

Sunday Worship
September 20, 2026
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.

INTRODUCTION

Matthew narrates one of Jesus’ controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God’s mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God’s mercy we are all beggars.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Arr. Oines

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

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: **Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE Purple Hymnal Page 12

1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

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Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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2 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!

3 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Susie Gray *Commonweath Is God's Commandment*
Music: W. Walker

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

R: ¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. ^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

R: ¹ I will exalt you, my | God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: ² Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

R: ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

C: ⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

R: ⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and of all your marvelous works.

C: ⁶ They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.

R: ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

C: ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

R: ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Purple Hymnal #14

1st time through - Choir, 2nd time - all

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
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HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 20:1-16**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #724

All Who Love and Serve Your City

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

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 #691

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

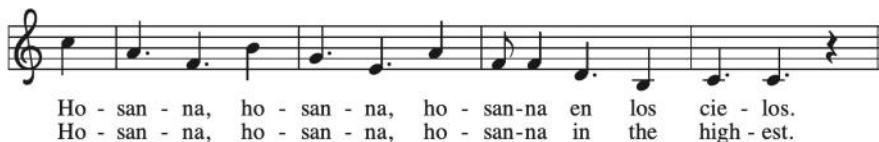
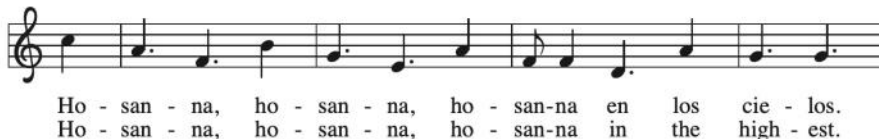
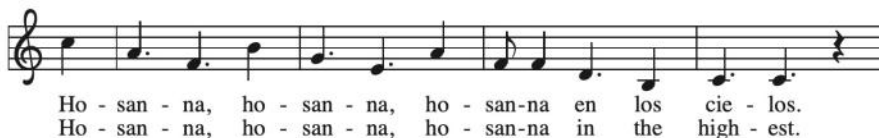
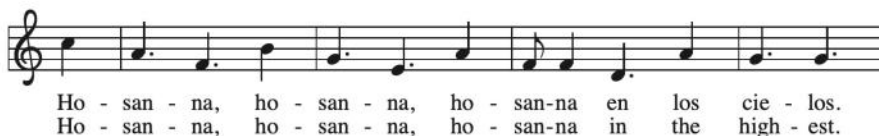
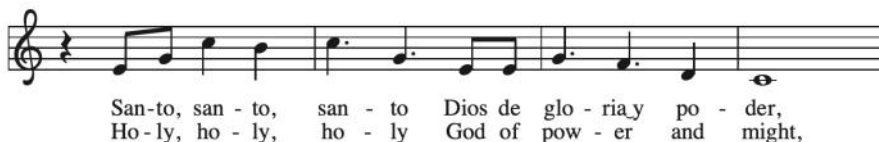
P: Lift up your hearts

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.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God...As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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: God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth + bless you all, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

HYMN Red hymnal #669

Rise Up, O Saints of God

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

Earth and All Stars

Arr. Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Felicia Young & Wayne Fronczak in celebration of their 6th 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	Katie Kessler
Communion Assist	Kervy Mach
Ushers	Judy & Ken Bailey & Janice Johnson
Greeter	Carol Friss

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 fruits, 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

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION We will be welcoming new members in worship **TODAY**. Join us for refreshments after the service in the narthex.

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.

LARGE PAPER GROCERY BAGS NEEDED by the Garage Sale organizers for their \$2.00 bag sale and they also need a few plastic shopping bags. Please bring any donations to the adult Sunday School room by September 20th and place them in the box labeled “Garage Sale Bags”.

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.

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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS, SCHOOL KITS & HEALTH KITS will be **September 26th and 27th** during **worship**. Thanks for your help in these collections for Lutheran World Relief.

SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, October 2nd - Pet Blessing & Root Beer Social

Wednesday, October 7th - Lifeline Screenings

Saturday, October 17th - Brat Supper

Saturday, October 24th - Bunco

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.



THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, September 20	After Service After Service	New Member Reception Garage Sale Set-up
Monday, September 21	9:00 - 12:00 10:30 am 11:30 - 4:00 3:30 pm	How Can We Pray for You Mission Quilts Garage Sale Setup TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, September 22	9:00 - 12:00 10:00 am 1:00 - 3:00 6:00 - 8:00 8:00 pm	How Can We Pray for You Mission Quilts Garage Sale Setup Garage Sale Setup AA
Wednesday, September 23	9:00 - 12:00 9:00 - 11:00 1:00 - 3:00 7:00 pm	How Can We Pray for You Garage Sale Setup Garage Sale Setup Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 24	9:00 - 5:00 7:00 pm	Garage Sale Compassionate Friends
Friday, September 25	9:00 - 8:00	Garage Sale
Sunday, September 27	Storypoint Outreach	

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*