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Sundays with Zion

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Bible Hour 11:00 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, November 9, 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.

WE ARE DELIGHTED AND BLESSED *to have you worship with us today!*

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

Who can forget the movie, "The Ten Commandments?" Charlton Heston and his long beard and staff sent by God to free God's people from Pharaoh. Today we look at God's recruiting Moses for this task. Was Moses an easy recruit? Are we easy recruits when God's call to serve comes our way?

The Lord Almighty Reigns

There's an endless song
Waiting to be sung
With the voice of every tribe
The sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ
On that day of days
Brings with joy unto the Lamb
A multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas
And rolls of thunder
Hear His people sing

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah
For the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah hallelujah
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

We will join the feast
Rest from battles won
Tell with great rejoicing
All the wonders God has done

And like the roar of mighty seas
And rolls of thunder
All the church will sing *Chorus*

Certain of that day
Christ we will proclaim
Oh that more would share the prize
Salvation in His name

Then greater will the anthem ring
The mighty chorus rising to the King *Chorus 2x*

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

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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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

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 - shiped 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.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; 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

The God of Abraham Praise

LSB 798 sts. 1–3, 8



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!"

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to

the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

Luke 20:27–40

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

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

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

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

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461 sts. 1-3, 7-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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Sit

Sermon ***“I Don’t Remember Applying for This”*** **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 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)

The Matchless Name Of Jesus

Praise to the matchless name of Jesus

Sing of His grace forevermore

Raise now an endless hallelujah

To the matchless name of Jesus Christ the Lord

Chorus

We sing the name the matchless name of Jesus

We hymn the name the angels long adore

From age to age one chorus rings forevermore

To the matchless name of Jesus Christ the Lord

Come to the fountain of forgiveness

Run to the light of His great love
Join in the joy of this salvation
Now that echoes through the endless realms above *Chorus*

Go to the corners of creation
Christ be the name that we proclaim
Go 'til His glory fills the nations
And the heavens with His everlasting praise *Chorus*

All blessing and honor
And praise be to the Lamb
All glory forever more
Amen, amen, amen *Repeat*

Chorus

We sing the name the matchless name of Jesus
We hymn the name the angels long adore
From age to age one chorus rings forevermore
To the matchless name of Jesus Christ the Lord

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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.

Blessed are You, O God, and blessed are those whom You have redeemed through the blood of the Lamb, washed in the saving water of Baptism, and brought to faith by the Spirit. Keep us in this faith and in holy fear, lest we depart from Your way and are lost to the eternal future You have prepared for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- L** Heavenly Father, salvation belongs to You and to the Lamb! Preserve Matthew, our Synod president; Michael, our district president; David, our circuit visitor; and all pastors as they bring to us the message of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

L Merciful Lord, watch over our households. Bless husbands and wives, parents and children, and those who live alone. Preserve us from worry and assure us that You know all that we need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Lord of all, all power and might are Yours forever and ever. Give wisdom to Donald, our president; Gavin, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Allow them to serve with honor and let their decisions be well pleasing unto You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Gracious Father, remember the sick, the homebound, those who mourn and all the afflicted. Strengthen them to endure in their suffering, and in Your compassion keep them in the true faith until the day of final deliverance, health and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L O Lord, we give You thanks for all the saints who rest from their labors. Grant us to remember them with thanksgiving and joy, even as we look forward to seeing them again at the throne of the Lamb. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L O God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Gracious God, may your blessing be upon our Call Committee as they seek your wisdom and guidance in their work of looking at possible candidates to call and serve as Zion's next Pastor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Standing with those of every tribe and nation before the throne and before the Lamb, we rejoice and cry out: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. To Him be the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

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.
☩ Amen.

O Church Of Christ Invincible

O Church of Christ invincible
The people of the Lord
Empowered by the Spirit's breath
And nourished by His word
His covenant of grace will be
Our portion evermore
For He who called us will not change
Our help and our reward

O chosen people called by grace
The sons of Abraham
Who walk by faith in things unseen
And on His promise stand
That ev'ry nation of the earth
Will hear about His love
That causes broken hearts to heal
And pays our debts with blood

O Church of Christ in sorrow now
Where evil lies in wait
When trials and persecutions come
This light will never fade
 For though the hordes of hell may rage
 Their pow'r will not endure
 Our times are in the Father's hand
 Our anchor is secure

O Church of Christ upon that day
When all are gathered in
When ev'ry tear is wiped away
With ev'ry trace of sin
 Where justice truth and beauty shine
 And death is passed away
 Where God and man will dwell as one
 For all eternity

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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:

GROUNDED 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.