Sunday Worship
October 11, 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
In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Meditation)* Arr. Eithum

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 #362 (v1-4) *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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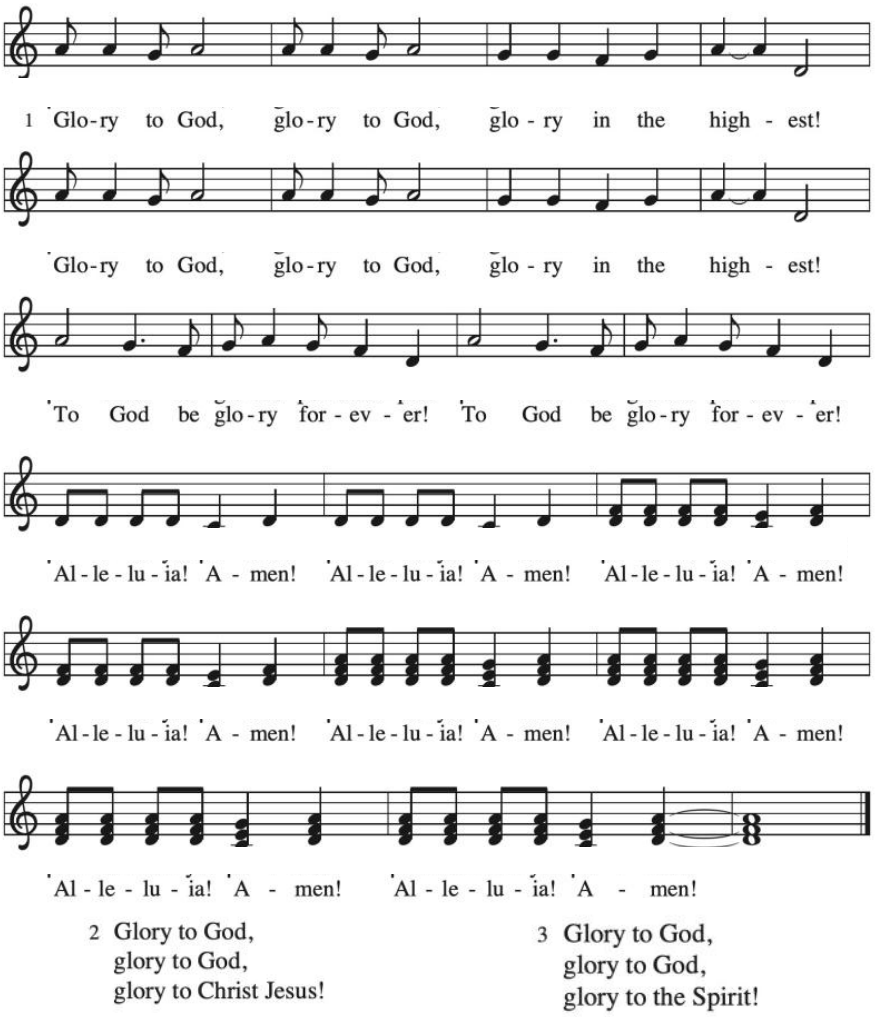


CHANCEL CHOIR Director:Susie Gray *Held by His Grace*
Arr: Mock & Lopez

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

R: [1] O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. [2] For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. [3] Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. [4] For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, [5] the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. [6] On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. [7] And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; [8] he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. [9] It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

R: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

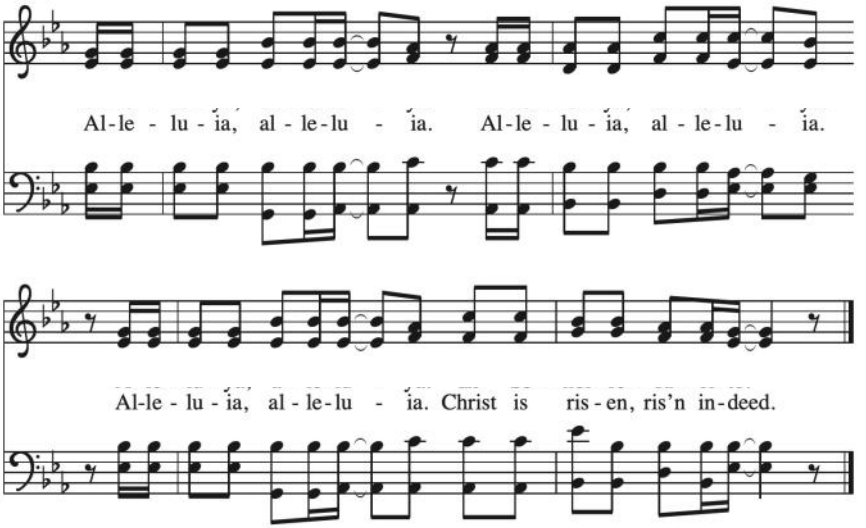
R: [1] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
C: [2] The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
R: [3] You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
C: [4] Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
R: [5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
C: [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

R: [1] My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. [2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. [4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

R: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Purple Hymnal #14



HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 22:1-14**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent
his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they
would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been
invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been
slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they
made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while
the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was
enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
[8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not
worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the
wedding banquet.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all
whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
[11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was
not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in
here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to
the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but
few are chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #397 *Loving Spirit*

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.

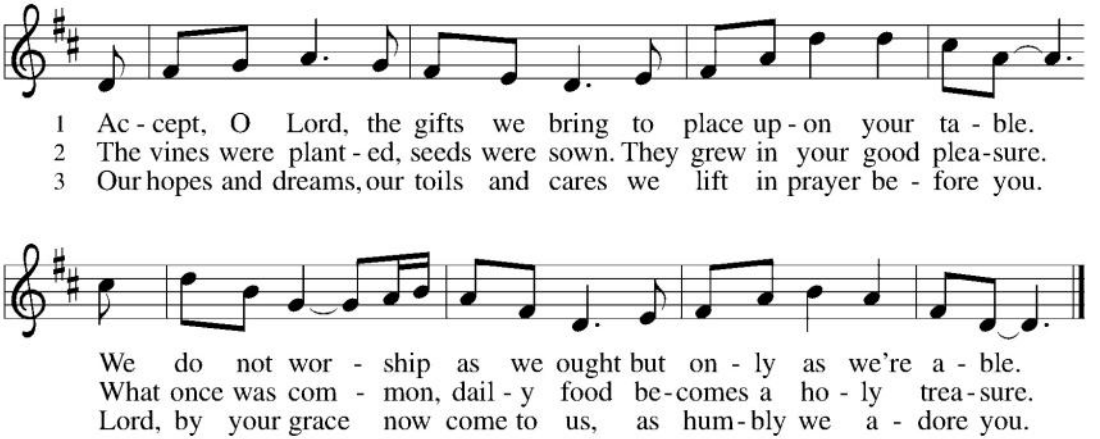
PRAYERS *(Response after each petition)* 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #691 *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*



COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

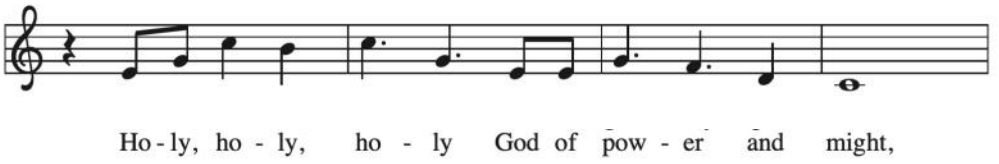
P: Lift up your hearts

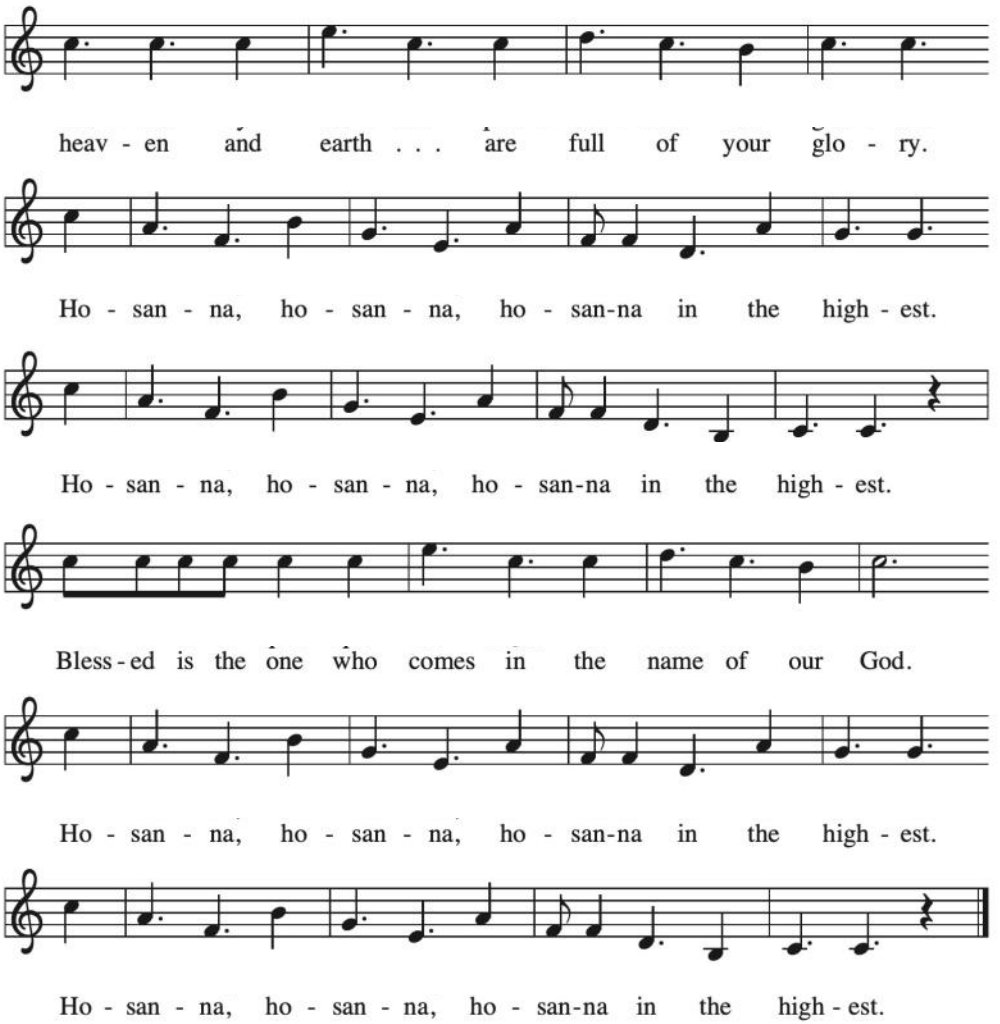
C: We lift them to the Lord

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 OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS & BABY BLANKETS

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 #873 (V1-2, 5-6) *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

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 *Deep River* Arr. Eithum

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Susie Gray in memory of Lodema Gray.

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	Linda Holt
Communion Assist	Linda Holt
Ushers	Matt & Pam Sauls
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Operation Christmas Child*
We will again be filling shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement, which will be delivered to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochure located in the narthex (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.) Women of Zion will cover the cost of shipping. Please have boxes filled and returned by Sunday, November 1st. Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

ANNUAL BRAT SUPPER is October 17th. This is a church fundraiser and there is something everyone can do to help. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hallway. If you are unable to physically help, you can buy meals or donate money. Tickets are on sale 10/3-4 & 10/10-11 in the narthex. $8.00 adult, $5:00 child.

BACK BAY MISSION TRIP VIDEO PRESENTATION - October 18th After Service Join us as we show the video presentation of our 2026 Back Bay Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi, once again! Whether you enjoyed the presentation the first time, missed it, or are simply curious about what a mission trip is all about, we invite you to come and see how God worked through our team and the ministry of Back Bay Mission. Interested in joining us for the May 2027 mission trip? This is a great opportunity to learn more about the trip, the work we do, and how you can be part of this meaningful experience of service, fellowship, and faith. Everyone is welcome! Come see what Back Bay Mission is all about – and consider joining us in 2027!

COSTUME PARADE & TRUNK OR TREAT - Monday, October 19th, 5:30 - 7:30
Tipp Monroe Community Services will once again hold their costume parade with the Zion parking lot as their final destination. In addition to costume judging, games and activities will be held in our parking lot. We plan to have "Trunk or Treat" to pass out items to the participants. We need volunteers to join the fun by dressing in costume & handing out candy from your decorated trunk. Trunk decorating ideas are on You Tube. See Jessica Dorn if you are interested in helping. We also need volunteers to buy candy for us to pass out. A container is in the fellowship hall beside the pew closest to the Christian Ed office.

BUNCO RETURNS Saturday, October 24th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be served and a love offering will be taken to cover the cost. Please bring a snack to share. If you don't know how to play, no worries, we will teach you. Sign up in the fellowship hallway.

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 PRAYER SHAWLS & BABY BLANKETS is this weekend. Our team now has 11 women who knit, crochet, or sew shawls and blankets with blessings, love, and prayers. The items being blessed today were made by Heather Phillips, Jessica Rizzote, Debbie Rudisill, and Ruth Stollmer. Recipients do not need to be a member of Zion so you may request a shawl or blanket for a family member or friend. See Debbie Rudisill if you would like to have a shawl or blanket for someone.

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.

REFRESH COMMITTEE TOWN HALLS are after church services on October 24th in the adult Sunday School room and 25th in the Fellowship Hall. They will also have them on November 7th and 8th in the Fellowship Hall. These are opportunities for the congregation to see the carpet, choir chairs and lighting options that have been chosen and ask questions. Come and go as you chose.

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*

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, October 11	**5:00 pm**	**Women of Zion**
Monday, October 12	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, October 13	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	5:00 pm	**Welcome & Communications**
	7:00 pm	**Council Meeting**
	8:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, October 14	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 17	**4:00-7:00**	**Brat Supper**