

Sunday Worship
August 30, 2026
Time After Pentecost

**Let love be genuine;
hate what is evil;
hold fast to what is
good**
Romans 12:9

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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.

INTRODUCTION

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God’s words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn’t grasp Jesus’ words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lift High the Cross

Arr. Behnke

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: Most merciful God,

C: **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.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red Hymnal #613

Thy Holy Wings

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 121



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

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

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

R: ¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve

as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

R: ¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

C: ² **Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

R: ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

C: ⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

R: ⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

C: ⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

R: ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

C: ⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

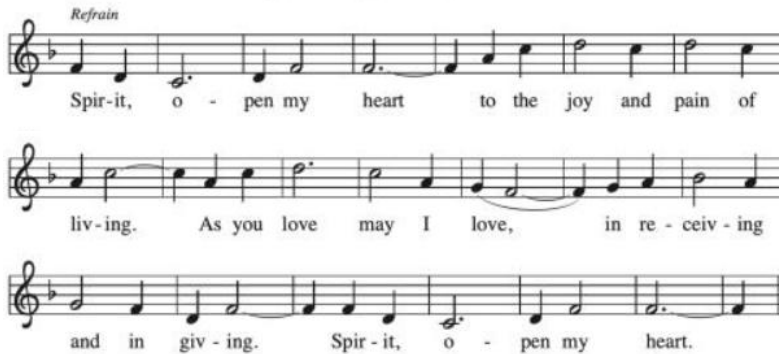
SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

R: ⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Purple Hymnal #1043 *Spirit Open My Heart*



HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 16:21-28**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #798

Will You Come and Follow Me

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*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #583

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee:
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee:
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

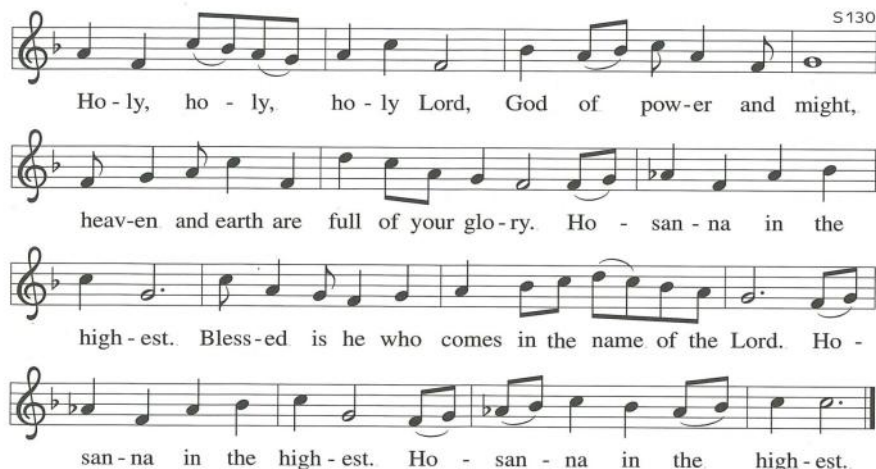
P: Lift up your hearts

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.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

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.)*

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen**

HYMN Red hymnal #656

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DISMISSAL

P: Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **We are disciples Rooted in Christ and Growing in Faith**

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Arr. Wold

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Annette & Jeff Calicoat in celebration of their 40th Anniversary.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Doug Jacobs
Communion Assist	Doug Jacobs
Greeter	Beth Ferryman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: Weekend Backpack Program

Tipp Monroe Community Services created this program to supply nutritious food to children on the weekends and extended breaks from school. A representative from the schools picks up the bags and makes sure each child in the program receives one before leaving school on Fridays. Bags are discretely placed in the child's school locker. Each bag contains enough food for two breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and dinners. All food is non-perishable.

Food donations are needed. They must be single serving size and individually wrapped: Easy Mac, Beefaroni, Ravioli, peanut butter (16 oz), grape jelly, Jello cups, pudding cups, fruit cups (peaches, pears, pineapple or applesauce), salty snacks (Pringles, pretzels, Cheetos, Goldfish, Cheez-Its etc.), sweet treats (cookies, brownies, Teddy Grahams, etc.), single size cereal boxes (any brand), oatmeal packets, Capri Sun, chicken noodle soup, Nutrigrain bars, Pop Tarts, ramen noodles. Any other individually packaged fruites, vegetables, meals will be accepted. Please do not send potato chips. They do not travel well.

You may also donate money.

Questions: contact Carla Frame

A MOMENT FOR FELLOWSHIP We invite you to stay after worship for coffee, juice, and donuts in the narthex. We are looking for **two volunteers** each week to help with simple setup, brewing coffee, and cleanup. If you can help serve, a sign-up sheet is located on the fellowship table in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME We will be welcoming new members in worship on Saturday, **September 19th** and **Sunday, September 20th**. If you wish to become a member, please reach out to Pastor Jaren Summers. All are welcome to become members.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME SOON Join us as we begin a new season of music. Rehearsals start Wednesday, **September 9th** at 7:00 pm. Interested in learning more? Talk to Lori Sebastian or Susie Gray. All are welcome - come sing with us.

INVITATION TO SERVE—COUNCIL OPENINGS FOR 2027

Three Council seats will be opening in 2027, and Zion invites members to prayerfully consider serving in this important ministry of leadership. Our Congregation Council helps guide the mission of the church, supports our staff, and ensures that our ministries remain strong, faithful, and connected to the life of our congregation. If you feel called to serve or would like to learn more, please speak with any current Council member.

RALLY DAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN on September 20th.

Kids, youth and adults will meet in the adult Sunday School room.

The adults will be starting a series using the book "By Heart". Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

Everyone is welcome!

ZION GARAGE SALE is Thursday & Friday, September 24 & 25.

We will begin setting up the sale on **Sunday, Sept. 20** and will be working on it that entire week. You may bring in your garage sale treasures beginning on Saturday, September 19, after worship, Sunday, September 20 after worship until 4:00 pm and Monday and Tuesday mornings, Sept. 21 & 22.

We do NOT accept clothing, bed pillows, large exercise equipment, TVs and car seats. ***We do not have room to store any donations at Zion until September 19***, so please hang on to your items until then.

Garage Sale Hours: Thursday 9-5 and Friday 9 - 8

We need **help** setting up and clerking. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU returns **September 21-23**. We need 3 people to work an hour and a half shift; 9:00 - 10:30 and 10:30 - noon, each day. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

STAY CONNECTED

Check out everything Zion has to offer online! Simply scan the Linktree QR code to the right to access our website, social media, and more—all in one convenient place.



GIVE A GIFT ELECTRONICALLY

Zion Lutheran Church offers a simple and secure way to give online through Tithe.ly, a trusted platform used by churches across the country. To make a gift, just scan the QR code.



FOOD PANTRY

While you’re out shopping for the backpack food, remember to get something non-perishable for our food pantry collection. The barrel is in the Walnut Street entrance.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, August 30	Storypoint Outreach	
Monday, August 24	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, August 25	10:00 am 5:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Welcome/Communications Mtg. AA

Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Susie Gray, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*

