Zion Lutheran Church

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November 22, 2026 – Last Sunday of The Church Year

Zion Lutheran School Bell Choir

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Welcome – Announcements – Instructions

Today is the last Sunday in our four-week s✝ewardship series *"God's Chosen Stewards."* If you are a visitor or guest with us today, there is potential for you to feel a bit awkward about this. You need not. Zion families will be coming forward as a part of the service today to bring their Giving Intentions on a Response Card they recently received and place them on the Altar as a holy act of ***worship***.

As we have been learning over the past few weeks, we are all Stewards – Managers – of all the things God gives us in life. It all belongs to Him.

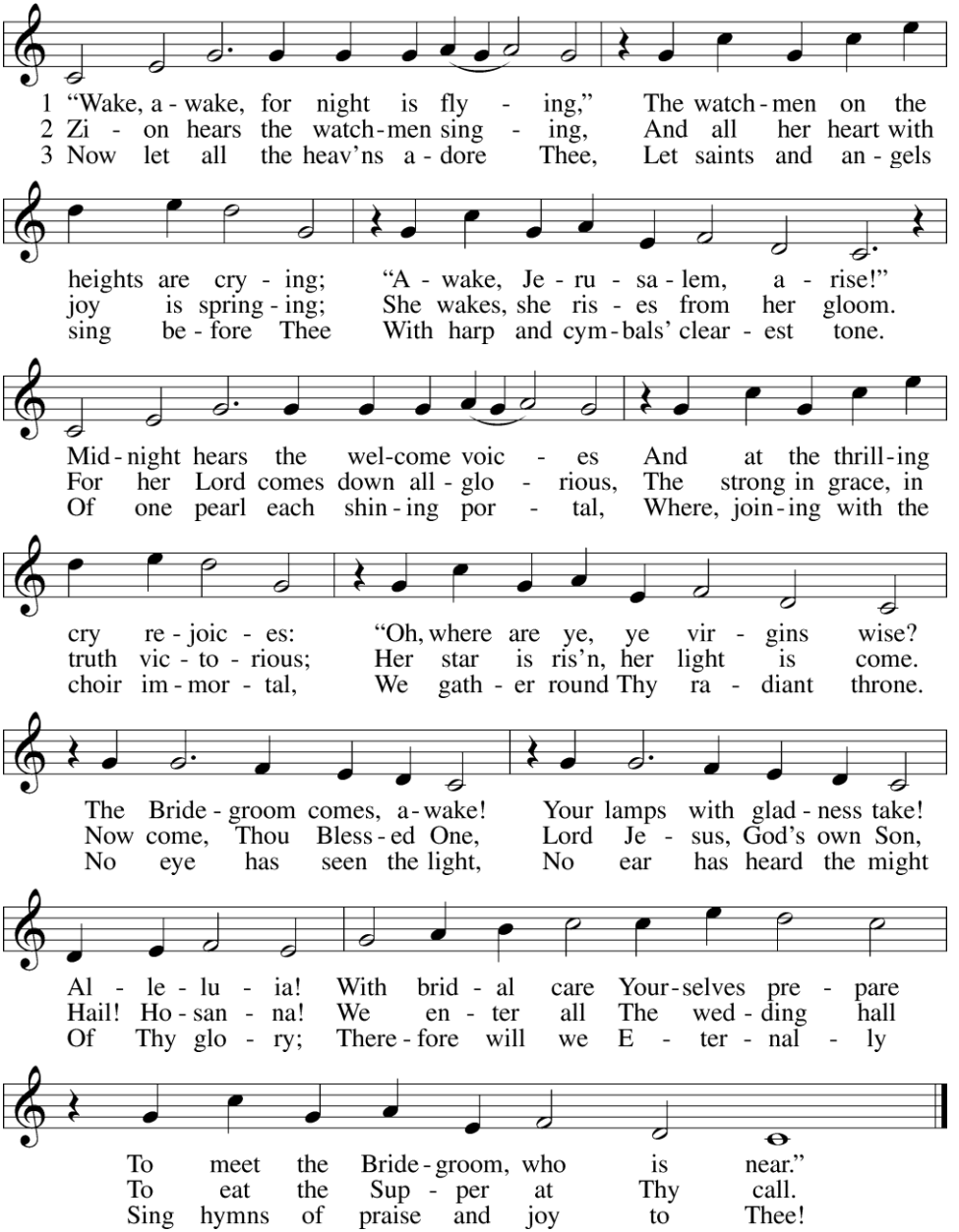
Just as we are not ashamed to believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil, so also we are not ashamed to declare our giving intentions **as an act of faith that God will provide all we need.**

If you are a visitor or guest with us today, we invite you to watch and see how we at Zion place our trust in God and worship Him in faith, believing that when we place Him ***first*** in our lives, we have nothing to fear in returning to Him a portion of what He has given to us.

If you are a part of the Zion family and for some reason do not have a response card today, there are extras located on the desk in the foyer.



Hymn 516 *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"*



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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, I confess that I am in my flesh sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon your heartfelt and sincere confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Offering *(Please pass the collection plate all the way down each row.)*

Zion Lutheran School Bell Choir *"Thy Strong Word"*

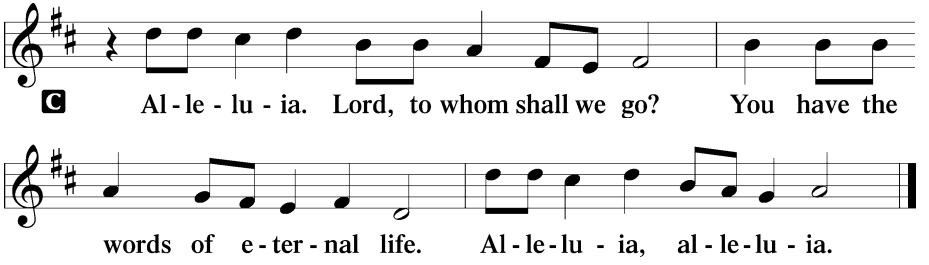
Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C ***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.***

Stand

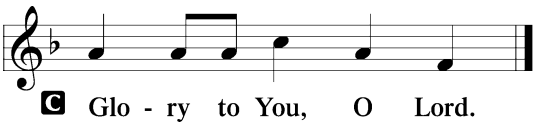
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Holy Gospel

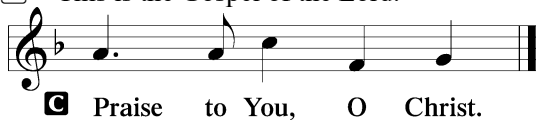
Matthew 19:16-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.



16And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have
eternal life?" 17And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only
one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." 18He said to him, "Which
ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not
steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love
your neighbor as yourself." 20The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I
still lack?" 21Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to
the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22When the young man
heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. 23And Jesus said to his
disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of
heaven. 24Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a
rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 25When the disciples heard this, they were greatly
astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" 26But Jesus looked at them and said, "With
man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Zion Lutheran School Students

"Roots"

Children's Message

Sermon

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

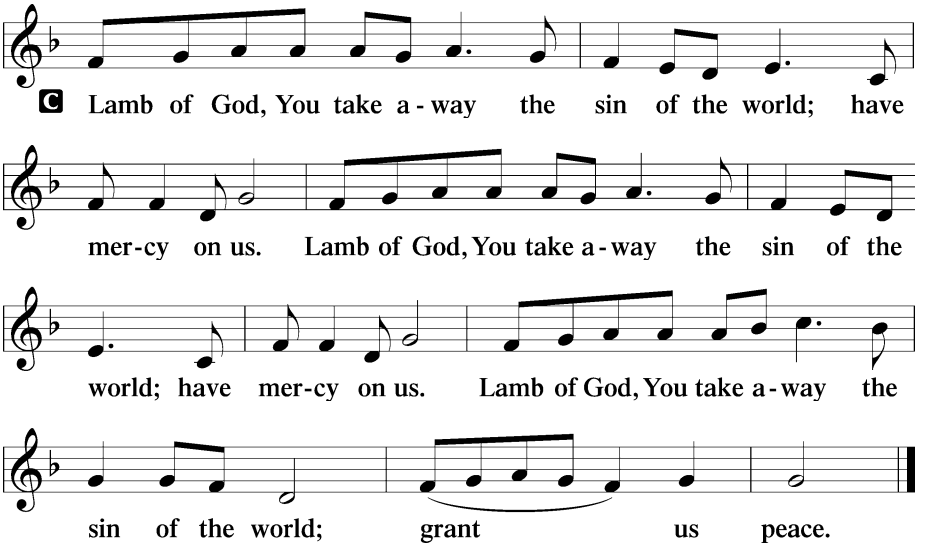
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei



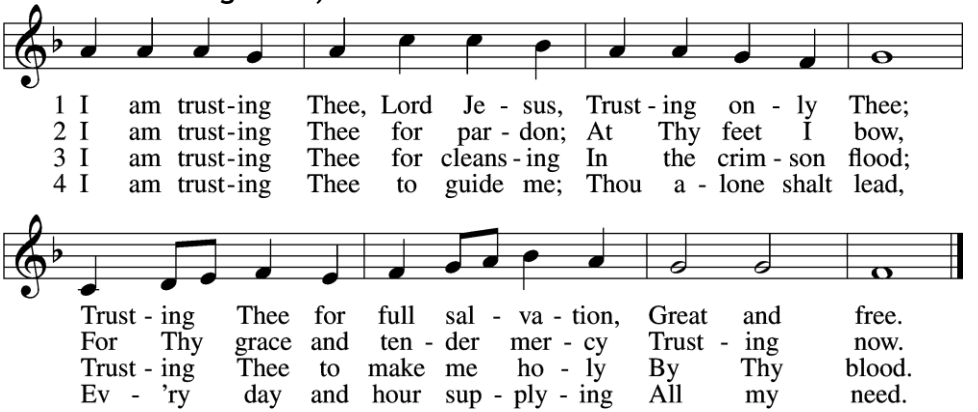
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Distribution (PLEASE NOTE: We will commune today using *"Processional Distribution."* Please follow the guidance of the ushers/elders.)

When you come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and for the strengthening of your Christian faith – please also bring your s†ewardship Response Card and place it in the box at the center. Then continue on to receive the Sacrament.



LSB 729 *"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"*

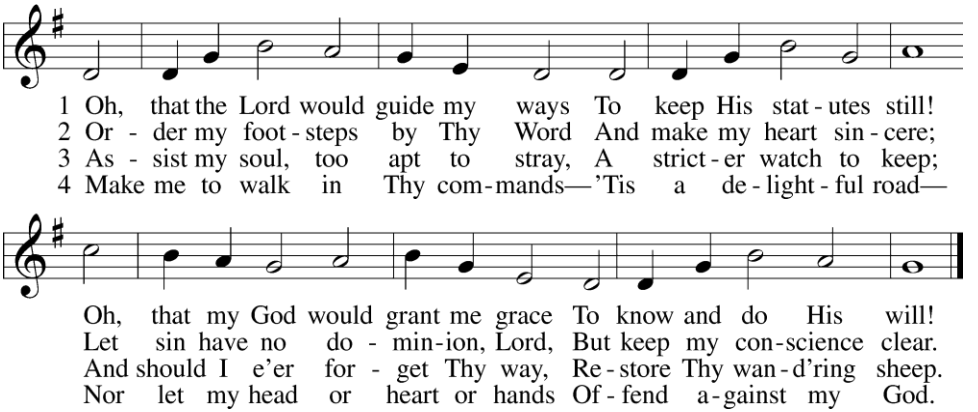


5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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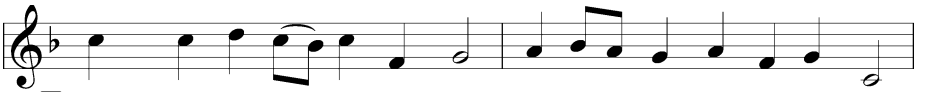
LSB 707 *"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

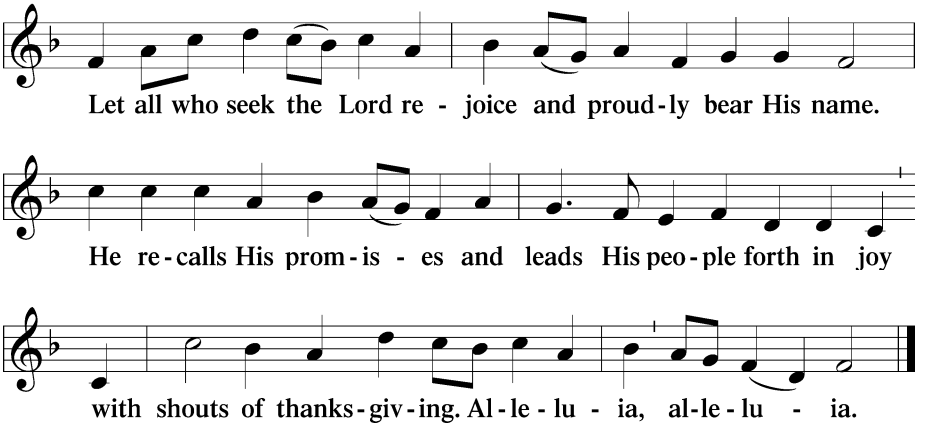


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(Following distribution, please stand)

Song of Thanksgiving - *"Thank the Lord"*





Post-Communion Prayer

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**



LSB 514 *"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"*

1 The Bridegroom soon will call us,
"Come to the wedding feast."
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning,
May find an open door!

2 There shall we see in glory
Our dear Redeemer's face;
The long-awaited story
Of heav'nly joy takes place:
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets' holy band;
Apostles, martyrs greet us
In that celestial land.

3 There God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav'nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.

4 In that fair home shall never
Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice,
While angel hosts are raising
With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising
The Giver of the feast.

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