Sunday Worship September 28, 2025 Time After Pentecost



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a "prayer request" or a "praise report", please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red Hymnal #532

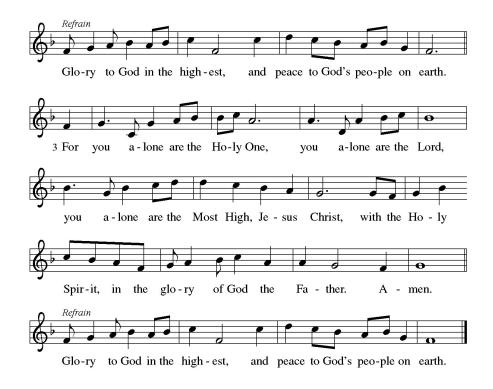
Gather Us In

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray . . .
- C: 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

HYMN OF PRAISE Red hymnal #121





CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones

Blessed Assurance

Composers: Fanny J. Crosby & Mrs. J.F. Knapp

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

R: ¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #124

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to John 1:35-51

Glory to you, O Lord. C:

³⁵ The next day John [The Baptizer] again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON - HOW do you Evangelize? - Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red hymnal #574

Here I Am. Lord

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 again 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 (Response after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer...

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

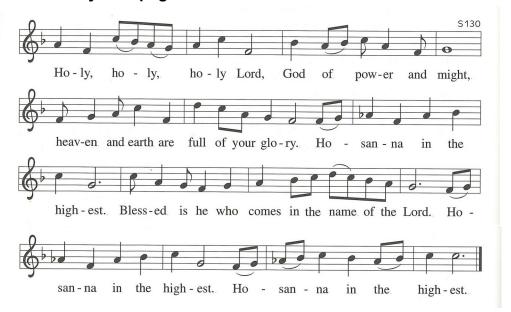
C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...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.

SANCTUS Red hymnal page 130



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)

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.

BLESSING

- P: 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.
- C: Amen.

QUILTS & SCHOOL KITS BLESSING

- P: In the name of the Father, and + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Beloved in the Lord, when Moses was commanded by the Lord to receive gifts from the people for the service of providing for the needs of others,

everyone whose heart stirred and whose spirit was moved brought a contribution to the Lord to be used for the Lord's service. Since the Lord has taught us in His Holy Word that everything is sanctified by Word and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify these quilts and kits for use in the work of bringing the message of salvation and freedom to all people. The Lord be with You.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Oh God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory. We implore You to bless these quilts and kits. Grant that they may reflect our love for You. Grant also that they may benefit Your Church and bring joy to those who use them. This we pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these quilts and kits and may they be used to convey the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.

Sending

P: Recognizing God's abundant hope, go and share this hope with our neighbors near and far. May God walk with you and guide you. May God protect you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN Red hymnal #798 (v1,2,5)

Will You Come and Follow Me

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:

"Serving Christ through serving others."

P: Go in Peace, Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE God of Grac

God of Grace and God of Glory Arr. Carlson

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Dale & Ginger Schaefer in celebration of their 59th anniversary.

Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.