Zion Lutheran Church



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 5:30 p.m. November 8, 2025 9:00 a.m. November 9, 2025

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

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, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

 Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Faithful God,
- C you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.
- P Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, \oplus in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
- C Amen.

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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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated

Job 19:23-27a Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

R Word of God, word of life. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-9 (read responsively)

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
- O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17** This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.
- ¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by

word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

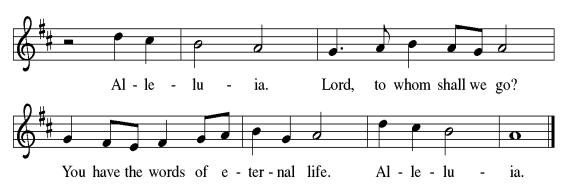
¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Luke 20:27-38 Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

P The holy gospel according to Luke. C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there

were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

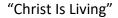
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Barbara Hayden

The assembly may stand

HYMN OF THE DAY:



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1; Cris - to vi - ve, fue - rael llan - to, los la - men - tos yel pe - sar!

- 1 Christ is liv ing! Gone with sor-row! Tears and ter ror, be no more.
- 2 For if Christ is not a ris en there is noth-ing to be-lieve.
- 3 Death is swal lowed up in vic-t'ry; sin has lost its poi-son sting.



Ni la muer - te ni_el se - pul - cro lo_han po - di - do su - je - tar.

Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.

Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp-lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."

Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



No bus - quéis en - tre los muer-tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.

Why then seek the liv-ing Sav-ior in the haunts of death and fear?

Dust we are, to dust re-turn-ing, but in Christ we are re-stored.

For the sure-ness of sal-va-tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



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

- P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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.

NOISY OFFERING

Gifts received in the Noisy Offering will be split between

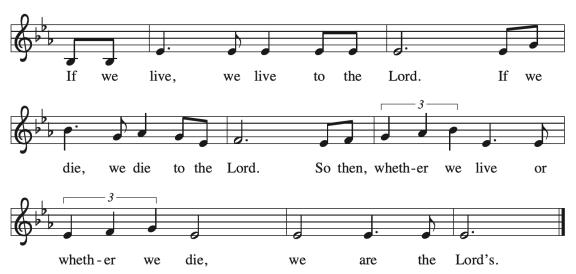
ELCA World Hunger and local food pantries

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

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE

"If We Live"



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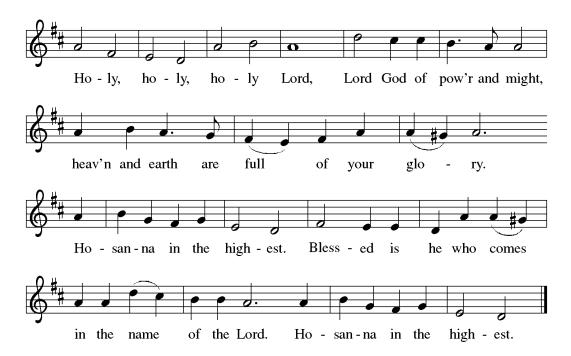
OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. 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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

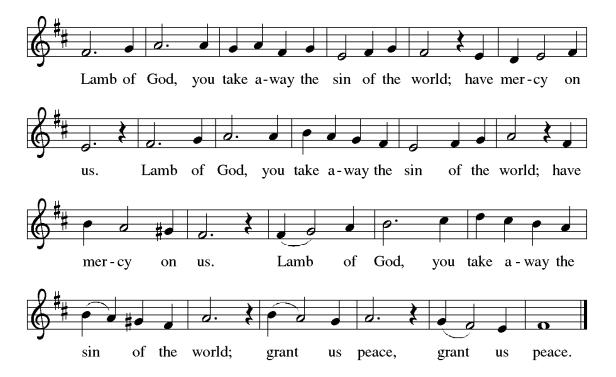
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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.



Communion Hymn:

"Blessed Assurance"

ELW (red book) # 638

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. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's 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:

"Soon and Very Soon"

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DISMISSAL

- Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm **Presiding Minister:** Pastor Barbara Hayden Pastor Barbara Hayden Donica Vonderohe Donica Vonderohe **Organist: Worship Assistant:** Joel Hansen Patti Lauritzen **Communion Servers:** Linda Shaff & Linda Dutchess Richard & Cynthia Pedersen

9:00 am

Greeters: Cathy Layton-Johnson Willard & LeAnne Larsen

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given in memory of Steve Borota by Joan Borota and family.

THE RADIO BROADCAST this Sunday is sponsored by Joan Borota and family in memory of Steve Borota.

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY: Our next Sack Lunch Monday will be November 10. 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!!

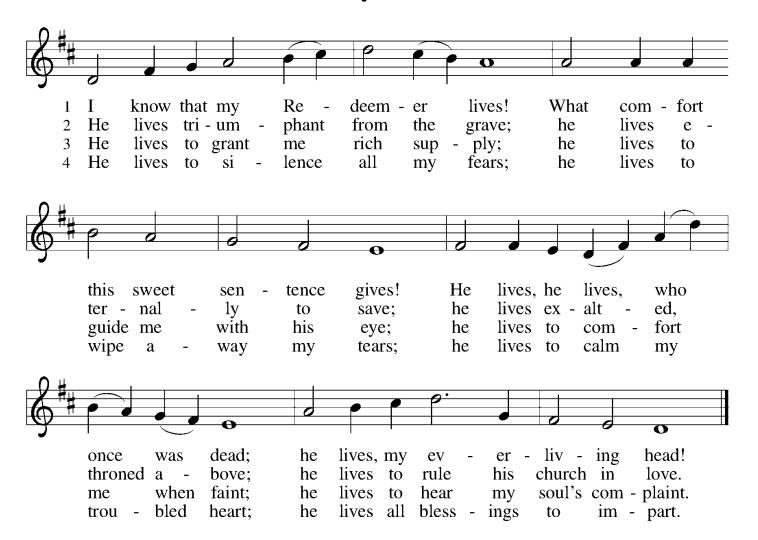
BISHOP CURRENT INVITES YOU to a series of in-person Sunday gatherings from 2:00-4:00 PM centered on our Synod Assembly theme, "Spirit, Open our Hearts." Each event will include a time of worship, a presentation of the synod's annual report, guided conversation, and time for fellowship over coffee and dessert.

Event Dates & Locations:

- November 9 St. John Lutheran Church, 600 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309
- November 16 Faith Lutheran Church, 500 W. LeClaire Road, Eldridge, IA 52748
- November 23 Unity Lutheran Church, 3109 Sunnyside Ave, Burlington, IA 52601

You're welcome to attend one, two, three or all of these gatherings! Come, worship, connect, and join the conversation about where the Spirit is leading us.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



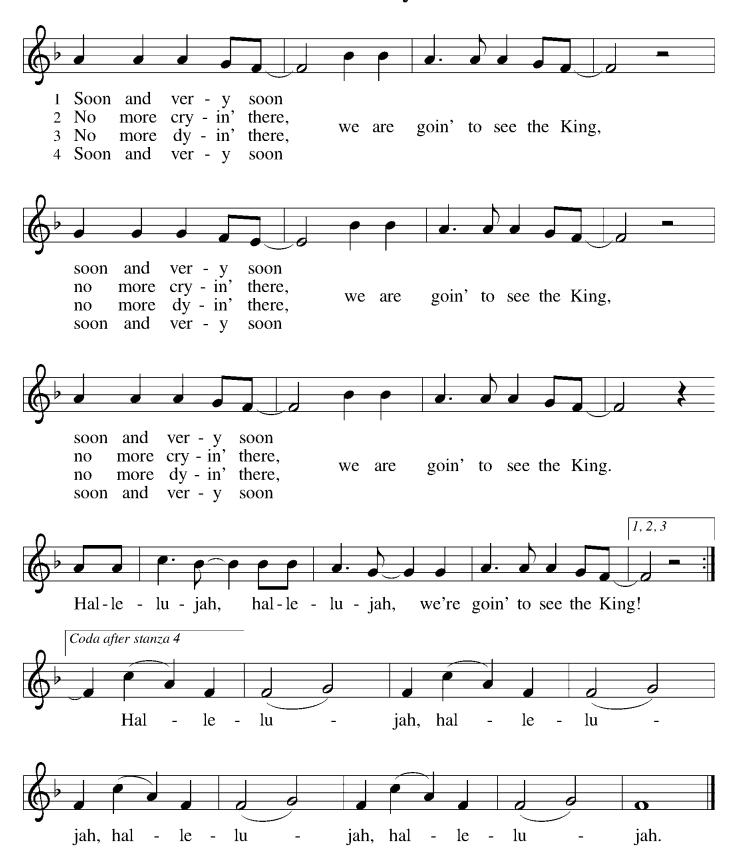
- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Soon and Very Soon



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VIRTUAL AUCTION, SILENT AUCTION & BRUNCH: The Social Ministry Committee hopes you are "Saving the Weekend" of Dec 5 - 7 for our Holiday Virtual Auction, Silent Auction & Brunch. This is our FAVORITE event of the year with all proceeds going to IRAS!!! Would you like to help?

Perhaps you would be willing to

- ♥ Help with setting up?
- ♥ Serve or kitchen help at the brunch?
- ♥ Donate a new item for auction, or create a basket for auction? (Sorry, no used items)
- ♥ Bake something for auction?
- ♥ Provide fruit or an egg casserole for the brunch?
- ♥ Be on the look-out for the Virtual Auction on FaceBook?
- ♥ Join us for Brunch on Sunday morning and check out the Silent Auction?

If you'd like to get involved with this event, please contact Deb Vath (563) 243-5333 or djvath@mchsi.com ~ Thank you!!!

PLEASE HELP THE FOOD PANTRY!!! The increased need at the IRAS Food Pantry has put a considerable strain on their ability to fill food boxes. Would you please consider using the "Food Pantry" envelope in your offering envelopes to make a monetary donation AND/OR bring food items for the grocery cart in the Narthex?

Most needed food items:

Canned Meat Canned Vegetables Instant Potatoes
Soup/Ramen Peanut Butter Canned Fruit

Parts Saves Canal

Pasta Sauce Cereal

Pancake Mix Mac n Cheese Boxed Dinners

RESPONSE WEEKEND: Your response for your 2026 "plan for giving" card may be brought to worship Nov 15 or 16 to be gathered corporately as an act of worship. They may also be dropped in the mail or brought to the office if you are unable to attend our response weekend worship. Let us respond to the grace of God, poured out to us at the baptismal font, with faith and generosity. Thanks be to God.

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Monday, November 10th: 10:30 am— Sack Lunch Monday

Tuesday, November 11th: 5:30 pm— Boy Scouts

6:00 pm- Congregation Council

Wednesday, November 12th: 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, November 15th: 9:00 am- RiverChor Rehearsal

1:00 pm— Jeanette Petersen's 90th Birthday Celebration

5:30 pm- Worship

Sunday, November 16th: 9:00 am- Worship

10:00 am— Birthday Fellowship 2:00 pm— RiverChor Fall Concert

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 1st 5:30 attendance 55
Sunday, November 2nd 9:00 attendance 98
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance 153



POINSETTIAS OR LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

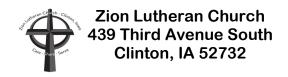
You are invited to help decorate the altar for Christmas services with poinsettias. If you wish to contribute to this effort, please complete this form and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "Poinsettias".

As an alternative, donations may also be given to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Please complete this form and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "Disaster Response".

Checks for either gift should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and should be given by December 17th.

All gifts will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

Name
Donation to: Poinsettias Disaster Response (please circle one)
In honor/memory of:
I wish to take a poinsettia home after worship services.
I wish to donate my poinsettia and have it given away.



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