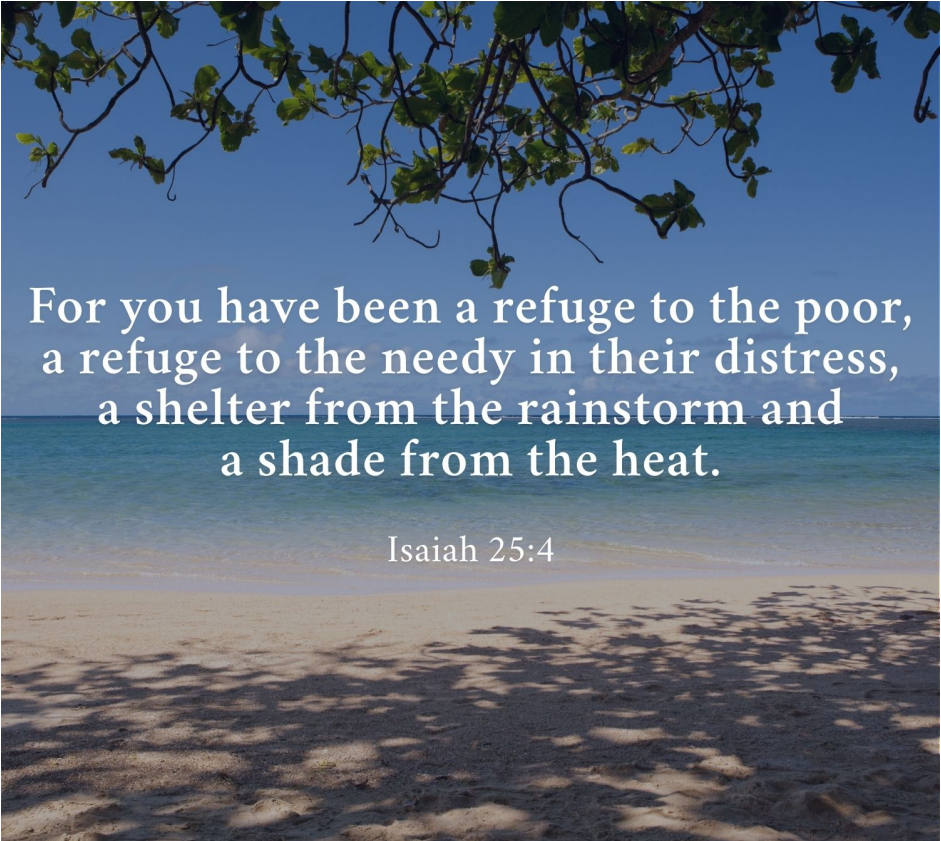


# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## August 24, 2025



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.

Isaiah 25:4

*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*



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# Welcome to Zion!

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***This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***  
(Psalm 118:24)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we're glad you're here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God's goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God's gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near our temporary Playground in Katie Luther Chapel. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

# We Gather

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING HYMN

“Bless the Lord”

**Refrain:**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes. **(Refrain)**

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **(Refrain)**

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still, my soul will sing your praise unending  
ten thousand years and then forevermore. **(Refrain)**

### APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together...**O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## We Hear & Respond to God's Word

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### FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:9b-14

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

*Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ALL

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"He Set Me Free"

Once like a bird in prison I dwelt,  
No freedom from my sorrow I felt,  
But Jesus came and listened to me,  
And glory to God, He set me free.

**Refrain:**

**He set me free, He set me free,  
He broke the bonds of prison for me;  
I'm glory-bound my Jesus to see,  
For glory to God, He set me free.**

Now I am climbing higher each day,  
Darkness of night has drifted away,  
My feet are planted on higher ground,  
And glory to God, I'm homeward bound. **(Refrain)**

Goodbye to sin and things that confound,  
Naught of the world shall turn me around,  
Daily I'm working, I'm praying, too,  
And glory to God, I'm going through. **(Refrain)**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

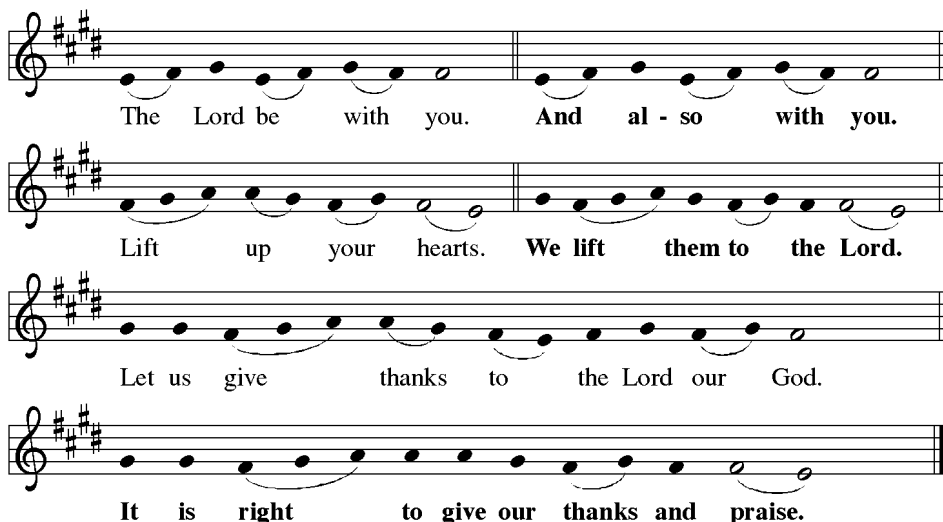
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together...**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## We Feast at the Lord's Table

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

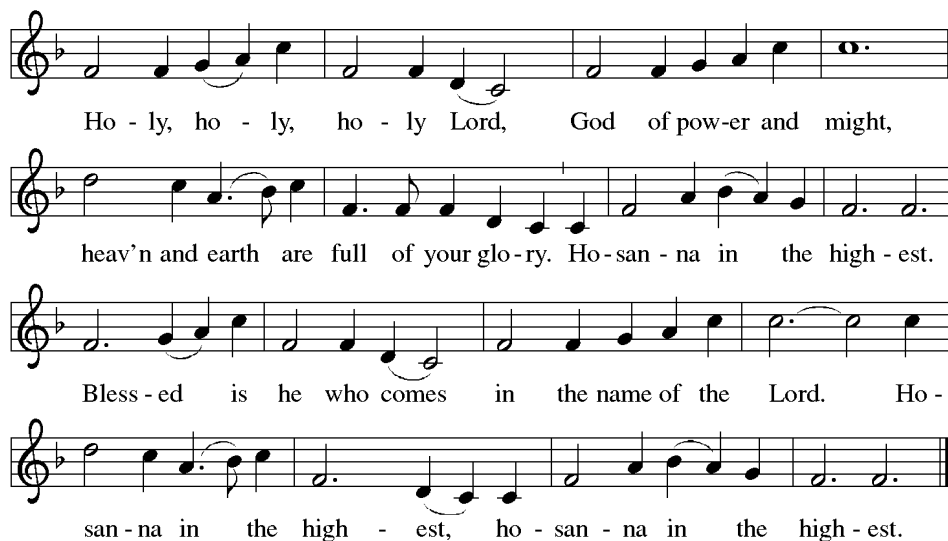
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and half notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day

overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### SHARING THE MEAL

"This is My Body"

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

Refrain:

This is my body, given for your freedom.

This is my blood which was shed for all my people.

Take, all, and eat, 'til the day of my return.

"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

## **We Are Sent into the World**

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### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together...**Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“Draw the Circle Wide”

### **Refrain:**

**Draw the circle wide! Draw it wider still...  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide!**

Let the dreams we dream be larger  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
Let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door! **(Refrain)**

## DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.  
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

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# Holy Communion at Zion

Christ’s table is open to all! We offer grape juice for those who desire. If, for reasons of conscience or health, you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, please know that the Church affirms the full presence of Christ in each element.

## For Whom & For What Shall We Pray?

During our **Prayers of the People**, you will have an opportunity to pray for those you know in need of prayer.

## Memorial Service for Marilyn Cox

On Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Katie Luther Chapel, we will remember and celebrate the life of Marilyn Cox, a long-time member of Zion. We continue to hold her daughter Susanne, her granddaughter Skyler, and their entire family in our prayers.



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# Today's Readings

Sunday, August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the  
speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations  
of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of  
the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the  
sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests  
on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD  
honorable;

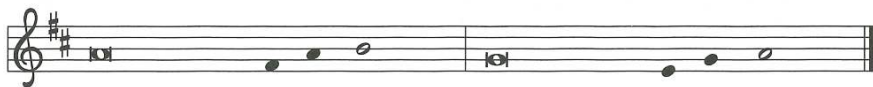
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or  
pursuing your own affairs;

<sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the  
LORD,

and I will make you ride upon  
the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of  
your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has  
spoken.

## Psalm

Psalm 103:1-8; tone 1



Bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup>O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless God's <sup>1</sup>holy name.

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup>O my soul,  
and forget not <sup>1</sup>all God's benefits—

<sup>3</sup>who forgives <sup>1</sup>all your sins  
and heals all <sup>1</sup>your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life <sup>1</sup>from the grave  
and crowns you  
with steadfast <sup>1</sup>love and mercy;

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires

<sup>1</sup>with good things

so that your youth is renewed  
<sup>1</sup>like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>O LORD, you provide <sup>1</sup>vindication  
and justice for all who  
<sup>1</sup>are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>You made known your <sup>1</sup>ways to Moses  
and your works  
to the chil- <sup>1</sup>dren of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compas- <sup>1</sup>sion  
and mercy,

slow to anger

and abounding in <sup>1</sup>steadfast love.



You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,<sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.<sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.")<sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,<sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,<sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that

speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!<sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."<sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;<sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

## Gospel

## Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.<sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.<sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."<sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.<sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which

work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."<sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?"<sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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