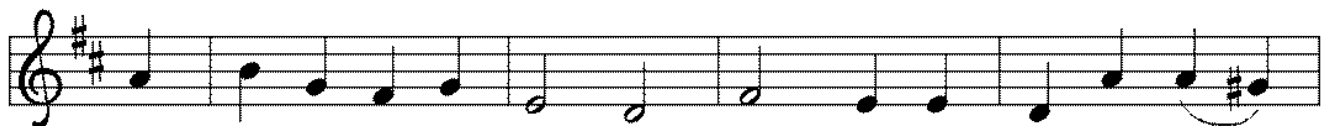
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



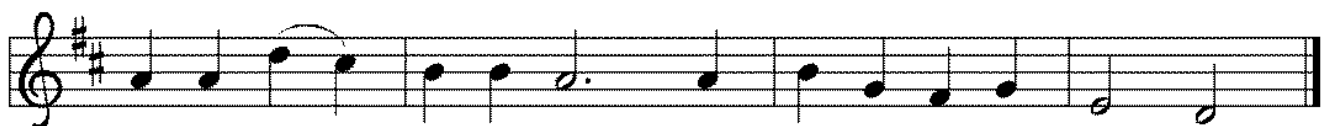
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

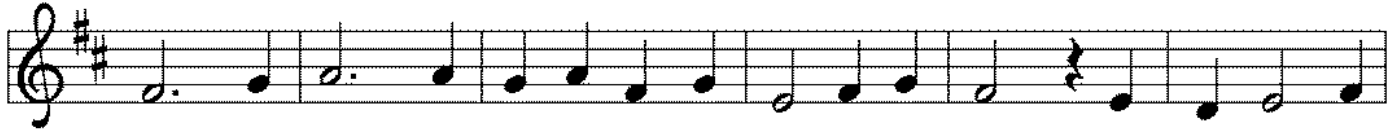
## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

# COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

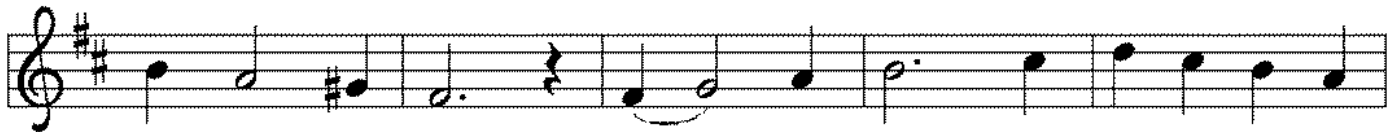
## COMMUNION SONG



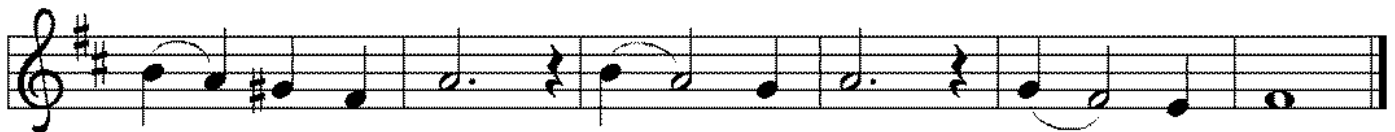
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *Eat This Bread* (ELW 472)

**"Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst."**

### SONG AFTER COMMUNION: *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* (ELW 207)

**Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice  
and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

*Please stand.*

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)*

- 1 **Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.**
  
- 2 **Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.**



- 3 **As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.**
- 4 **Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*"  
Traditional Welsh Melody, "Ashgrove", arr. Dale Wood

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The center vase is given in loving memory of the birthday of  
**Marcia Kluding** by **Jim Kluding**.

<u>Attendance/Offering</u>	
September 15-16 <sup>th</sup> (196)	General Fund Offering received <b>\$5,544.42</b>
	Midweek General Fund Offering received <b>\$477.50</b>
	Weekly budgeted amount <b>\$7,480.77</b>
	Total General Fund amount received <b>\$6,021.92</b>

**Worship leaders today are:**

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab

**Assisting Minister:** Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon

**Organist:** Jean Bossetti

**Senior Choir Director:** Ron Albert

**Lector:** Addison Stradtman

**Children's Message:** Nancy Kinsel

**Prayers of the People:** Judy Mears

**Serving Bread:** Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon

**Communion Assistants:** Randy Koch and Judy Burrows

**Sound Board:** Andrew Castello

**Ushers:** Randy Koch, Diane Ernst, Dan Owens, Andrew Castello,  
Savannah Castello and Patty Pascoe

**Gathering Hosts:** Connie Castello & Virginia Lillian

**Greeters:** Dale & Ann Cerny

**Altar Guild:** Anna Johnson



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Numbers 11:4-6, 1-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14,  
James 5:13-20, and Mark 9:38-50

**CARE & SHARE VOLUNTEERS FOR MONDAY, September 24th**

Jeannie Johnson, Dick Long, Jim & Barb Thom

**PASTOR'S SMALL GROUP:**

The Fall Small Group with Pastor Eric will be meeting every Wednesday from 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. , September 12<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your lunch and meet in the Stelhorn Library as we discuss the ELCA Social Statements. This week we will be discussing the ELCA Social Statement on the Death Penalty. Please familiarize yourself with the text prior to the study. You can go to our Facebook page ZionELCSandusky or our website and click on the link provided.

**Tri-County Safety, Security and Protection Meeting** sponsored by FLAMe is on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sandusky. All churches are welcome. Sheriffs from Erie, Sandusky, and Huron will be participating.

## **September 26**

**YOUTH: Pathfinders** will meet on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul, to watch and discuss the Netflix show 13 Reasons Why (season one, episode one). This show goes through the struggles of those left to deal with a teenage suicide. I highly encourage parents to come and watch with their teen.



**WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
Eastern Conference Fall Retreat  
Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
502 Bardshar Rd., Sandusky, OH**

*Take a few hours out of your busy schedule for a time of prayer, devotion, fellowship, and growing in God's word.*

In-Kind Gifts: School Supplies for Sandusky area children in need.

Registration and coffee hour starts at 8:30 a.m.

Cost is \$5.00 (paid at the door – includes coffee hour and lunch)

Please RSVP by **TODAY** to Elaine Conley at 419-625-0373 or [canread78@yahoo.com](mailto:canread78@yahoo.com)

## **HELP NEEDED:**

Anyone wanting to assist Crossroads shelter, they are in need of household, personal and health items. There will be a box located in the fellowship room designated for this. Thank you in advance from the Mission/ Stewardship committee. If you have any questions you can contact Wendy Schonhardt at 419-625-8529 and leave a message.



To view the full calendar of events and the current weekly announcements please visit our website at [Zionsandusky.org](http://Zionsandusky.org)

### **Sunday, September 23**

8:00 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Children of Zion - Basement  
10:30 a.m. Community Oktoberfest  
Worship Downtown Sandusky  
3:00 p.m. Confirmation – Room 205  
4:30 p.m. Troop 8 Scouts – Court of Honor - Basement

### **Monday, September 24**

5:30 p.m. Temple Care Takers – Library  
6:30 p.m. Quilters – Basement  
7:00 p.m. Troop 8 Scouts – Basement  
7:00 p.m. Firelands Chorus – Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, September 25**

9:00 a.m. Quilters – Basement  
1:00 p.m. Lectionary Study - Mr. Smith's Coffee House.  
7:00 p.m. Tri-County Sheriffs Safety and Security Seminar – St. Paul

### **Wednesday, September 26**

7:30 a.m. Lectionary Study – Library  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
12:15 p.m. Small Group Study - Library  
2:30 p.m. Book Connection - Library  
6:30 p.m. Pathfinders – St. Paul

### **Thursday, September 27**

9:00 a.m. – Card Making – Room 205  
5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir – Basement

### **Friday, September 28**

### **Saturday, September 29**

6:00 p.m. Worship

Pastor, Eric. L. Bodenstab                      Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon  
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