

Zion Lutheran Church



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

5:30 p.m. August 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. August 10, 2025

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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

"People Need the Lord" by McHugh & Nelson, arr. by Mark Hayes

RINGING OF BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen.**

HYMN:

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

ELW (red book) # 802

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

Refrain



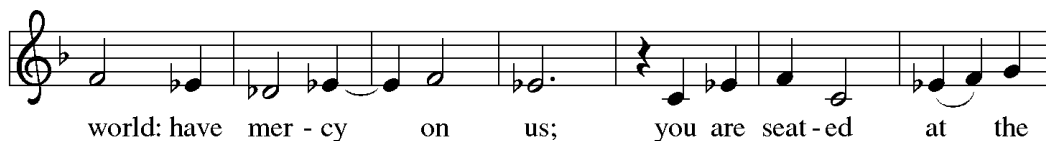
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 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 in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



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est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated

Genesis 15:1-6 *God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 33:12-22 (read responsively)

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³ **The Lord looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,
our helper and our shield.
²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**
²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly may stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Luke 12:32-40 *Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON:

Pastor Barbara Hayden

The assembly may stand

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

ELW (red book) # 764

APOSTLES' 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 in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

NOISY OFFERING

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

(Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but are available at the sanctuary entrance.)

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE

"Goodness is Stronger than Evil" (*Sung twice*)



Good - ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. **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 of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them 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'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

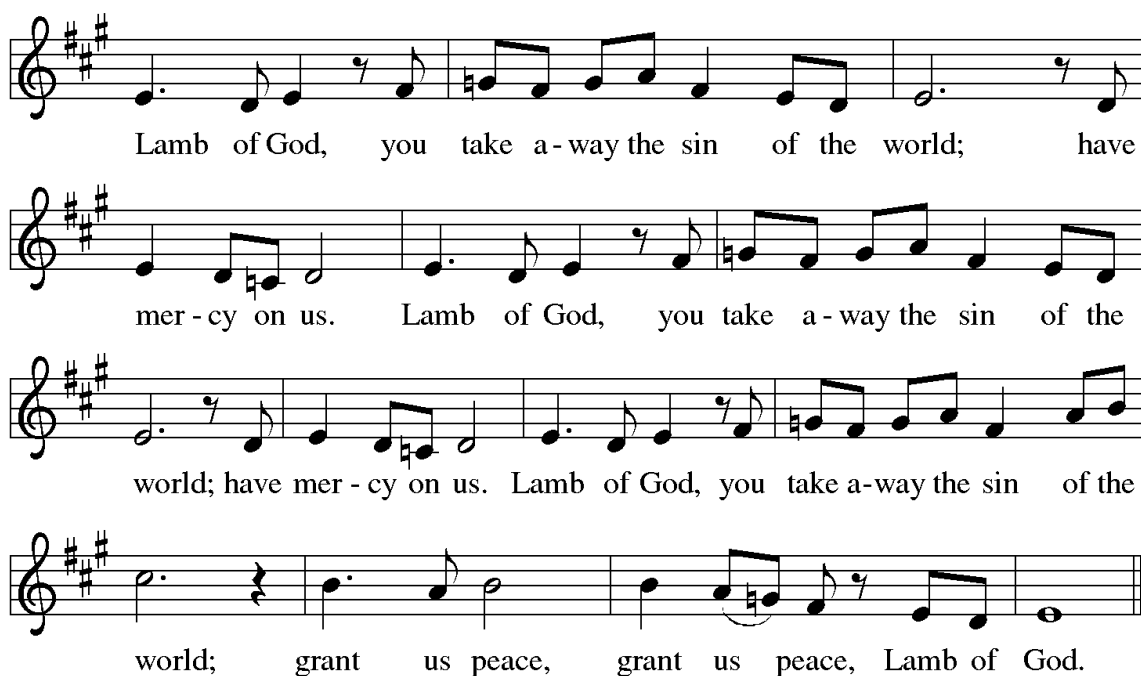
C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, for all things are now ready.

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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymns:

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

ELW (red book) # 767

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

ELW (red book) # 768

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. **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.**
The Spirit of God goes with you. Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

ELW (red book) # 808

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Christ is with you!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” by J. Bert Carlson

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WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm

9:00 am

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Barbara Hayden

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Pianist:

Christine Holmer

Christine Holmer

Worship Assistant:

Linda Dutches

Joel Hansen

Communion Servers:

Marsha Smith & Roxanne McElroy

Patti Lauritzen & Deb Vath

Greeters:

Cathy Layton-Johnson

Michael Vonderohe & Children

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are provided by Deb & Gary Vath in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

THE RADIO BROADCAST this Sunday is sponsored by David & Gina Schwartz in memory of loved ones.

SAVE THE DATE!: Mark your calendars, Zion’s Pork & Sauerkraut Supper will be held on Thursday, September 18th! More information is inside the back cover of this bulletin.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: School is about to start, and it is time for the Blessing of the Backpacks! We encourage all students, teachers, administrators, coaches or anyone who works in educating children to join us Saturday, August 23rd or Sunday, August 24th, for a blessing during the worship services. Please bring your backpacks, briefcases or whatever you carry to school, and we will offer a blessing of your backpack and a keychain as a reminder throughout the school year.

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY: Our next Sack Lunch Monday will be August 11. If you are willing to contribute something from our grocery list, or help prepare the lunches, check out the sign up in the Narthex on August 9th & 10th! Food will need to be in the kitchen by 10:45 am Monday, July 11th. THANK YOU!!

MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY will not be meeting for the next two weeks. Gatherings will resume on August 27th. They will be studying the book of Acts.

THE ELCA INNOVATION TEAM IS COMING: On **August 18, 19, and 20**, the Innovation Team from the ELCA will be in our synod with the expressed desire to listen and learn. **You are invited to share and dream with them!** They want to meet you and learn about your particular ministry setting. They want to hear about your joys and concerns. The team will listen and then connect you with research, data, grants, and partnerships! They are a wealth of creativity and possibility, as are you! Let's get the synergy flowing.

The opportunities to gather are:

- **Monday, August 18**
 - 10:00 AM–1:00 PM at St. John Lutheran in Preston. Lunch will be served.
 - 3:00–6:00 PM at the Synod Office in Iowa City. Snacks provided.
- **Tuesday, August 19**
 - 9:00 AM–12:00 PM at Redeemer Lutheran in Bettendorf. Lunch will be served.
 - 2:30–5:00 PM at First Lutheran in Fairfield. Snacks provided.
- **Wednesday, August 20**
 - 11:00 AM–2:00 PM Des Moines Metro (exact location pending). Lunch included.

You are invited to any or all of the gatherings that fit best with your schedule. RSVP by emailing Pastor LeAnn Stubbs through the button below. Please indicate if you have any food allergies. We can't wait to listen, share, learn, and dream together!

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 4th:	10:45 am– Sack Lunch Monday
Tuesday, August 12th:	6:00 pm– Congregation Council
Wednesday, August 13th:	9:00 am– NO Morning Prayer/Bible Study
	1:30 pm– Rebecca Circle
Saturday, August 16th:	5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, August 17th:	9:00 am– Worship
	10:aa am– Birthday Fellowship
	10:30 am– Sauerkraut Supper Committee Meeting

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 2nd 5:30 attendance	44
Sunday, August 3rd 9:00 attendance	<u>58</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	102

Zion Lutheran Church's Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Thursday, Sept. 18th, 2025

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Drive-Thru

****Deliveries are available,
please call 563-242-7391**

**Tickets are on sale at:
Zion Lutheran Church
Clinton Printing
Sweetheart Bakery
D-lectable D-lites**



Cost: \$15.00

(in advance and at door)

The meal consists of:

**Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, Potatoes & Gravy,
Green Beans, Applesauce, a Roll & Dessert.**

*** Due to feedback, each meal will contain more sauerkraut than
last year.**

**Any questions, please call the church office
at (563) 242-7391.**



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