

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

5:30 p.m. October 17, 2026

9:00 a.m. October 18, 2026

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

"All the Earth"

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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



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated

Isaiah 45:1-7 *The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.*

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I am you, though

you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

R The Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 (*read responsively*)

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love

and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

R The Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Matthew 22:15-22 *After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are

sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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 Paul Holmer

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS & PRAYER SQUARES

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Seated On High"

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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: Hear us, O God. Please respond with: **Your mercy is great.**

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

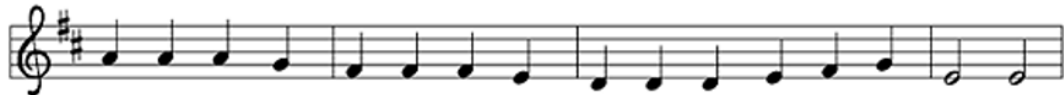
P In and through the love of God, we are blessed in so many ways. In this time of offering, we have another opportunity to share our blessings - that they may bless others!

(9:00) MUSICAL OFFERING

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE

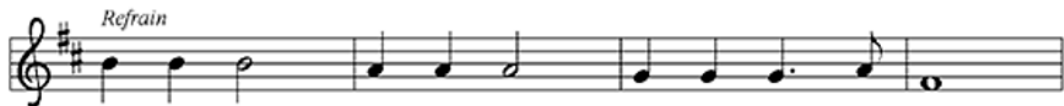
"In the Singing"



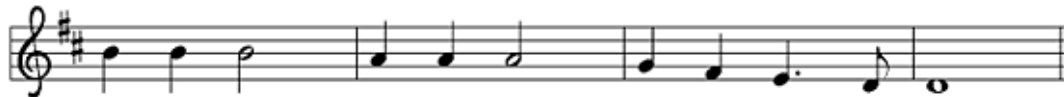
1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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OFFERING PRAYER

A God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C **Amen.**

The assembly may stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

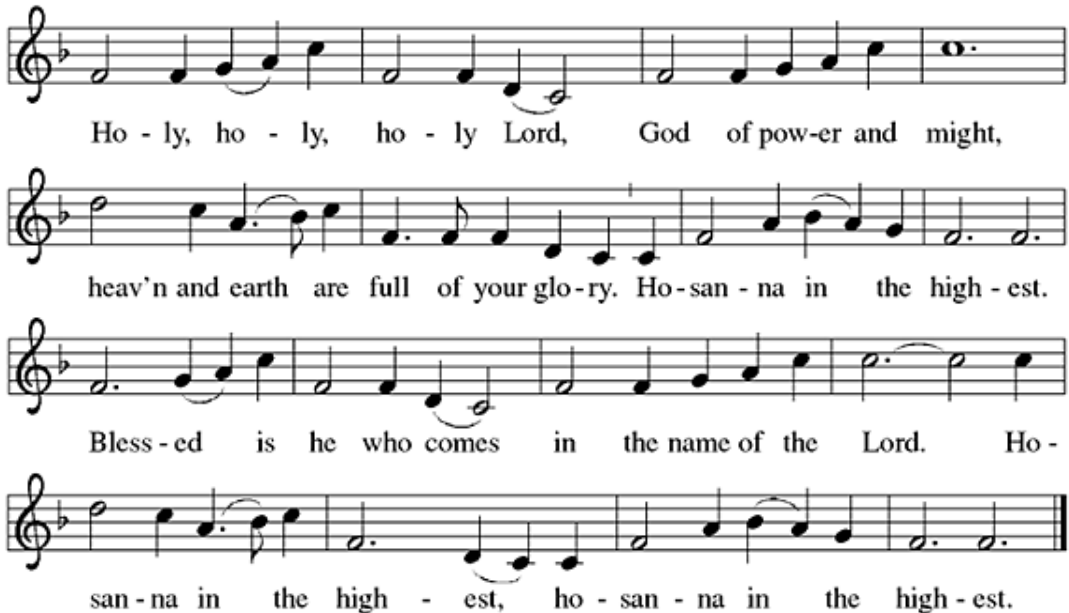
P Lift up your hearts.

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'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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

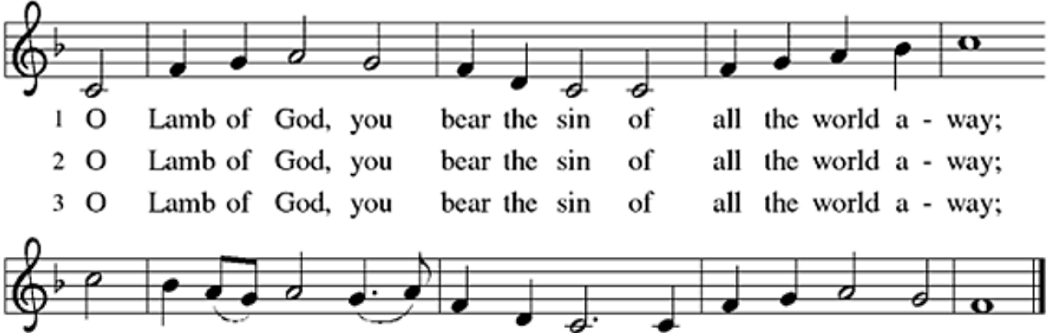
LORD'S PRAYER

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 Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! *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.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"No One Beside"

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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. **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

- P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
- C **Amen.**
- P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
- P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

“King of Glory”

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DISMISSAL

- P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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All The Earth

Words and Music by
Jason Ingram, Andi Rozier,
Meredith Andrews and Jonathan Smith



1. From the ris - ing
2. Je - sus, You have



of the sun, to the end - ing of the day. One name, a - lone, be
res - cued us. You are good and You are just. One name, a - lone, be



praised. Ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue, all cre - a - tion
praised. From the heights and from the depths, in ev - 'ry heart, with



lift - ing up. Your name, a - lone, we raise.
ev - 'ry breath. Your name, a - lone, we raise.



Praise the Lord, all the earth, all the earth. Bless His name, on - ly one

Last time to Coda 1 2, 4 3



name, now and al - ways. ways. ways. Ev - 'ry sky is



filled with won - der. All cre - a - tion lift - ing high - er. The on - ly King who

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reigns for - ev - er. Who is like our God? Who is like our God? Who is like our God? Say!

Coda



ways. Bless His name, on - ly one name, now and al - ways.

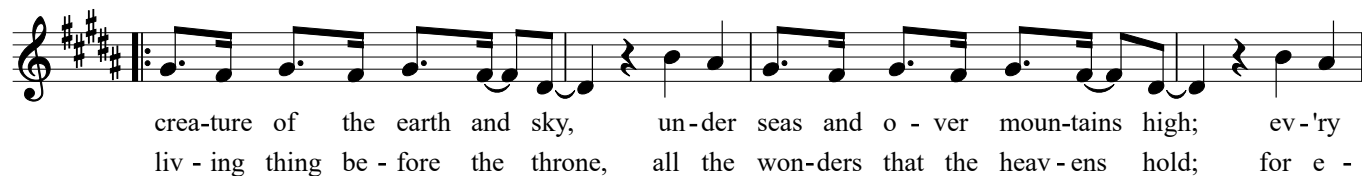
Seated On High

(based on the recording by The Belonging Co.)

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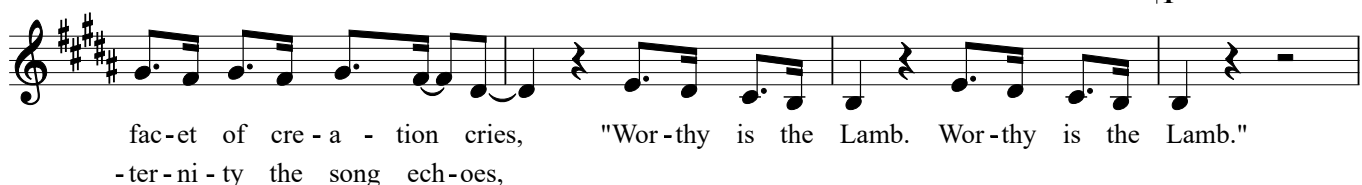


1.-Ev -'ry



crea-ture of the earth and sky, un-der seas and o - ver moun-tains high; ev -'ry
liv - ing thing be - fore the throne, all the won-ders that the heav - ens hold; for e -

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fac-et of cre - a - tion cries, "Wor - thy is the Lamb. Wor - thy is the Lamb."
- ter - ni - ty the song ech - oes,

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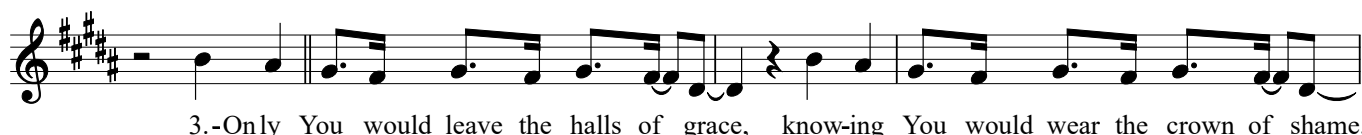
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2.-Ev-'ry Lamb." Seat-ed on high, beau-ty in maj - es - ty. There is



no one like You. Be glo-ri-fied, ex-alt-ed a-bove all things. There is none be-side You.



3.-Only You would leave the halls of grace, know-ing You would wear the crown of shame.



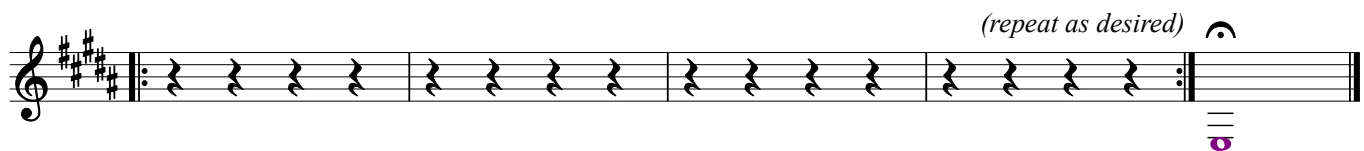
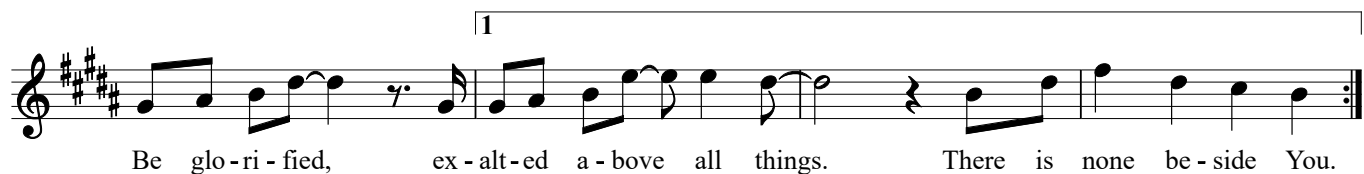
On-ly love could bear that kind of pain; wor-thy is the Lamb, wor-thy is the



Lamb, 4.-On-ly You could o-ver-come the grave, know-ing that a great-er joy a - waits.



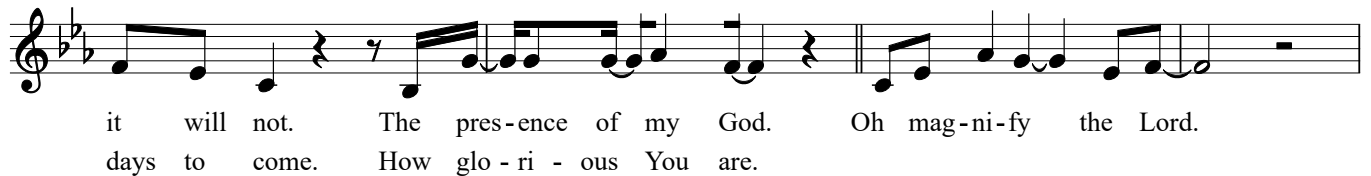
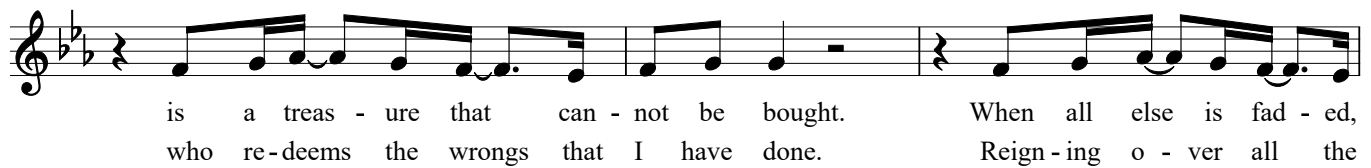
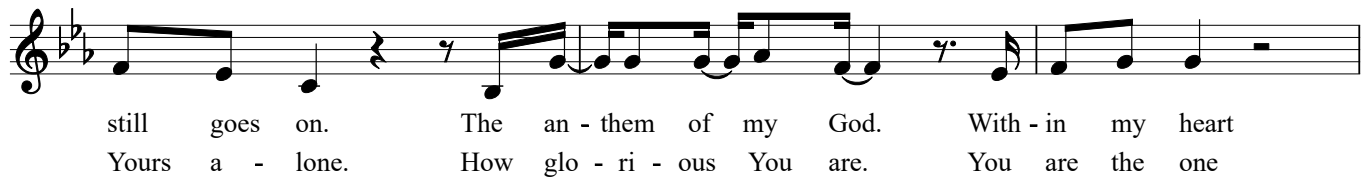
When I stand be-fore You face to face, wor-thy is the Lamb, wor-thy is the



No One Beside

(based on the recording by Elevation Worship)

Words and Music by
Steven Furtick, Chris Brown and Tiffany Hammer



2nd time to Coda



1,2,3 | 4

Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God al - might-y. might-y, is the
 Lord God al - might-y. Oh mag-ni-fy the Lord. Let us ex-alt His name
 to-geth-er. No one be-side You Lord. Hon-or and praise are Yours
 for-ev-er. for-ev-er.

D.S. al Coda *Coda*

King Of Glory

(Double time) (based on the recording by Passion | original key - Bb)

Words and Music by
Brett Younger, Matt Maher, Jason Ingram,
Kristian Stanfill and Hank Bentley



1. Oh, don't lose heart, O my
(2. And) there is peace in the
(3. So) lift your eyes, stand in



soul, O my soul. Don't give up; there is hope, there is al - ways hope.
storm, in the storm. No, don't for - get He is Lord, He is Lord of all.
awe, stand in awe. There is one, on - ly one where my help comes from.



2. And There is a King of glo-ry,



there is a God who saves. One who is strong and might-y, free - dom is in His name.



O - pen the gates of heav-en. Lift up a shout of praise. There is a li-on roar-ing:



Je - sus, the King of glo-ry.

3. So Je - sus, the King of glo-ry.

Na-tions bow, moun-tains shake at the sound of

just one name. O-ver all Je-sus reigns, I know, I know.

Je-sus reigns, I know.

There is a King of glo-ry, there is a God who saves. One who is strong and might-y,

free-dom is in His name. O-pen the gates of heav-en. Lift up a shout of praise.

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WORSHIP LEADERS**Proclaimer:****Band Director:****Assisting Minister:****Communion Servers:****Greeters:****5:30 pm**

Pastor Paul Holmer

Donica Vonderohe

Jeanne Crow

Dennis & Judy Andersen

Linda Shaff

9:00 am

Pastor Paul Holmer

Donica Vonderohe

Jean Morgan

Willard Larsen & Andrea Barnett

Mark & Gina Truninger

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are given in memory of Linda Schoening from Dennis Schoening, Kristi Schroeder, Brian Schoening, Angela Frechette and their families.

REFORMATION: In honor of Reformation weekend, Pastor Barb is asking that you wear red next weekend, October 24th & 25th.

MARY MARTENS, WIFE OF PASTOR MATTHEW MARTENS passed away on Friday, October 9th, in Ames, IA. A visitation will be held on Sunday, October 18th, from 4 – 6 pm at Adams Funeral Home in Ames. Her funeral service will be on Monday, October 19th, at 10:30 am at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Ames.

GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS: 51 friends from Zion, St. Paul and Faith (Andover) enjoyed breakfast pizza and then joined hands to do “God’s Work” on September 27. It was truly a beautiful day! 2,568 Mac n Cheese meals were assembled and shared with Food Pantries in Preston, Sabula, Fulton, Camanche and Clinton. Display walls were painted at the Felix Adler Discovery Center. Plant beds were cleaned up at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum. Quilts were tied to be sent to 16 countries through Lutheran World Relief. A fleece blanket was tied and delivered to LSI in Clinton. What an amazing day!!! Thanks to all the hands that did all this work!!!

ZION’S CHILDCARE IS HIRING: Zion’s childcare is currently hiring for a Four-year-old Preschool Assistant and Child Care Assistant. If you, or someone you know is interested, please send them our way!! The positions will start ASAP!! Please apply at Zion Childcare Preschool, 439 3rd Ave S.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Everyone is welcome to come to Zion's **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, **November 1** after the morning service in the dining room. A delicious meal of pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, orange juice, and coffee will be served by Zion's Fellowship committee! Please sign up on the attendance form located in the narthex. Giving the number of people attending will provide the committee with information for food preparation. We are looking forward to seeing you on NOVEMBER 1!

ZION WOMEN SUPPORT LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Last weekend Zion's women's groups displayed their offerings to Lutheran World Relief. The women put together 86 School kits, 58 quilts, 36 Health kits, and 13 Baby Care kits that were packaged up last Monday to begin the first leg of the journey to their final destinations.

In addition to the quilts that were sent to Lutheran World Relief, some quilts were held back to benefit those locally. Four quilts were set aside for Information, Referral, and Assistance Services (IRAS), three will be featured in Zion's Silent Auction to benefit IRAS, and one is being given to Lutheran Services in Iowa. What a great way to care for, share with, and serve our community and others around the world.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: We are offering a first communion class on Wednesday night, October 28th, during Faith Foundations. While we are calling this "First" communion, if your young person has taken communion but not been to class, we would encourage them to come!

If you feel your child is ready to take communion (and sit through a 20-minute video) they are welcomed. We also invite you, the parent/grandparent/adult transportation to join us. We will begin at 5:45, immediately following the meal.

A first communion date will be discussed at that time. Let Pr. Barb or Barb Rhoades know if you think you might attend.

PRAYER LIST:	LeAnn DePue	Tom & Judy McLaughlin
	Larry Mommsen	Erin Montgomery
	Jacob Simpson	Ernie Varga
	Kay Weispfenning	Doug Witt

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, October 20 th :	3:15 pm- Centering Prayer
	5:30 pm- Boy Scouts
	6:00 pm- Congregation Council
Wednesday, October 21 st :	9:00 am- Zion Book Club
	10:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study
	5:15 pm– Faith FUNdations & Confirmation
	5:45 pm- Choir Rehearsal
	6:45 pm- Bells Rehearsal
Thursday, October 22 nd :	6:00 pm- Childcare Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 24 th :	5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, October 25 th :	9:00 am– Worship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, October 10 5:30 attendance	41
Sunday, October 11 9:00 attendance	<u>90</u>
Total Weekend In-Person attendance	131

ZION CHILDCARE PRESCHOOL TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 22, 2026 6-7 PM



Zion staff and church members are invited to take part in our 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 22nd from 6-7 pm. Set up time will be 5:30-6 pm. We will block off the childcare/preschool parking lot for participants. Please consider decorating your car and passing out treats to all of the families that go through. Last year, we had about 150 kids come through and 17 decorated vehicles.

It would be great if we could get more vehicles this year! Some vehicles were decorated pretty fancy and some just had a couple of decorations. Anything is welcome!! Feel free to pass out candy and non-candy items!

We will invite all the children and families at the center, church, and Faith Foundations! All are welcome!



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Zion's Church directory is located at instantchurchdirectory.com or may be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple Store to be available on your devices.

If you have any questions or need help,
please contact Linda Dutchess at 563-202-4418.

The 9:00 am worship service streamed live on Facebook
(www.facebook.com/zionlutheranchurchclinton)
and will be broadcast on KROS, 1340 AM and 105.9 FM, at 10:30 am.