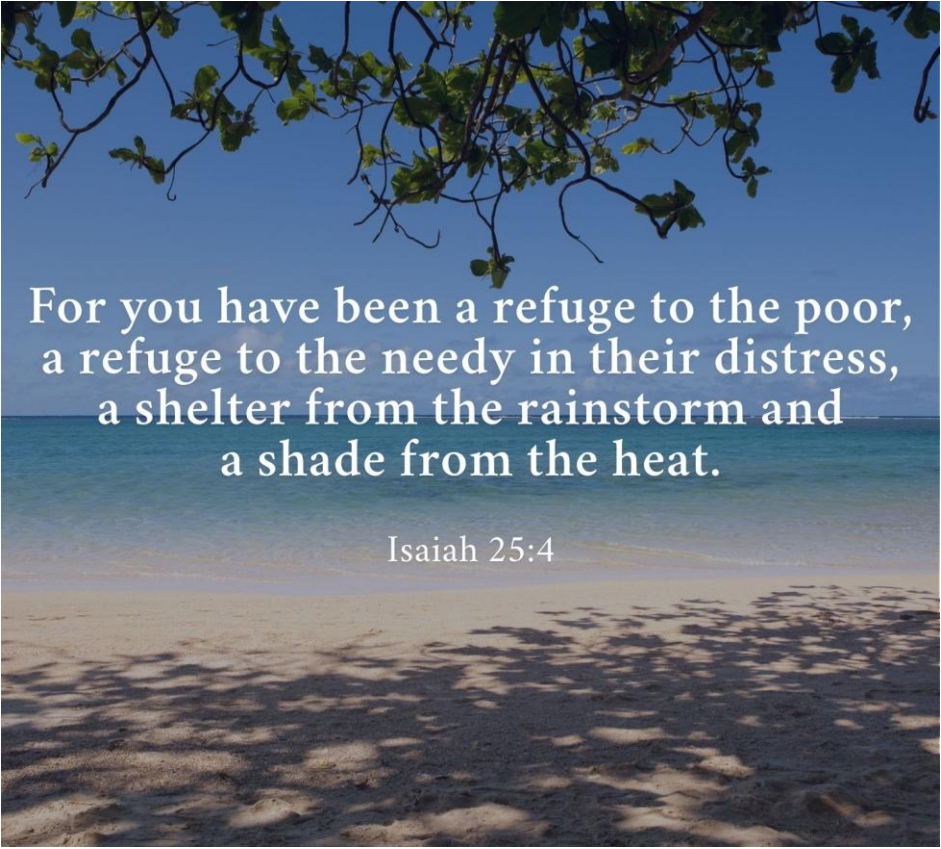


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 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

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.



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Welcome to Zion!

***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

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

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

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

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

ELW Hymn #526

“God is Here”

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

We Hear & Respond to God’s Word

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

...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 14:1, 7-14

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

ACS Hymn #969 (See Insert)

"Welcome Table"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SHARING OF PEACE

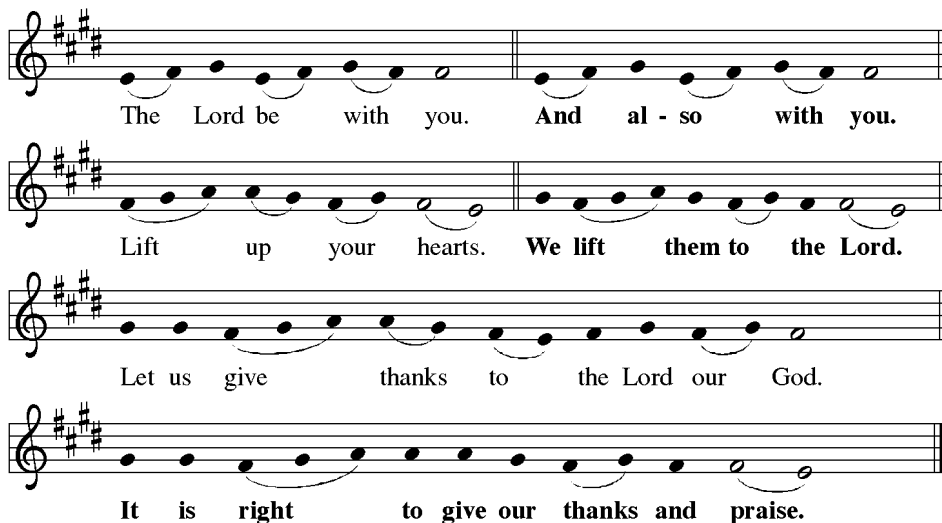
The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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

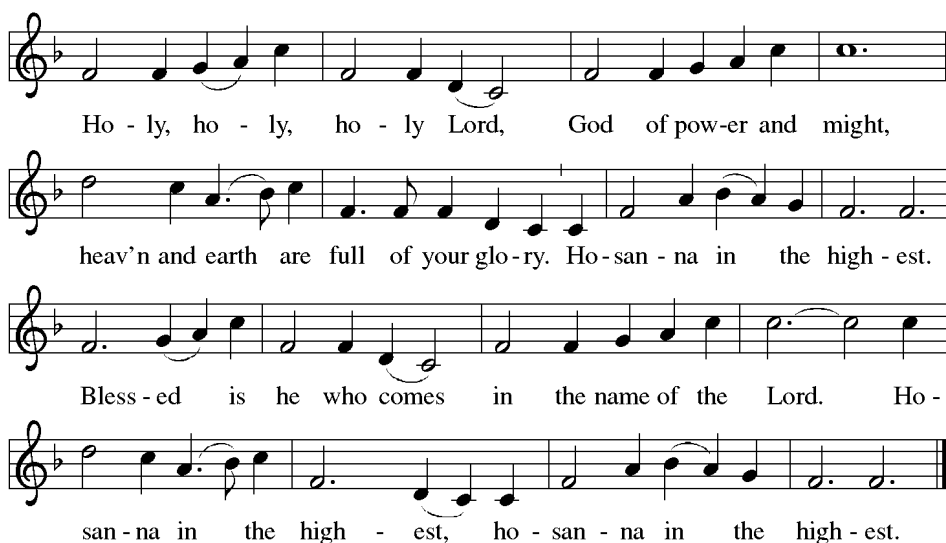
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 lyrics written below them. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

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.

"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"

ELW Hymn #651

We Are Sent into the World

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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Welcome Table



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta-ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
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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

This afternoon 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 31, 2025
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7a

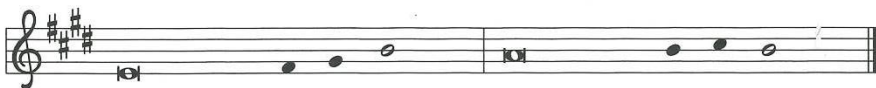
Do not put yourself forward in the
king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

^{7a}for it is better to be told,
"Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the
presence of a noble.

or Sirach 10:12-18 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 112; tone 4



Hallelujah!

Happy are they who ¹fear the LORD
and have great delight
in ¹God's commandments!

²Their descendants
will be mighty ¹in the land;
the generation of the upright
¹will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches
will be ¹in their house,
and their righteousness
will ¹last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness
¹for the upright;
the righteous are merciful
and full ¹of compassion.

⁵It is good for them
to be gener- ¹ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹fairs
with justice.

⁶For they will nev- ¹er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept
in everlast- ¹ing remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid
of any ¹evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast,
trusting ¹in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established
and ¹will not shrink,
until they see their desire
up- ¹on their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands ¹fast
forever;
they will hold up their ¹head
with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth
and ¹pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ed
will perish.

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes,

he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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