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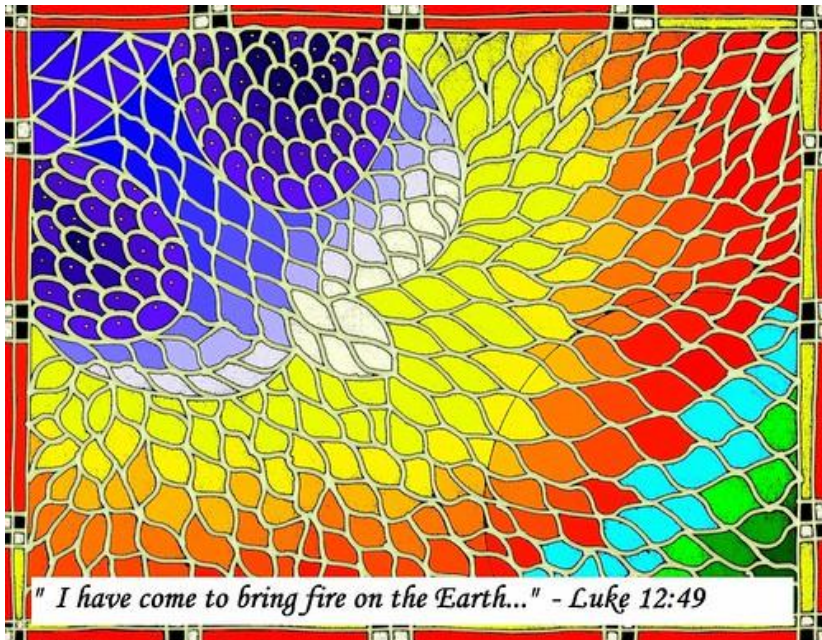
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## Sundays with Zion

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

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

## ***Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 17, 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 15)*

***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.*

### ***Our Theme for Today***

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is “like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces”. His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able “to interpret the appearance of earth and sky”, let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on “Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,” and “run with endurance the race that is set before us”.

*Stand*

All hail the King of Heaven  
Christ the Lord of all  
Whom thundering angels circle 'round  
Ablaze with awe  
Let now the Hallelujah of earth in glad refrain  
Ascend the throne to him belongs immortal praise

All hail the king of heaven  
Creation join together  
Let endless praises crown his name  
All hail the king of heaven

All hail the Great Redeemer who so humbly came  
The lamb of our salvation O for sinners slain  
Let now the loud Hosanna resound from shore to shore  
You nations say His kingdom reigns forevermore *Chorus x2*

Let praise of nations rise now as a symphony  
To sound the endless wonders of his majesty.  
Let every heart adore him, the great and small the same.  
Through generations ever let his anthem ring.

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

*Matthew 28:19*

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

**C Amen.**

## *Kyrie*

LSB 204



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

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- 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.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 23:16–29

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ***Epistle***

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

**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 12:49–56

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

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

<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

**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,**

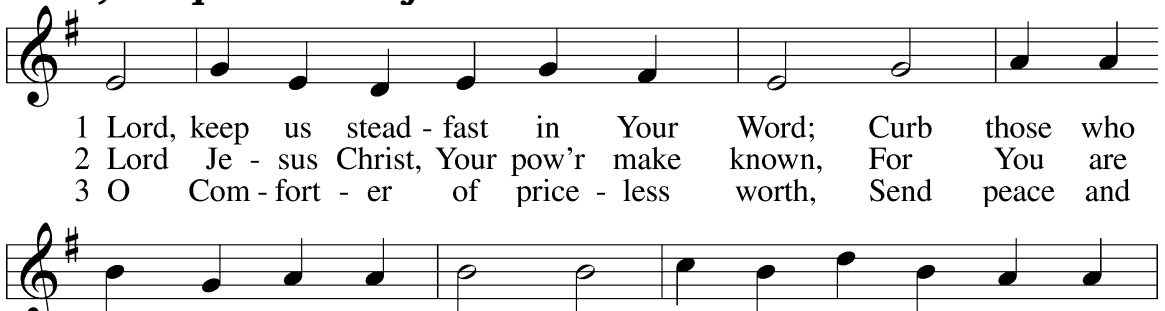


being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 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.

### *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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*Sit*

**Sermon**

**Pastor Philip Tesch**

## ***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)*

## **I Am Not My Own**

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul  
Before I drew a breath I was loved and known  
I am His creation the Maker's masterpiece  
And all that He designs will be done in me

My body is a temple of the Living God  
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought  
As I bear His image O may I not profane  
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

### *Chorus*

I belong to the Lord O I am not my own  
I belong to the Lord I am not my own  
I will honor Him for this I know  
I belong to the Lord I am not my own

And if He has redeemed me I am not my own  
The measure of my worth is His love alone  
He declares my standing and He declares my state  
So I will know myself by the name He gave

I am not my own and now my heart is free  
O Maker come and make what You will of me  
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair  
So Lord I leave my life in Your loving care

*Chorus*

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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.

Lord of hosts, our fathers in the faith gave a good confession of Your truth before the powers of this world. In the spirit of Jeremiah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, strengthen our hearts in days of division to confess in our words and lives the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- L** O Lord, bless this congregation and our life together around the Word and table of the Lord. Grant that the work of God would go forth from this place, and that it would bless and prosper all things according to His will. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- L** Heavenly Father, be with those who have wandered from the faith, those who have been absent from the Lord's house, and those we have hurt or wounded in word and deed. Reconcile them to Yourself, that they would know the forgiveness of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- L** Lord God, You called Jeremiah as a youth and used Him in Your service. We give You thanks for the young Christians You have made Your children. By Your Word, strengthen them for daily life, and help them to grow as Your people. Keep them and all youth in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- L** Almighty God, You shepherd the nations according to Your Word. Grant our rulers wisdom and faith to serve for the good of their people and to promote peace and quietness for the flourishing of every godly endeavor. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- L** Merciful Lord, grant healing to the sick, especially those on our prayer list strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance, and peace at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Holy One, sanctify and keep all who come to Your table this day by Your Word and Holy Spirit, that they would receive the body and blood of Your Son in sincere repentance and firm faith and to their abundant blessing, bringing forth the fruits thereof in peace and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Almighty Father, Your dear Son suffered and died for our redemption. Embolden us by the witness of that great company of saints who remained faithful unto death, that we would likewise fix our eyes on Christ and so share in His victory over the grave; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.



**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***

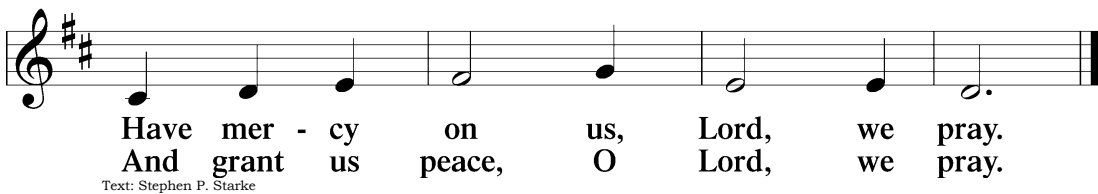
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** 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,



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 for 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.*

### ***Bread of Life***

Eat of the bread, drink of the wine,  
Take and remember ev'ry time.  
Sweet forgiveness, holy and pure;  
Presence of the Savior for the world.

#### *Chorus*

Here is the bread of life for me.  
Here is a well that won't run dry.  
Jesus, Messiah, has come to me  
And made a way for eternal life.

Eat of the body, drink of the blood.  
Mercy poured out from Lamb of God.  
Led to the slaughter, silent and pure,  
Love laid down His life for all the world.     *Chorus*

#### *Bridge*

Washed in a flood  
Of selfless love.  
Freedom in Christ,  
Called from death to life.     *Repeat*

You are the bread of life for me.  
You are a well that won't run dry.  
Jesus, Messiah, You came for me  
And made a way for eternal life.

Eat of the bread, drink of the wine.  
Take and remember ev'ry time.

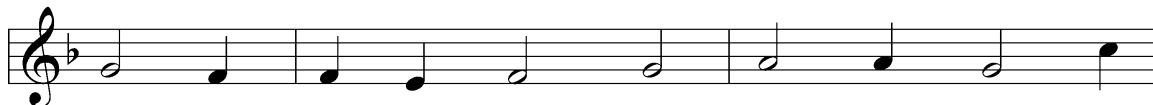
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## Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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## Your Table I Approach

LSB 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
 That earth and hell combined  
 May not about this sacrament  
 Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
 To thank You day and night  
 For Your true body and true blood,  
 O God, my peace and light.

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*Stand*

## ***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.**

## ***Let The Nations Be Glad***

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy

May redemption be the theme of our song

For by grace we have been saved

And by grace we shall proclaim

To the corners of the earth that Christ is come

### *Chorus*

Let the nations be glad

Let the people rejoice

For salvation belongs to our God

Let the whole earth be filled

With the praises of the Lord

For salvation belongs to our God

Let the nations be glad

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword

Many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died

Still we holding out the cross

Crossing oceans suffering loss  
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life      *Chorus*

As Your holy Church goes forth, in the Holy Spirit's power  
With the glories of the gospel to exclaim  
Now we pray Your Kingdom come  
And we pray Your will be done  
For the honor and glory of Your name      *Chorus*

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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.