

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

5:30 p.m. July 4, 2026

9:00 a.m. July 5, 2026

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you.
Worship details: In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices**, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** **A family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. **If you are visiting today**, please feel free to sign the Guest Registry located in the narthex. We ask that ALL members, regular visitors, and guests **sign the pew pad sheet**, so that we can better get to know each other.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

"Living Waters"

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GREETING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE






glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.




Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



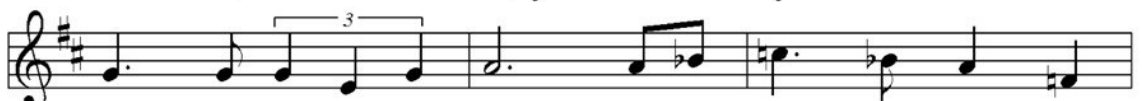
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

Spir- it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. **You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated

Zechariah 9:9-12 *The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R The Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:8-14 *(read responsively)*

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Romans 7:15-25a *Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I

do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴

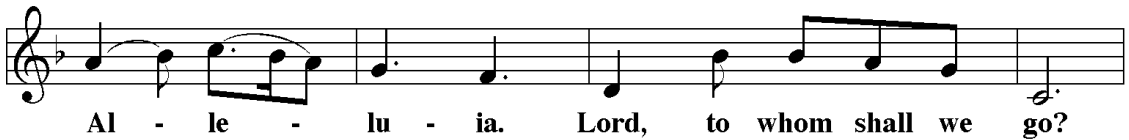
Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

R The Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(9:00) NOISY OFFERING

Gifts received in the Noisy Offering will be split between
ELCA World Hunger and local food pantries

SERMON

Pastor Barbara Hayden

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come Unto Jesus”

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APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 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 OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: God of Grace. Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.**

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

We share Christ's peace with one another.

The assembly is seated.

(9:00) INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P In and through the love of God, we are blessed in so many ways. In this time of offering, we have another opportunity to share our blessings - that they may bless others!

(9:00) MUSICAL OFFERING

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

The assembly may stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

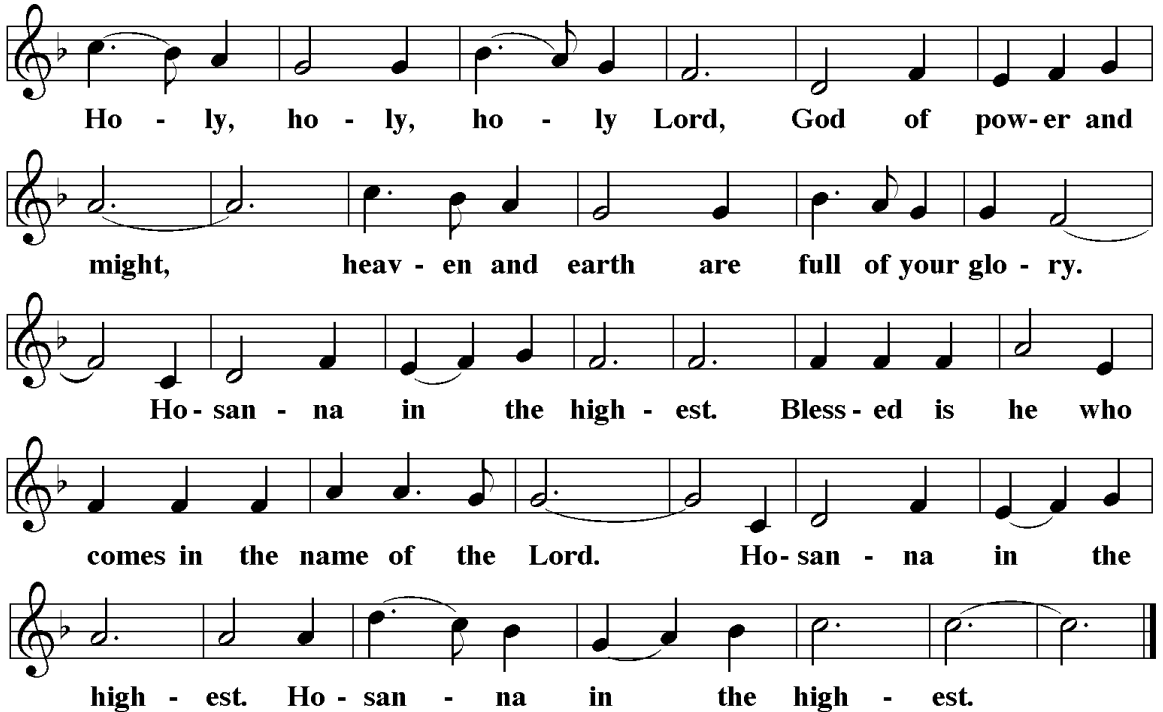
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up 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... .. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

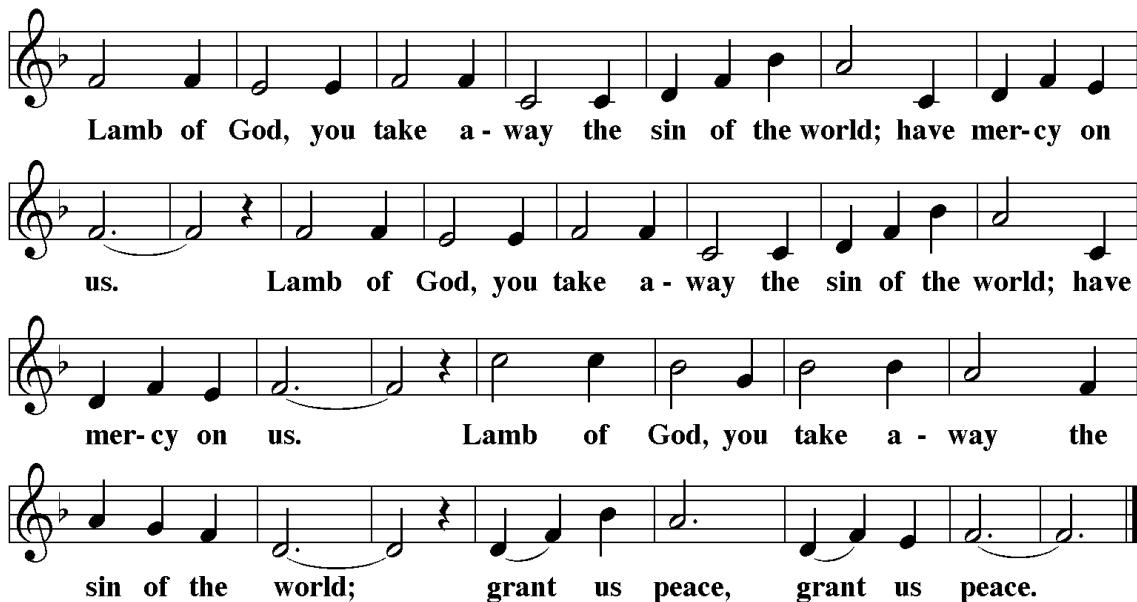
C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast.

The assembly is seated. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.

Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light-colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Come to the River"

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The assembly may stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. **Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

P Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN:

“Friend of God”

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DISMISSAL

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Greeters:

5:30 pm

Pastor Barbara Hayden

Donica Vonderohe

LeAnn DePue

Marsha Smith & Jeanne Crow

Helen Steen

9:00 am

Pastor Barbara Hayden

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Jeanne Crow

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Living Waters

Words and Music by
Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash



1. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?
2. Christ is call - ing, find re - fresh - ing
3. Spir - it mov - ing, mer - cy wash - ing;
4. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?



Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. ____	Tired and bro - ken, peace un - spo - ken,
at the cross of liv - ing wat - ers. ____	Lay your life down, all the old gone,
Heal - ing in these liv - ing wat - ers. ____	Lead your chil - dren to the shore - line,
Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. ____	Love, for - give - ness, vast and bound - less,



rest be - side these liv - ing wat - ers. ____	wat - ers. There's a
rise up in these liv - ing	wat - ers.
life is in these liv - ing	wat - ers.
Christ, He is our liv - ing	



riv - er ____ that flows with mer - cy ____ and love, bring - ing joy to the cit - y of our

Last time to Coda



God; ____ There our hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y - more,



praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. ____	praise the Lord of liv - ing
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wat - ers. ____ Ooh. ____ Ooh. ____ Ooh. ____

D.S. al Coda

Ooh. Ooh. Ooh.

♩ Coda

praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. — There our hope is se - cure, do not
fear an - y - more, praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. —

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Come Unto Jesus

(based on the recording by Keith & Kristyn Getty, Laura Story & Jordan Kauflin)

*Words and Music by
Jordan Kauflin, Laura Story
and Matthew Merker*

1. Come un - to Je - sus all

you who are wea - ry. Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.

Here, bring your wound - ed hearts, bro - ken and need - y. Come un - to Je - sus, might - y to

heal. 2. Joy of the com - fort - less, Light for the stray - ing,

Hope of the pen - i - tent, Peace in our strife. Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing

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My yoke is eas - y, my bur - den is light. Come un - to Je - sus. Come un - to



Je - sus. Lay down your bur - dens, He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus, rest in His

2nd time to Coda Φ



love.

3. Come, taste the Bread of Life,



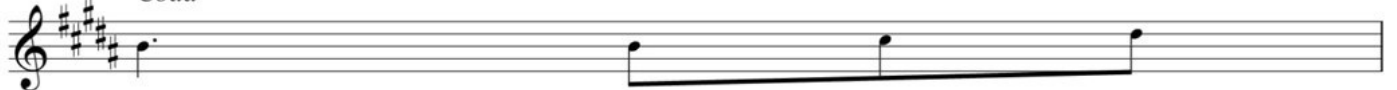
bro - ken for sin - ners. Drink from the cup of His prom - ise made sure. Feast at His ta - ble as

D.S. al Coda



sons and as daugh - ters. Grace o - ver - flow - ing is yours ev - er - more. Come un - to

Φ
Coda



4. Come, now and fol - low Him, this life for - sak - ing. All that was gain, count as



noth - ing but loss. Trade all this world for His king - dom un - fad - ing. Come un - to Je - sus,



take up your cross. Come un - to Je - sus, take up your cross. Life ev - er - last - ing He



of - fers to us. Come un - to Je - sus. Come un - to Je - sus.

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2



Lay down your bur - dens, He is e - nough. Come un - to Come un - to Je - sus,

rest in His love. Come un - to Je - sus. Come un - to Je - sus.

Lay down your bur - dens, He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus, rest in His love.

Come un - to Je - sus, rest in His love.

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Come To The River

Words and Music by
 Tony Brown, Pat Barrett,
 Nate Moore and David Dalton

Come to the wa - ter, all who are thirst - y; come and drink.

Come to the ta - ble, all who are hun - gry; come and feast.

Those who are wea - ry, those who are need - y, come re - ceive.

Come to the Riv - er, come to the Riv - er; taste and see.

1 2

D.C. al Coda

22 *Coda*

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Come to the Riv - er, come to the Riv - er; taste and see. Oh, oh my
soul thirsts for You, and You a - lone. Oh, oh my soul thirsts for
1, 2, 4, 5 | 3, 6
You, and You a - lone. lone. I will taste and see that You are good.
I will taste and see that You are good. I will taste and see that You are good,
1, 2 | 3 *D.S. al Fine*
You're good to me. I will

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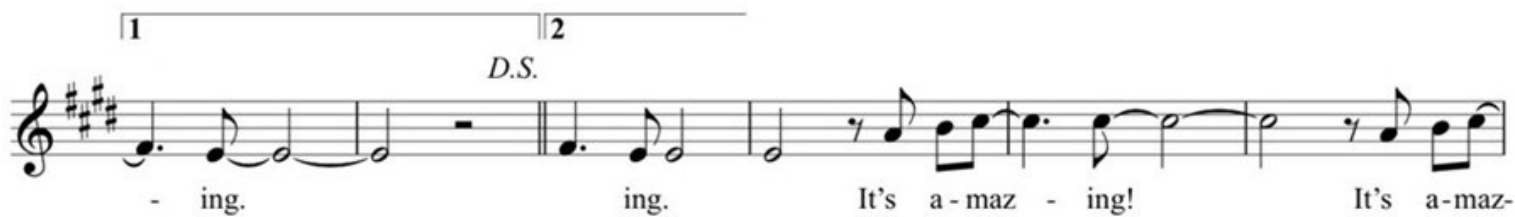
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Friend Of God

Words and Music by
Michael Gungor and Israel Houghton

Who am I that You are mind - ful of me? That You hear
me when I call? Is it true that You
are think - ing of me? How You love me, it's a-maz-

1 2
D.S.

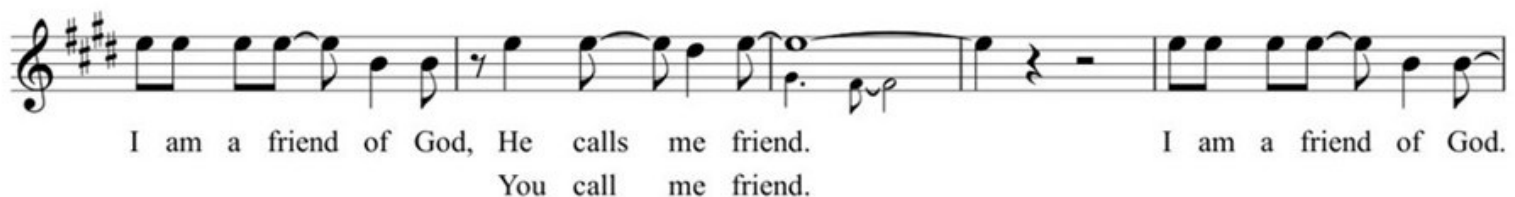


- ing. ing. It's a-maz - ing! It's a-maz-

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- ing! I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God.



I am a friend of God, He calls me friend. You call me friend. I am a friend of God.

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Last time to Coda ⊕



I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, He calls me friend.

2



He calls me friend.

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God Al - might-y, Lord of Glo - ry, You have called me friend.

(1) 2

Coda



D.S. al Coda



You call me friend.



You call me friend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOOD ITEMS NEEDED: Zion will again be partnering with St. Paul Church for Vacation Bible School. We would appreciate your support with our nightly Family Meal by donating a food item(s). There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex listing food items needed, please sign up and take the corresponding note as a reminder. Please deliver your food donation to Zion's Kitchen/Refrigerator/Freezer and mark as delivered on the sign-up sheet. All items should be to Zion by NOON ON SUNDAY, JULY 19.

THANK YOU for your support of Vacation Bible School!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY! - ELCA GOOD GIFTS: Zion's Social Ministry Committee invites you to participate in our "Christmas in July" celebration! The weekends of July 12 & 19, the Christmas tree in the narthex will be decorated with "ELCA Good Gifts" ornaments. You may select an ornament and donate the amount listed. We will follow through and order the gift you selected. You may take your ornament home and display it now and/or save it for your tree in December. There are many choices including honey bees, animals, vaccinations, school fees and supplies for children, water filters, and small business loans. There are so many needs in our world. This is an opportunity to make a difference.

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY : Our next Sack Lunch Monday will be July 13. We will NOT need grocery items for this month but WILL need help packing, delivering and distributing! If you are able to help, please sign up in the Narthex or show up in the kitchen on July 13th at 10:45! THANK YOU!!

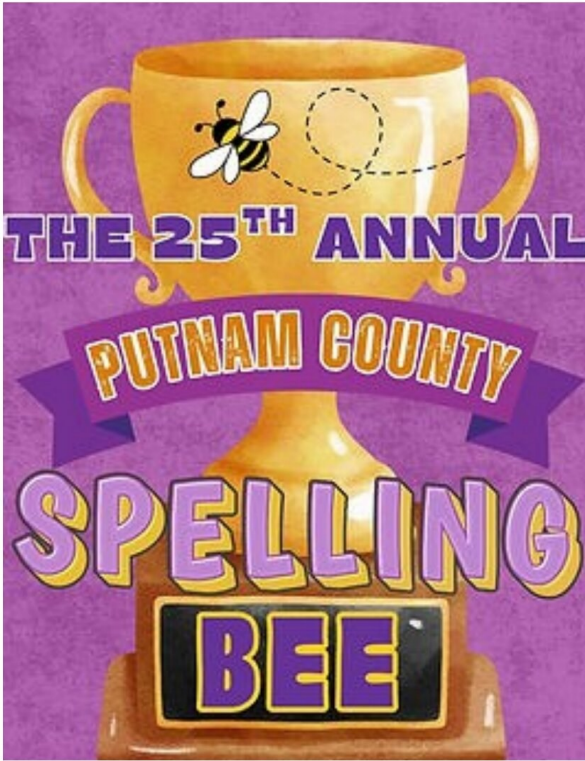
PRAYER LIST: Suzan Jacobsen Erin Montgomery Tom & Judy McLaughlin
Kay Weispenning

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, July 7th: 3:15 pm– Centering Prayer
5:00 pm– Executive Committee
5:50 pm– All-Committee Night
Wednesday, July 8th: 10:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study
1:30 pm– Rebecca Circle
Saturday, July 11th: 5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, July 12th: 9:00 am– Worship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, June 27 5:30 attendance	43
Sunday, June 28 9:00 attendance	<u>80</u>
Total Weekend In-Person attendance	123



The Fellowship Committee invites you to mark your calendars for Sunday, August 9, 2026 @ 2pm as we gather @ the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre for the presentation of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee has charmed audiences across the country with its effortless wit and humor as an eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. Complete with audience participation, this fast-paced, wildly funny performance will definitely “Bee” one unforgettable experience.

Tickets for the show are \$22 per person and must be purchased in advance to reserve your spot. Reservation forms need to be filled out and returned, with payment, to the church office **NO LATER** than Sunday, July 12, 2026.

Purchased tickets will be available for pick-up in the church office the weeks of July 27-31 and August 3-7 between 9 am and 3 pm. Any questions, please call Amanda at 563-242-7391 Monday through Friday.

We hope to see you there for an afternoon of fun, laughter, & great fellowship!!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Paid Cash: \$ _____

Paid Check: \$ _____

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The 9:00 am worship service streamed live on Facebook
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105.9 FM, at 10:30 am