

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



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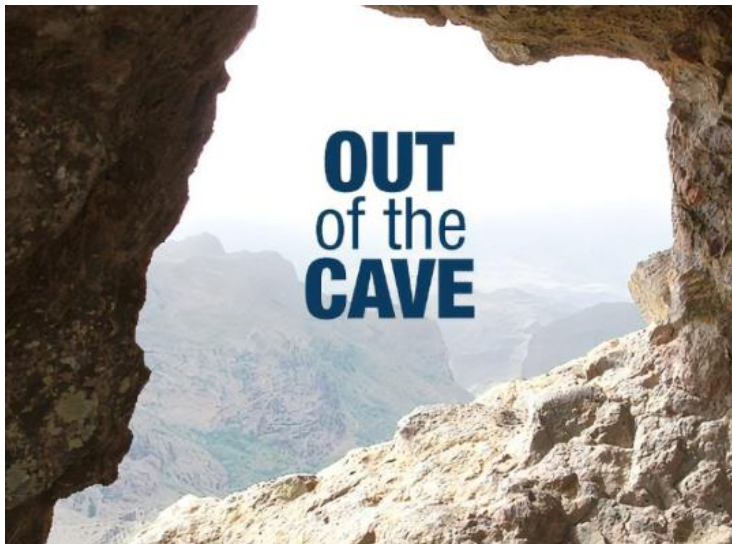
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## Sundays with Zion

Worship . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Bible Hour . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

## ***Third Sunday after Pentecost, 2025***

Please observe a few minutes of quiet time as you prepare for worship. We invite you to ***pray*** and read the ***Scriptures*** for the day.

### ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***

***WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY*** *(Please see "Words to prepare our hearts and lives" on page 16)*

***ALL WORSHIPERS*** *are asked to please fill out the information sheet in the bulletin. Before we begin, you are also invited to pray and to read the Scripture for today's worship.*

***WE LOVE OUR KIDS*** ... *We love to have them in the service with us, but if your child needs a break, we do have a "cry room" in the entry way of the church.*

### ***A PRAYER AS WE GATHER***

*O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as You gather us together to worship You in spirit and in truth, prepare us to receive the preaching of Your Word and all Your life-giving gifts such that we would repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Rescuer, and grow in caring service for all. Hear us for His sake. Amen.*

### ***Intro***

Elijah found himself alone and in fear. His "inner martyr" had been taking over his thought processes, emotions, and faith. The Lord asks him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Maybe we, do to setbacks, and challenges in life can feel like Elijah. We desire dramatic relief. Yet often, God brings strength to us in the meekest of ways through His Word and Sacraments.

*Stand*

### ***Children of the Light***

Love has come, breaking like a beacon through the night

Burning like a fire.

Fear is gone, shattered by the One who gave His life

Let the Church arise

*Chorus*

We are children of the Light

We were once in darkness, but You have overcome it  
We are children of the Light  
Into every shadow You shine, we are children of the Light

By Your grace, all who would believe have come awake  
We'll never be the same  
Send us out, into every dark and broken place  
We will be the flame *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

Let Your glory shine  
Jesus let Your Spirit light a spark in us  
Show the world Your radiant love *Chorus*

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **Invocation**

*Matthew 28:19*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ***Service of the Word***

### ***Kyrie***

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### ***Gloria in Excelsis***

204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### ***Salutation and Collect of the Day***

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

# God Moves in a Mysterious Way

LSB 765



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
 2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But  
 3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -  
 4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And  
 5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
 trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing  
 fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a  
 scan His work in vain; God is His own in -  
 clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.  
 prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.  
 bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.  
 ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.  
 and will break In bless - ings on your head.

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## Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:9b–21

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>11</sup>And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For

the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

<sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ***Epistle***

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no

law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### ***Alleluia and Verse***



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### ***Holy Gospel***

Luke 9:51-62

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down

from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## ***Children's Message***

*Children are invited to the front for a brief teaching especially for them.*

*Stand*

## ***Nicene Creed***

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**



**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,**

**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## ***Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus***

LSB 685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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*Sit*

**Sermon**

***“The Whisper That Gives Strength”***

*Pastor Russ Hess*

## ***Response to the Word***

*Stand*

### ***Confession and Absolution***

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel (Silence for reflection on our need for forgiveness)*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority (*John 20:22-23; 1 Corinthians 4:1*), I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*Please leave a yellow information sheet for your household in the plate that is passed with any offerings you may have as an act of worship in response to Christ's abundant kindness toward us.*

*(You can also click on the Online Giving button at [ZionLutheranNH.org](http://ZionLutheranNH.org) to set up one-time or recurring payments when you are at home or even now in worship, which may take you only 2 minutes)*

## **Surrounding Me**

In the caverns of my mind  
There's demons I fight  
And I know you know  
And I'm running from the battle I can't win on my own  
With nowhere to run too tired to fight  
Come and save me come and save me  
I'm needing You now

### *Chorus*

You are my hope in the land of the living  
My Refuge when life's unrelenting  
My Hiding Place my shelter in the night  
You are my Fortress that nothing replaces  
The outstretched arms that embrace

In your presence God, oh I have found my peace  
You are surrounding me

In the shadows of the tomb  
It seemed that they'd won it was so dark  
But the death that You had chosen  
Was soon to be gone  
You fought on Your own  
You fought and You won  
And now You hold me now You hold me close  
I'm not alone           *Chorus*

*Bridge*

Through the darkest of nights  
You are the Light that's leading me home  
When I am afraid and hope starts to fade  
I'll trust You alone  
With arms stretched wide my Savior died  
To rise up from the grave  
Your victory alive in me  
I know that I am safe

You are my hope in the land of the living  
My Refuge when life's unrelenting  
My Hiding Place my shelter in the night  
You are my Fortress that nothing replaces  
The outstretched arms that embrace  
In your presence God, oh I have found my peace

In your presence God, oh I have found my peace  
You are surrounding me

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*Stand*

***Prayers of the People***

- [L]** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, give us grace that we would daily read and treasure Your Word and put it into practice. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Father in heaven, look kindly on our congregation. Keep us from indifference to Your Word and mission, and strengthen us to be a people who ever hold Your Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Lord of the Church, we bless You for the ministry of Your apostles Peter and Paul. Through their faithful witness unto death, they proclaimed Your Gospel without wavering, leading many to Christ. Help us to love You above all others, that even under threat of death, we may confess Your saving name and endure to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Remember our president and all in authority. Grant them wisdom to meet the challenges before them faithfully and skillfully. Bless those who serve in our armed forces, that they would do so with honor and courage under Your protection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Gracious God, have compassion on those in need of healing. Grant such healing, according to Your will, and give them patience to bear their afflictions with grace and trust in Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Gracious God, at Your altar You give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Grant that, participating in the Holy Eucharist, we would partake of the very joy and peace of heaven and yearn to taste it evermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

## ***Service of the Sacrament***

## ***Preface***

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**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 Him thanks and praise.

## ***Sanctus***

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second

Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### ***Lord's Prayer***

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**☩ Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### ***The Words of Our Lord***

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

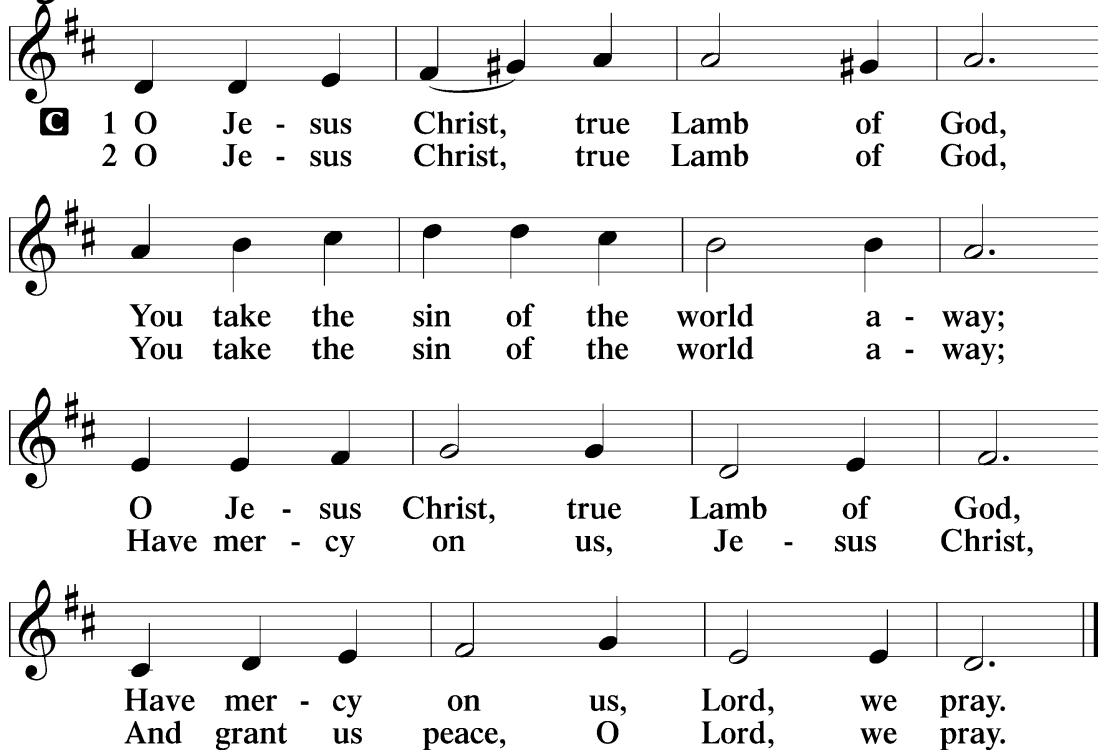
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### ***Pax Domini***

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**☩ Amen.**

# Agnus Dei

LSB 210



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*



## **Distribution**

### **Words to prepare our hearts and lives**

*The Lord's Supper is a wonderful means of grace given to us by God. Christ gives His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause us to grow in His love and service. We also remember and praise God for the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf on the cross. Out of pastoral concern and care and taking to heart the word in 1 Corinthians 11:36, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup," before receiving this means of God's grace properly we should positively answer the following:*

- Do I need forgiveness for sin?*
- Do I believe in Christ as my Savior and have been Baptized?*
- Do I believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?*
- Do I desire to turn from sin and live for God and others in love and service?*

*If you are unsure or desire to learn more about what it means to take the Lord's Supper, please speak with an elder or pastor before or after the service. Those not partaking of the Lord's Supper, including children, are invited to come forward with arms folded across the chest to receive a blessing*

*Grape juice is available in the center of the serving tray  
God's Blessings!*

### **Prayer before Communing**

*O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make me ready to receive the most holy Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **After Receiving Communion**

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving Body and Blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths feasted on this holy meal, we may by faith obtain and forever enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, eternal life in Christ, and unity with one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### **The King Is Calling**

Come every beating heart that longs to find its worth  
Come every aching soul in need of something more  
Come with your questions, come with your doubts  
Bring them to the Lord

Come all you castaways, left out of every crowd  
Come all you outsiders, unwanted until now  
You are a people, you have a place

Waiting with the Lord

*Chorus*

Troubled and restless, hungry and helpless

Sing for joy, the King is calling

Strong in justice, rich in mercy

Sing for joy, the King is calling

And His love is never-ending

Come all you servants with no candle left to burn

Come every broken body tired from years of work

Lay down your tools, lift up your hands

Lift them to the Lord *Chorus*

*Bridge*

Lift up a shout – Our King is full of grace

Lift up a shout – He's worthy of our praise

Troubled and restless, hungry and helpless *Chorus*

Full of love and grace and truth

The King, the King is calling you *x4*

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## ***When Your Grace Flows Down Again***

We gather together in this holy place,

And we stand in amazement and sing out in praise

For the new life that comes in the water and Word

When Your grace flows down again

As the water pours over, it washes us clean,

And the Spirit takes hold of our faith and our deeds

We can rise up in newness and go forth in joy

When Your grace flows down again

*Chorus*

Let Your grace flow down

Let Your grace flow down

We gather together in this holy place,

And we stand in amazement and sing out in praise

And we kneel at the altar and reach out our hands

When Your grace flows down again *Chorus*

In the bread and the wine are Your Body and Blood  
 And our sins are forgiven and wrongs are made good  
 We can rise up in newness and go forth in joy  
 When Your grace flows down again

Hallelujah

Let Your grace flow down

Hallelujah

Let Your grace flow down

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## ***Jesus Comes Today with Healing***

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1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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## ***Thank the Lord***

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**■** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## ***Post-Communion Collect***

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## ***Benediction***

*Numbers 6:23-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## ***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone my hope is found;

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,

Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,

The wrath of God was satisfied;

For every sin on Him was laid

Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,

Light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day,

Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine

Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home here  
In the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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# ◆ The **VISION** of Zion Lutheran Church ◆

In response to God's amazing grace and love  
Zion Lutheran Church is a place of refuge  
where children, youth and adults are:

**GROUND**ED in God's unchanging Word,

**REACHING OUT** with the Good News of  
Jesus Christ locally and globally,

**ACCEPTING** others in the same loving way  
God has accepted us,

**CHANGING** into committed Christ followers, and

**EMPOWERED** to be Christ's hands and feet  
joyfully serving others.

## **Our Core Values**

### **We Believe:**

- ◆ We are saved by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ. (*Eph. 2: 8-9; Rom. 3:22-24; Titus 3:4-7*)
- ◆ Jesus is the Way, the Truth & the Life! No one comes to the Father except through Him! (*John 14:6; Acts 4:12*)
- ◆ Scripture is the Word of God. It is without error and our only source for life and faith! (*2 Tim. 3:16; John 20:31; 2 Peter 1:20-21*)
- ◆ Baptism & the Lord's Supper are the means by which God touches our lives with His grace. (*Rom 6:1-7; 1 Peter 3:21; Matt 26:26-28; 1 Cor 11:23-26*)
- ◆ God has chosen us to proclaim the Gospel to our community and world. (*Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15*)
- ◆ In the power of God working through the Holy Spirit & Prayer. (*John 14:26; Acts 4:31; Mark 11:24; Phil 4:6-7*)
- ◆ We desire to remain a loving (*1Cor 13; 1John 4:7-11*), caring family of God.
- ◆ We cherish our Lutheran heritage.