Sunday Worship
November 15, 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
Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Triptych for Organ—Entrata* Arr. Sedio

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 #715 *Christ Be Our Light*

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: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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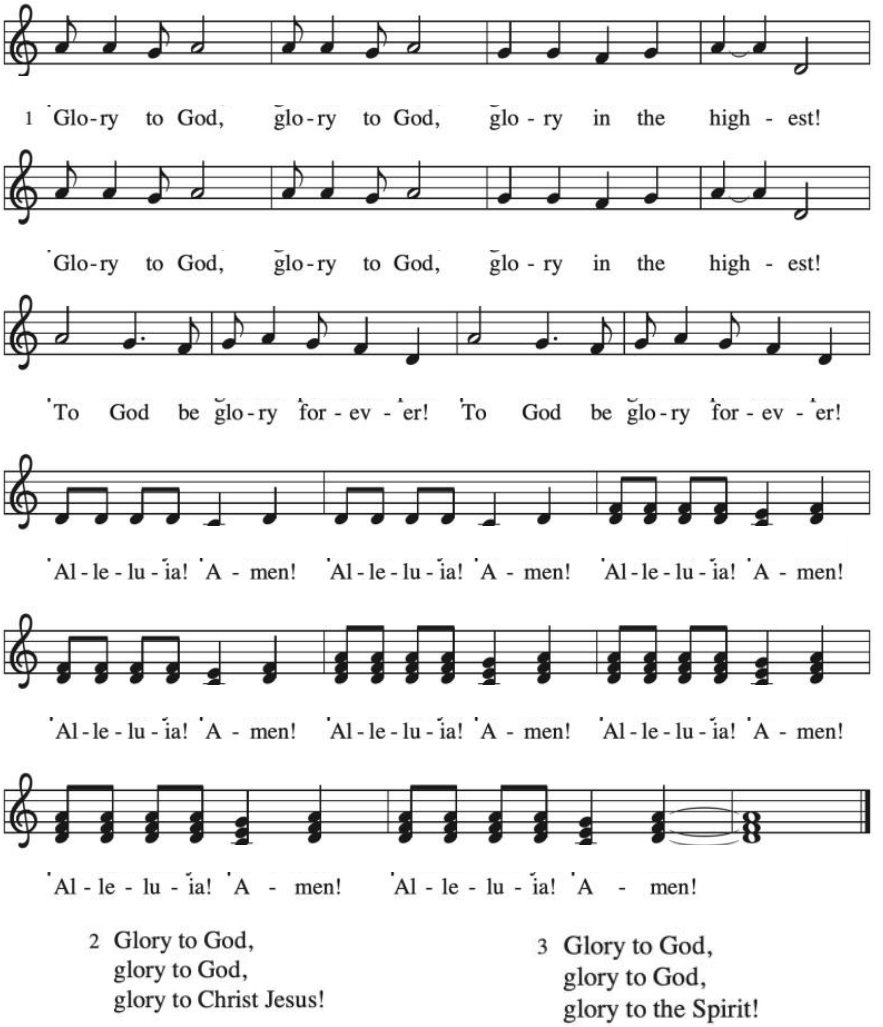

2 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!

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

CHANCEL CHOIR Director:Susie Gray *Here I Am Lord*
Arr: Mark Hayes

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

R: 7 Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand! The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12

R: 1 Lord, you have | been our refuge from one generation to another.
C: 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
R: 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
C: 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;
R: 5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
C: 6 in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
R: 7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
C: 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

R: [9] When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C: [10] The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

R: [11] Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

C: [12] So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

R: [1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

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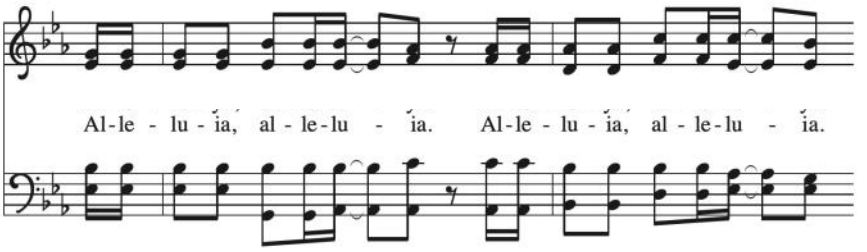
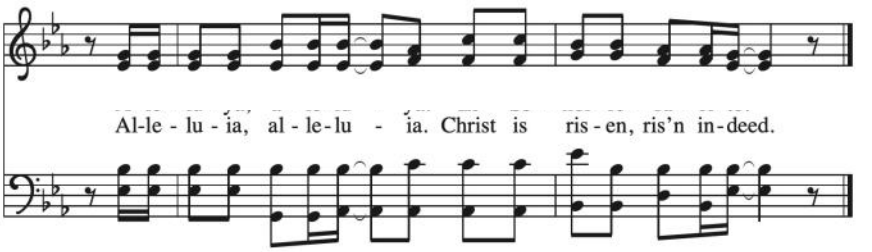




HOLY GOSPEL
P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 25:14-30**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he
went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and
traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who
had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19
After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing
five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have
made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in
charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the
two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two
talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done,
good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one
who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that
you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you
did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did
not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and
on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the
talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who
have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who
have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless
slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.' "

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

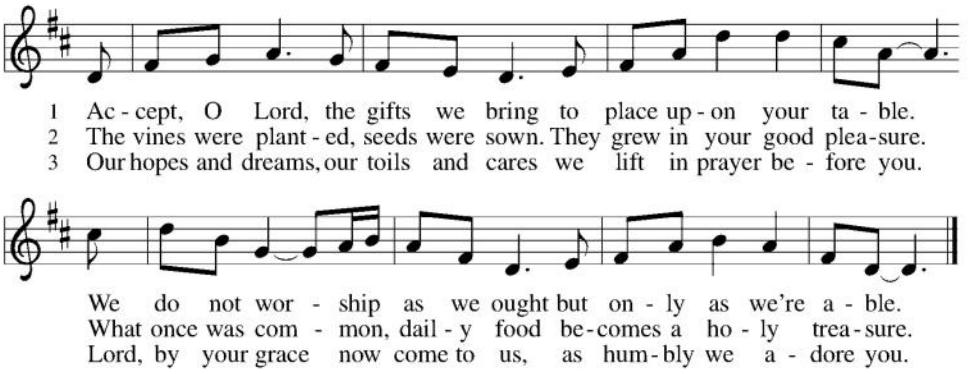
HYMN Red Hymnal #797 *Blessed Be the Name*

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 . . .

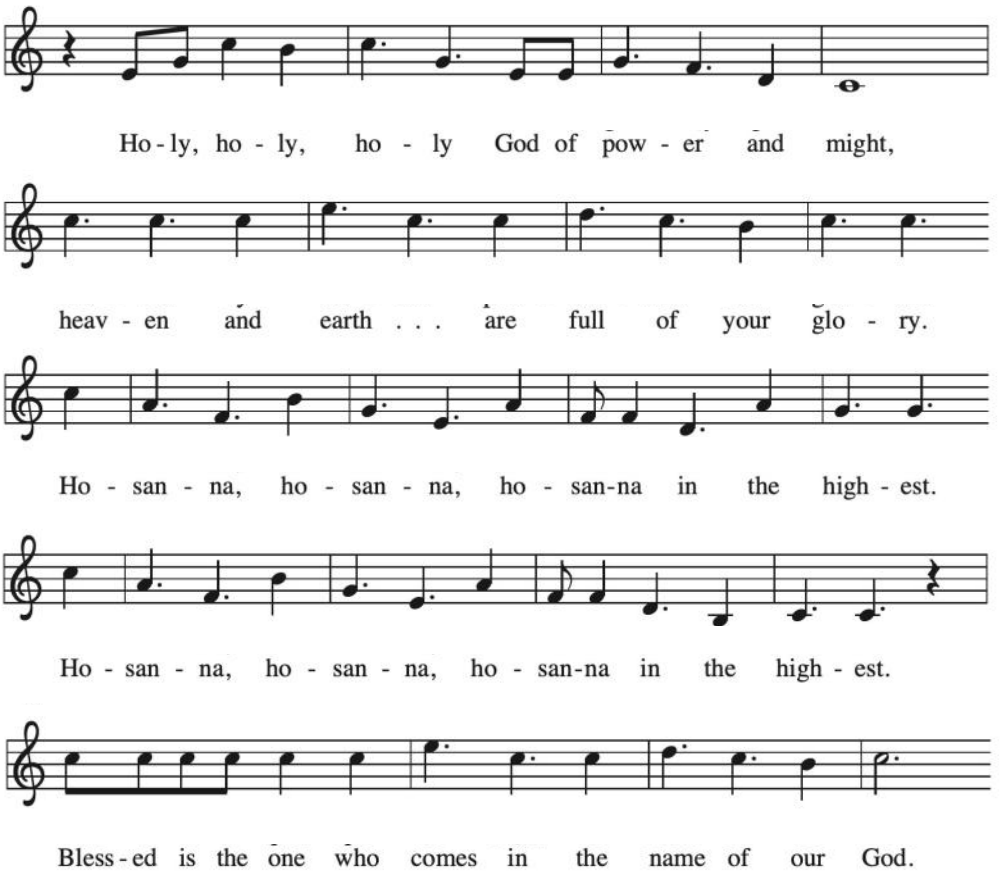
OFFERING

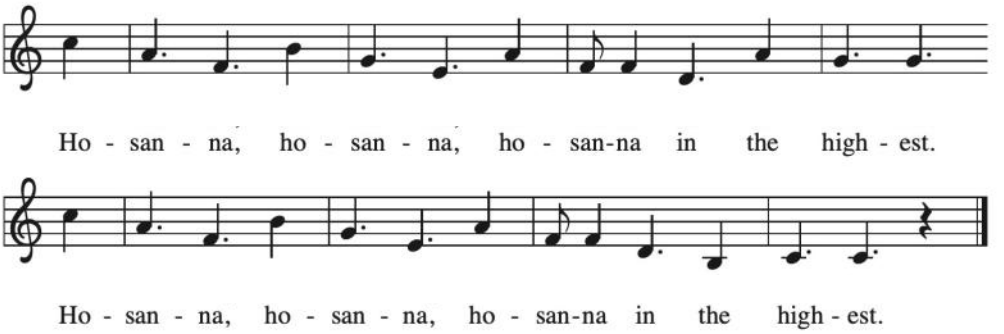
OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #691 *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*



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 #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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 *Triptych for Organ—Finale* Arr. Sedio

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Denise & Doug Jacobs in honor of Doug's 45th anniversary of ordination.

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	Raenell Poynter
Communion Assist	Doug Jacobs
Greeters	Sean & Raenell Poynter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: *ADOPT-A-FAMILY*

A Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the lounge area just outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s) and return them to the tree by the designated date of **November 30th.** The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children. Contact Deb Keppel with questions.

THANKSGIVING DINNER & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is TONIGHT, 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 6:00.

2027 ALTAR FLOWER CHART is up in the fellowship hallway. The cost is still $45 for two bouquets. When you sign up, please indicate the **occasion and the colors** you want.

BACK BAY MISSION TRIP 2027 - Information Meeting
After such a wonderful and rewarding mission trip in 2026, we are excited to announce that we will be returning to Back Bay Mission on May 9–14, 2027! We invite everyone interested in serving others, or simply curious about what a mission trip involves, to attend our first informational meeting immediately following church services **TODAY, Sunday, November 15.**The trip is open to everyone ages 16 and older, and there is something for everyone to do! Whether you have experience in mission work or are considering your first trip, we would love for you to join us. If you have skills in home remodeling, construction, or repairs, we especially encourage you to consider participating! Come learn about this meaningful opportunity to serve others, build friendships, and make a difference in the lives of those in need. We hope you'll join us and consider being part of our 2027 mission team!

PRAYER CHAIN If you have signed up to receive the prayer chain and are not receiving it, please contact Linda Holt at 937-573-6594 or ljhbrass1@gmail.com .

WOMEN OF ZION CHRISTMAS DINNER: Thursday, December 3rd. 6:00 pm. - Gathering Time, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Troy Tones. The menu is posted on the sign up sheet and the posters. Cost is $20 per person paid in advance. Checks should be made payable to Women of Zion and placed in the envelope in the office work room. The sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hallway. Deadline to sign up is **November 24th.** If you wish, you may bring a feminine hygiene product that will be donated to the *Dear Dinah* ministry in Dayton.

MOTORIZED SCOOTER NEEDED. If you have or know of anyone who has a motorized scooter that Debbie Turner could borrow post surgery for a while, please contact her.

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, November 15	**After Service** **5:00 pm**	**Back Bay Mission Meeting** **Thanksgiving Dinner & Congregational Mtg.**
Monday, November 16	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, November 17	10:00 am **5:30 pm** 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts **Bible & Brew** AA
Wednesday, November 18	**10:00 am** 7:00 pm	**Women's Fellowship** Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 19	5:30 pm	Compassionate Friends Dinner

Staff

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