

Zion Lutheran Church



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

5:30 p.m. October 4, 2025

9:00 a.m. October 5, 2025

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

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

The assembly may stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,

C **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C **Amen.**

HYMN:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW (red book) # 733

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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.



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.



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.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 *Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-9 (read responsively)

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

⁶ **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

2 Timothy 1:1-14 *This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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.

Luke 17:5-10 *On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON:

Pastor Paul Holmer

The assembly may stand

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ELW (red book) # 810

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: **Receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
We share Christ's peace with one another.

C And also with you.

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.

(5:30) OFFERING RESPONSE “For the Fruit of All Creation” (vs. 1 & 2)

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing.
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing.



fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.

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(9:00) **MUSICAL OFFERING**

“Holy and Righteous”

Adult Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. **Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

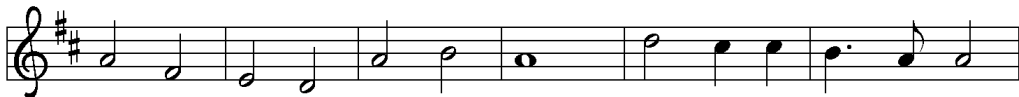
P Lift up your hearts.

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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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 Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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.

(9:00)

"Firm Foundation"

Bell Choir

Communion Hymn:

"We Walk By Faith"

ELW (red book) # 635

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. **O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

"Founded on Faith"

ACS # 1048



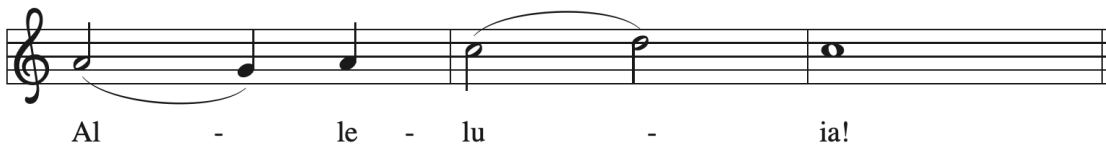
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Do not lose heart!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm

9:00 am

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Paul Holmer

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Organist:

Donica Vonderohe

Donica Vonderohe

Worship Assistant:

Diane Honeywell

Marilyn Fee

Communion Servers: Jane Teney & Linda Dutchess

Richard Pederson & Willard Larsen

Greeters:

Helen Steen

Mark & Gina Truninger

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by Pam Hammond in memory of her parents, Frank & Evelyn Verfaillie.

FELLOWSHIP IN THE GATHERING SPACE this Sunday is being hosted by the Worship Committee. Thank you for hosting.

BLOOD DRIVE: Zion will be holding a blood drive on Monday, October 13th, from 3:00 - 6:30 pm. More information is available inside the back cover.

ZION HOME COMMUNION GROUP is reaching out to anyone, not only members, to take them home communion. If you know someone who we could serve, please contact Deb Willwerth at 563-357-1222.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS is looking for people who would like to provide desserts for upcoming Wednesday evenings. If you would be interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS: On September 28th Zion joined hands with St. Paul Lutheran and Faith Lutheran (Andover) to do God’s Work. 40 volunteers gathered for fellowship and breakfast pizza then disbursed to package items for the YWCA Empowerment Center, tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief, tie fleece blankets for LSI, roll medical bandages for Lutheran World Relief, sew pillowcases for Sleep in Heavenly Peace and sort clothes for MY G.E.A.R. What a great afternoon!! Thanks to all who participated!!

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY: Our next Sack Lunch Monday will be October 13. If you are willing to contribute something from our grocery list, or help prepare the lunches, check out the sign up in the Narthex! THANK YOU!!

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

- Monday, October 6th: 5:30 pm– Girl Scouts
- Tuesday, October 7th: 5:00 pm– Executive Committee
5:50 pm– All-Committee Night
- Wednesday, October 8th: 9:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study
1:30 pm– Rebecca Circle
5:15 pm– Faith FUNdations/Confirmation
5:45 pm– Bells Rehearsal
6:45 pm– Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 11th: 5:30 pm– Worship
- Sunday, October 12th: 9:00 am– Worship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, September 27th 5:30 attendance	48
Sunday, September 28th 9:00 attendance	<u>101</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	149



Rewards grow in value as you give throughout each year! Details at bloodcenter.org/rewards.

BLOOD DRIVE

Zion Lutheran Church

Monday, October 13th
3:00pm - 6:00pm

Gathering Space
439 Third Ave S, Clinton



To schedule an appointment, scan QR code, contact Deb Vath at djvath@mchsi.com or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401.

Group Code: 2827

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