Sunday Worship
October 18, 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 today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Oh Sing to the Lord* Arr. Hansen

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 #526 *God is Here*

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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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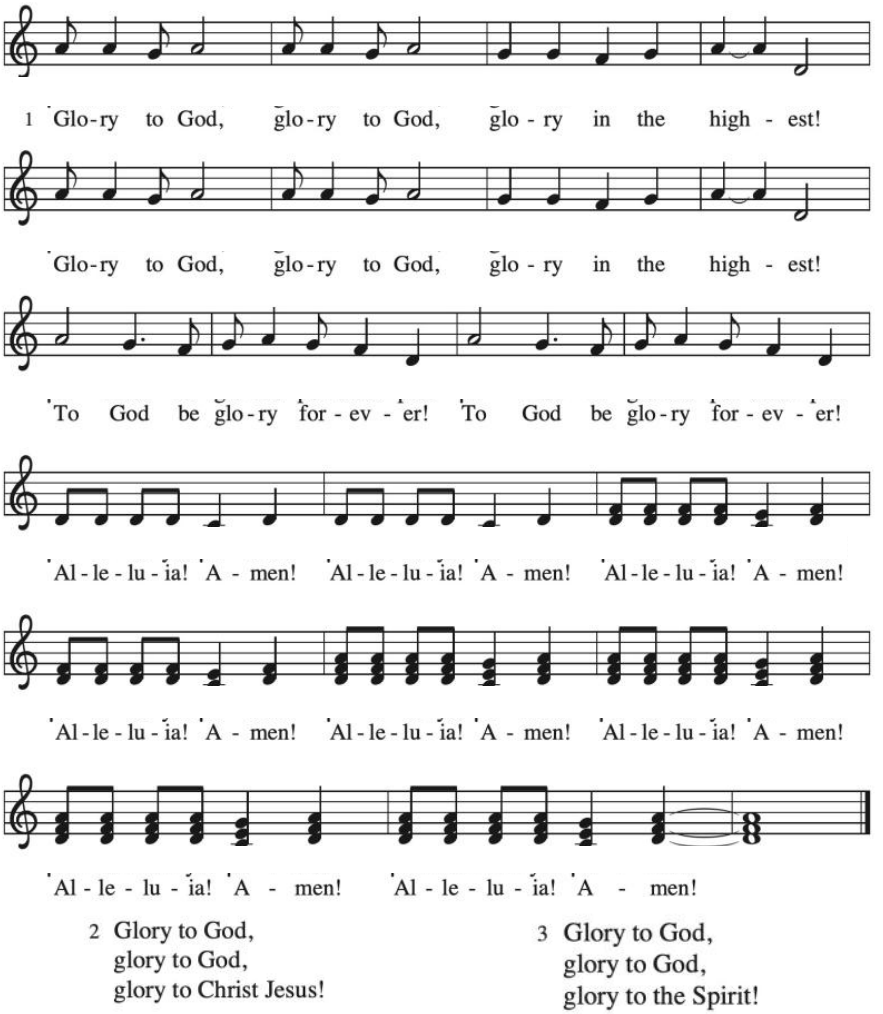

CHANCEL CHOIR Director:Susie Gray *Speak, O Lord*
Arr: Mary McDonald

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

R: [1] Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him - and the gates shall not be closed: [2] I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; [3] I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. [4] For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. [5] I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, [6] so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. [7] I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-13

R: [1] Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
C: [2] Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
R: [3] Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.
C: [4] For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.
R: [5] As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
C: [6] Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
R: [7]Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
C: [8] Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.
R: [9] Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

C: [10] **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

R: [11] Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

C: [12] **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

R: [13] You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

R: [1] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

[2] We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly [3] remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. [4] For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, [5] because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. [6] And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, [7] so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8] For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. [9] For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God [10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

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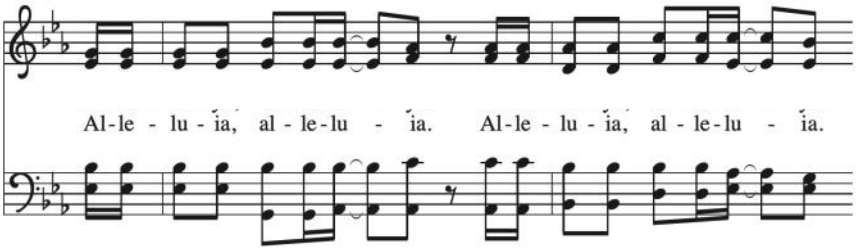
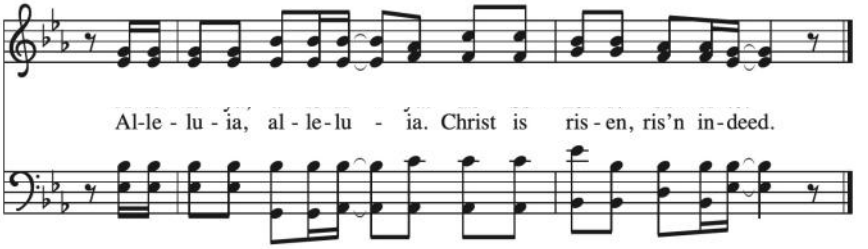




HOLY GOSPEL
P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 22:15-22**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16 So they
sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know
that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and
show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us,
then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus,
aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then
he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" 21 They answered,
"Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are
Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they
were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Purple Hymnal #1036 *Commonwealth is God's Commandment*

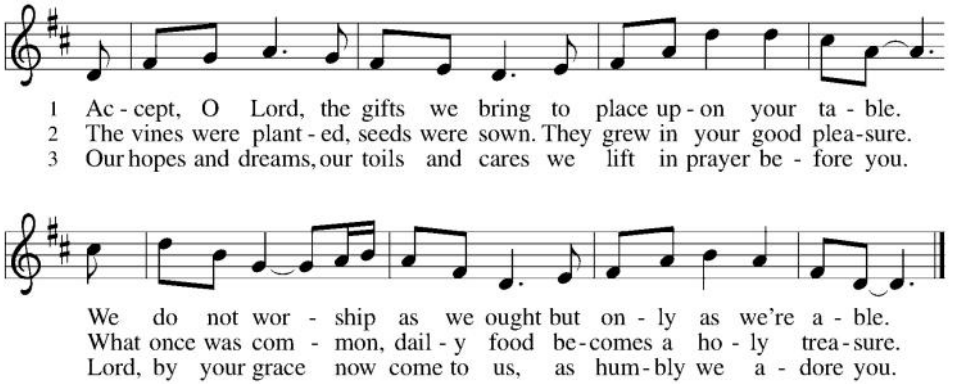
APOSTLE'S CREED
P: Let us confess our faith.
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended 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.

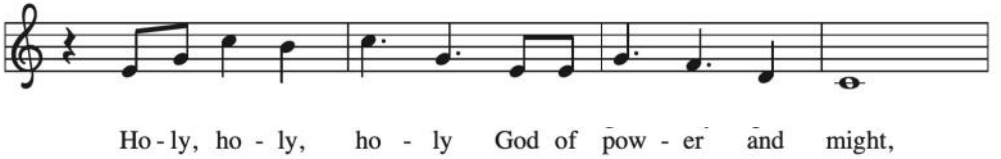
PRAYERS *(Response after each petition)* 1 Timothy 2:1-2
P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer . . .

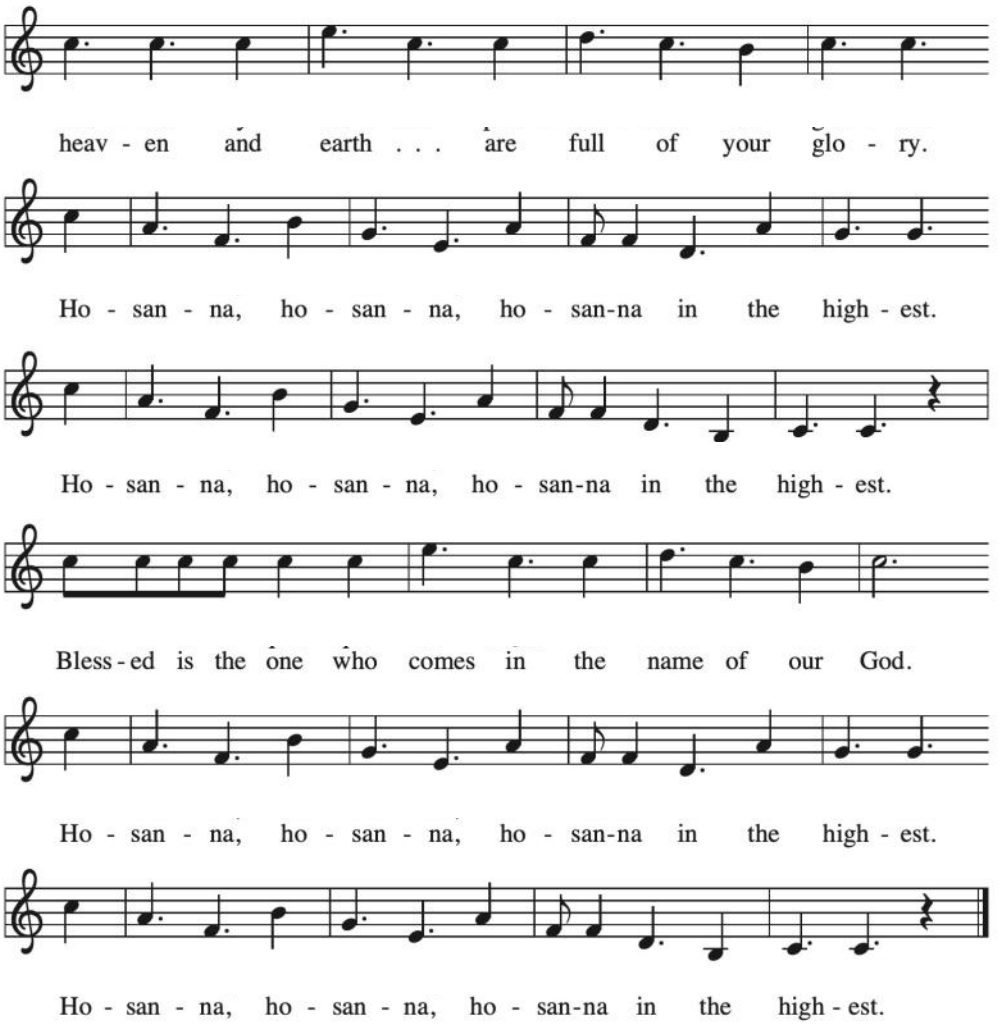
OFFERING

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

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 #705 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* Arr. Wold

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Bill & Kim Jones in honor of family wedding anniversaries.

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
Acolyte	Campbell Ewing
Reader	Joyce Luther
Communion Assist	Kathy Crim
Greeters	Dale & Debbie Rudisill

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.

BACK BAY MISSION TRIP VIDEO PRESENTATION - TODAY, 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.

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.

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.

THANKSGIVING DINNER & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is Sunday, November 15th at 5:00. The church will provide the turkey, gravy, rolls, water, coffee & cider. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hallway next week. We need to know how many are attending and what food you will be contributing. We need 8 people to sign up to make 5 pounds of whipped potatoes and 8 people to sign up to make enough dressing for 10 people. We also need other vegetables and fruit or dessert. Please bring your own table service. The Congregational Meeting will begin at 6:30.

STAY CONNECTED
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GIVE A GIFT ELECTRONICALLY
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK Beginning on Nov 15, the adult class will begin the series, *The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. Author Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. There is a supplemental book, not needed for Sunday School but it provides extra reading for those interested. There is a sign up sheet on a clipboard located in the office workroom. The books cost $11 and the last day to sign up is November 2.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, October 18	**After Service**	**Back Bay Presentation**
Monday, October 19	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
	6:00 ish	**Halloween Trunk or Treat**
Tuesday, October 20	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	5:30 pm	**Bible & Brew - Chaffee's**
	7:00 pm	**Bell Choir Practice**
	8:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, October 21	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 22	**7:00 pm**	**Compassionate Friends**
Saturday, October 24	**6:00 pm**	**Bunco**
Sunday, October 25	**Storypoint Outreach**	

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Jaren Summers, *Pastor;* Susie Gray, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian*, Organist;* Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director;*
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