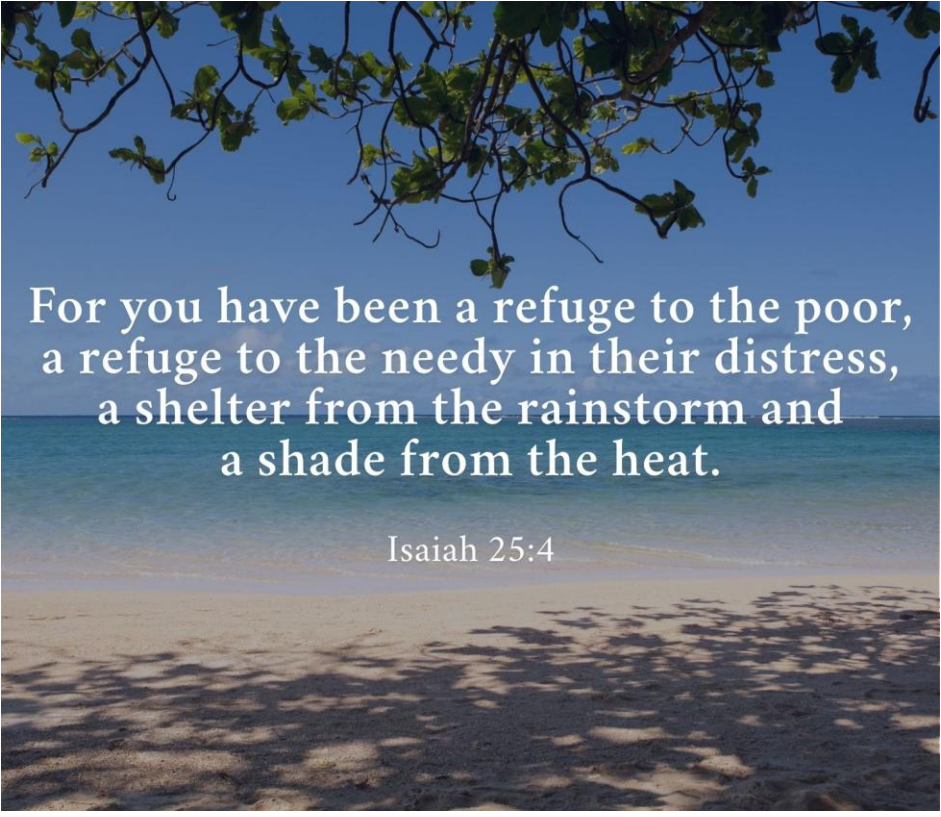


# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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

*Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*



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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 the Playground at the front of the sanctuary. 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

ELW Hymn #641

“All Are Welcome”

### 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...**Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## We Hear & Respond to God’s Word

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### FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

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

### SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

...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 12:13-21

*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

ELW Hymn #685

“Take My Life”

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SHARING OF PEACE

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN & PRAYER

ELW Hymn #531

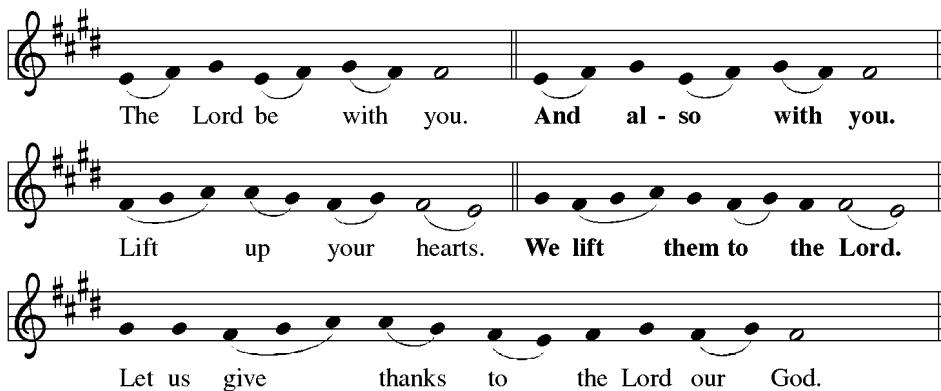
“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

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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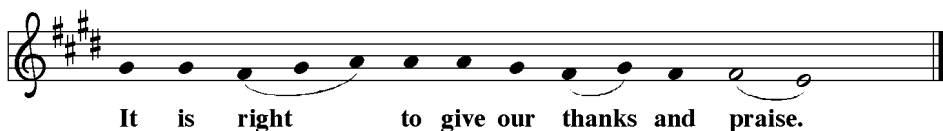
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



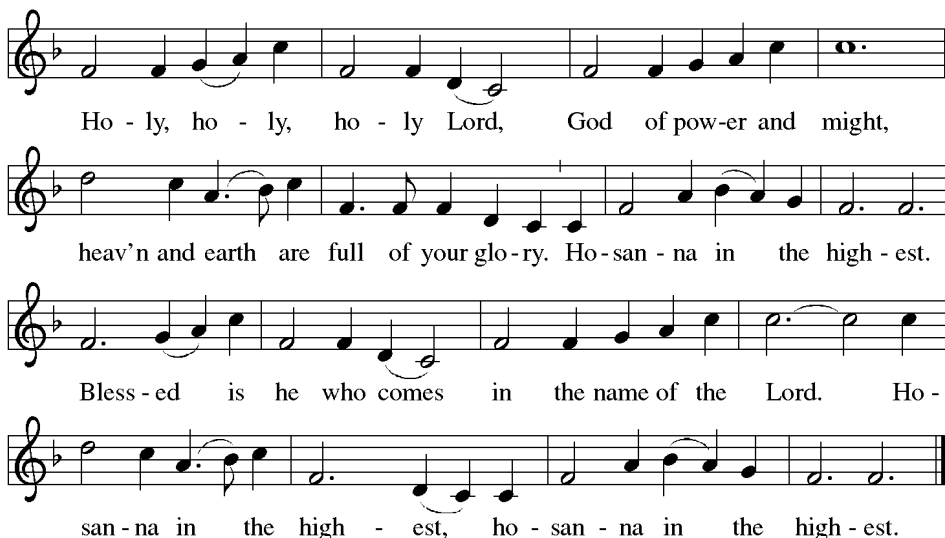
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is 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:



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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”

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW Hymn #423

## 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”

### DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

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# Today's Readings

Sunday, August 3, 2025

8th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master

of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

## Psalms

Psalms 49:1-12; tone 3



Hear this, <sup>1</sup>all you peoples;  
give ear,  
all you who dwell <sup>1</sup>in the world,  
<sup>2</sup>you of high de- <sup>1</sup>gree and low,  
rich and <sup>1</sup>poor together.  
<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall <sup>1</sup>speak of wisdom,  
and my heart  
shall meditate on <sup>1</sup>understanding.  
<sup>4</sup>I will incline my ear <sup>1</sup>to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle  
up- <sup>1</sup>on the harp.  
<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in <sup>1</sup>evil days,  
when the wickedness  
of those at my <sup>1</sup>heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>the wickedness of those  
who trust in <sup>1</sup>their own prowess,  
and boast of <sup>1</sup>their great riches?  
<sup>7</sup>One can never re- <sup>1</sup>deem another,  
or give to God the ransom  
for an- <sup>1</sup>other's life;  
<sup>8</sup>for the ransom of a life <sup>1</sup>is so great  
that there would never be  
e- <sup>1</sup>nough to pay it,  
<sup>9</sup>in order to live forev- <sup>1</sup>er and ever  
and never <sup>1</sup>see the grave.  
<sup>10</sup>For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stu- <sup>1</sup>pid they perish  
and leave their wealth  
to those who come <sup>1</sup>after them.

*continued*



<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes  
forever, their dwelling places  
from generation to <sup>1</sup> generation,  
though they had named lands  
af- <sup>1</sup> ter themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Even though honored,  
they cannot <sup>1</sup> live forever;  
they are like the <sup>1</sup> beasts that perish.

## Second Reading

## Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you

also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## Gospel

## Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he

said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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