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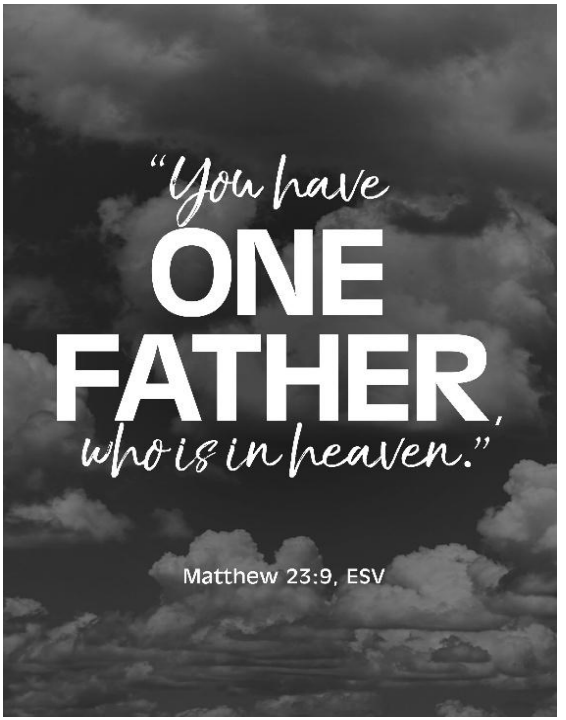
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Sundays with Zion

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

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

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – November 1, 2026

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

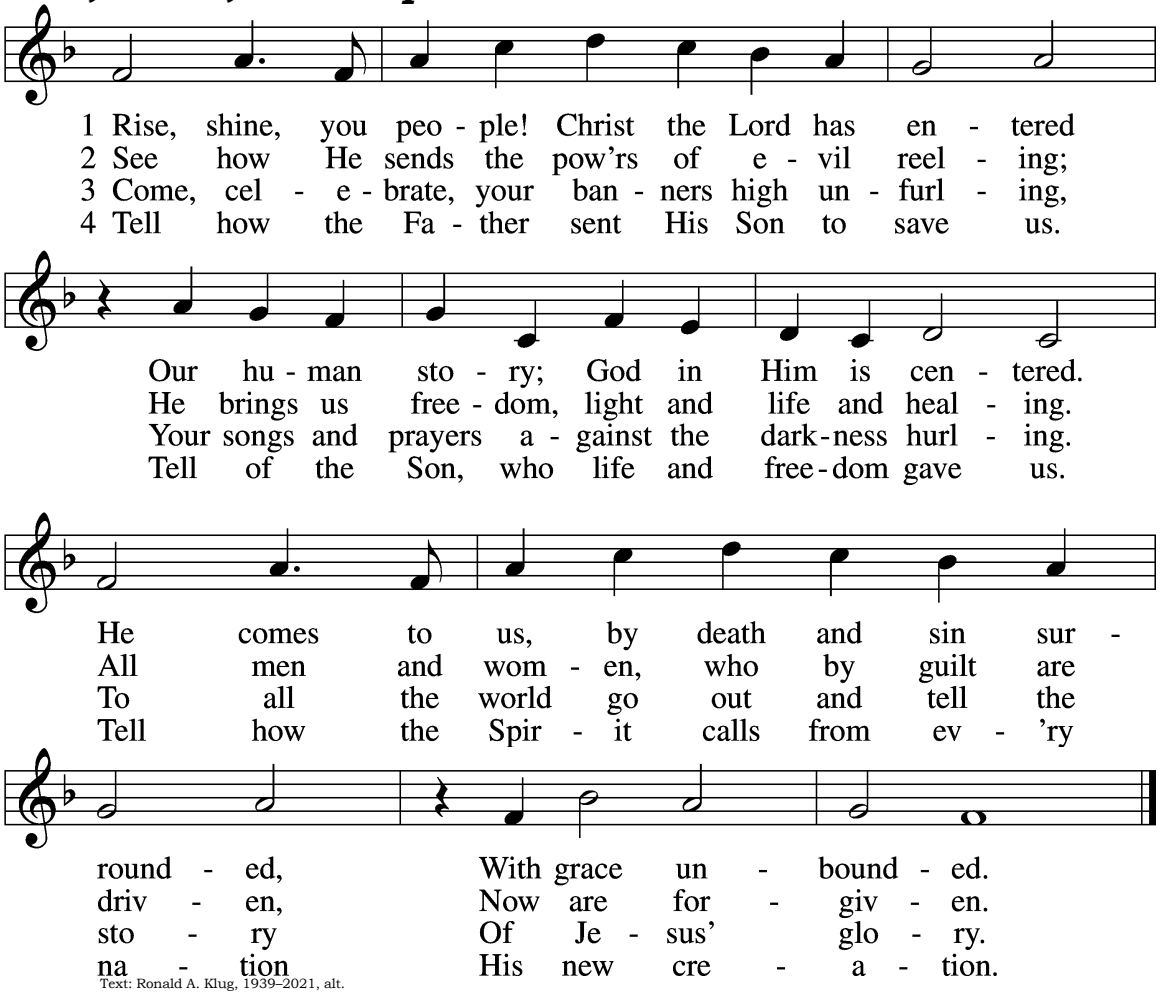
O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as You gather us together to worship You in spirit and in truth, prepare us to receive the preaching of Your Word and all Your life-giving gifts such that we would repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Rescuer, and grow in caring service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

As We Gather

Portraits of heroes are hung in museums, etched onto mountains, and immortalized in history books. But for those who keep the faith, the Lord has greater plans. On this All Saints' Day, we see that the Lord's faithful do not belong in galleries or textbooks but in the courts of heaven. There are no dead tributes to the fallen but living displays of Christ's mercy. All those who have been joined to Christ in Baptism can celebrate their citizenship in the Kingdom that never ends and the promise that when their days of being saint and sinner in this life are finished, they will be all saints in the presence of their Savior.

Rise, Shine, You People

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19
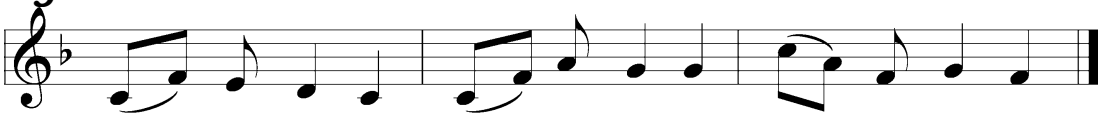
P In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

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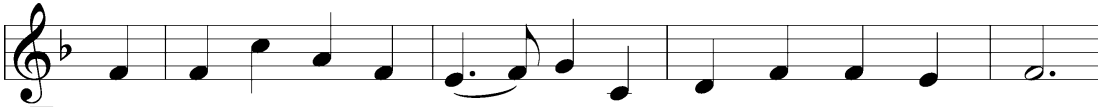
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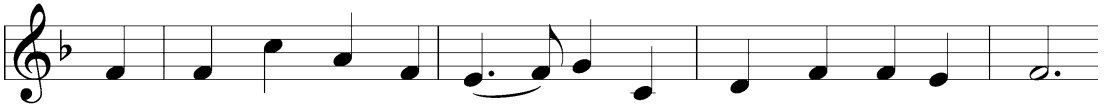


C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis
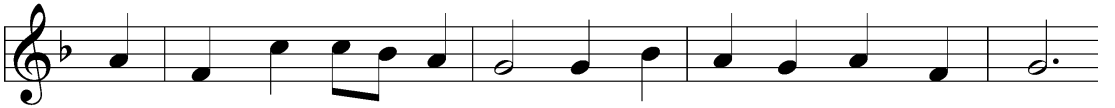
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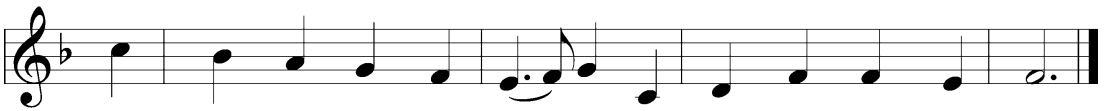


C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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-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.
Merciful and gracious Lord, You cause Your Word to be proclaimed in every generation. Stir up our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may receive this proclamation with humility and finally be exalted at the coming of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Micah 3:5–12

5 Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets
who lead my people astray,
who cry "Peace"
when they have something to eat,
but declare war against him
who puts nothing into their mouths.
6 Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,
and darkness to you, without divination.
The sun shall go down on the prophets,
and the day shall be black over them;
7 the seers shall be disgraced,
and the diviners put to shame;
they shall all cover their lips,
for there is no answer from God.
8 But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the Spirit of the LORD,
and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.
9 Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob
and rulers of the house of Israel,
who detest justice
and make crooked all that is straight,
10 who build Zion with blood
and Jerusalem with iniquity.
11 Its heads give judgment for a bribe;
its priests teach for a price;

its prophets practice divination for money;
yet they lean on the LORD and say,
"Is not the LORD in the midst of us?
No disaster shall come upon us."
12Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle
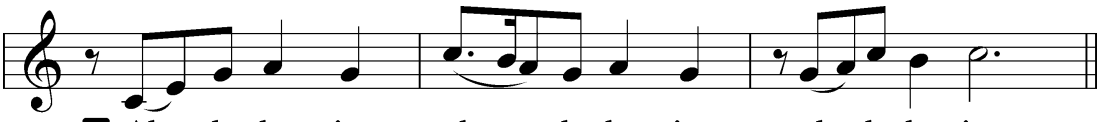
1 Thessalonians 4:1–12

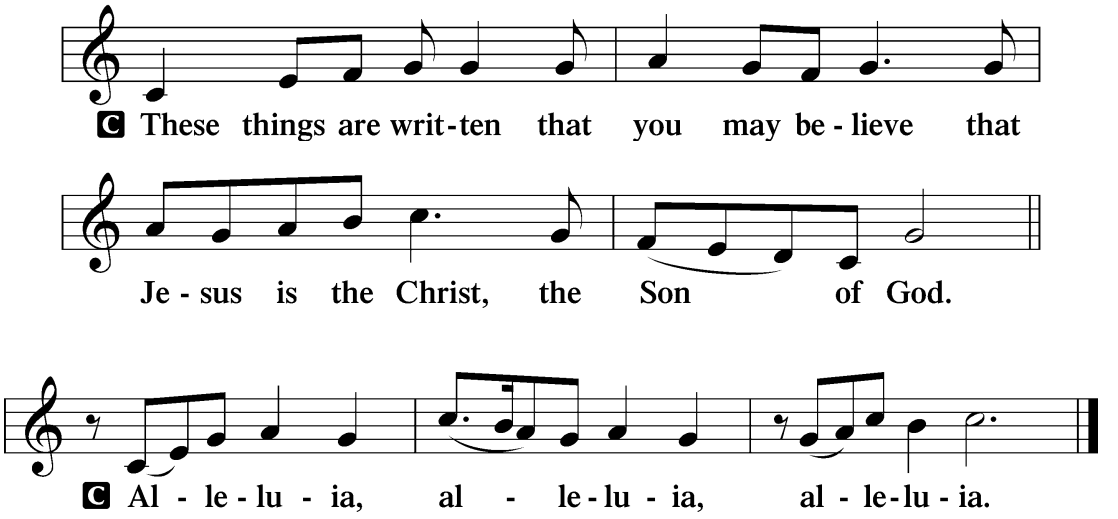
1Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. 2For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. 8Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

9Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, 11and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, 12so that you may live properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

Matthew 23:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

1Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2"The scribes and the
Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, 3so practice and observe whatever they tell you—
but not what they do. For they preach, but do not practice. 4They tie up heavy
burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves
are not willing to move them with their finger. 5They do all their deeds to be seen
by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6and
they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7and
greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. 8But you are not
to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. 9And call
no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. 10Neither
be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. 11The greatest
among you shall be your servant. 12Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and
whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

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

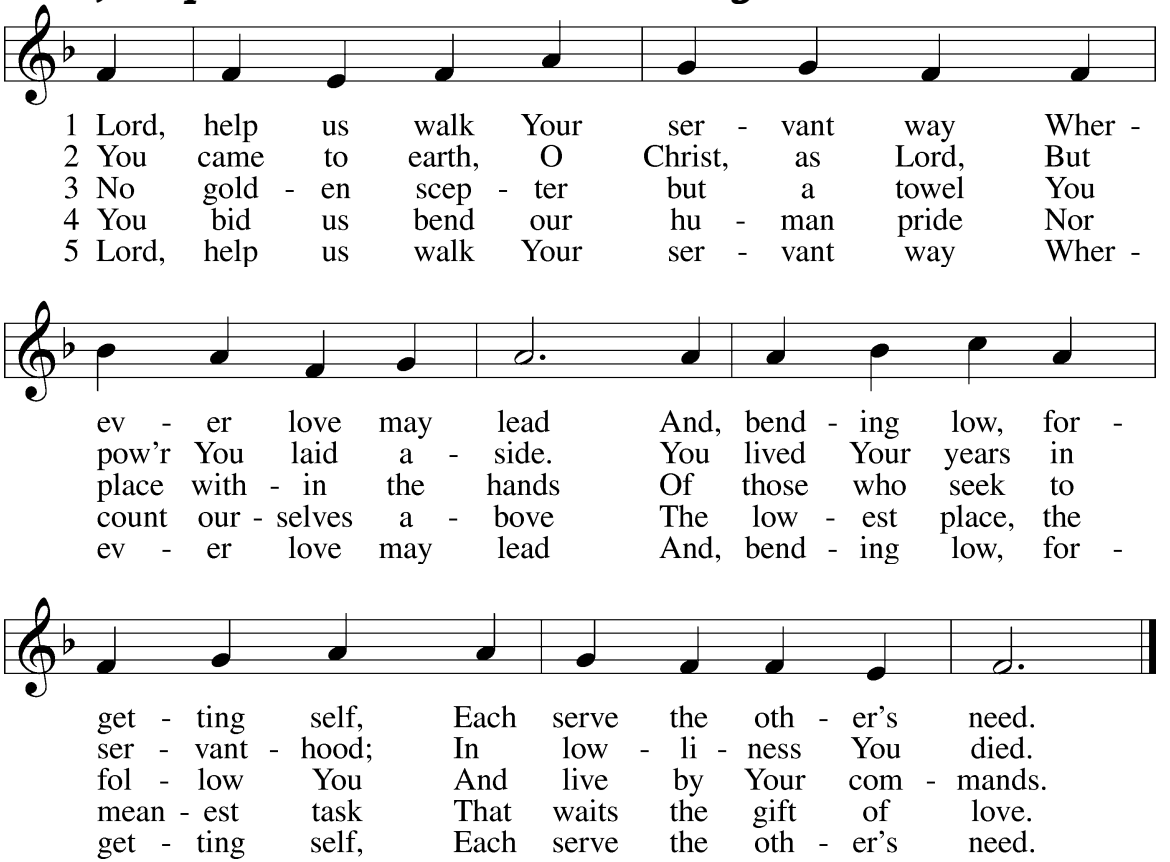
Nicene Creed

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, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way LSB 857



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Sermon *Pastor Philip Tesch*

Response to the Word

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.**

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)

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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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.

Father in heaven, remember the poor in spirit who gather this day to receive Your grace and steadfast love, by which we are made rich in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L O Lord, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly Father, we know Your great love for us, for You have called us Your children. Deepen the love of children for their parents, and parents for their children. Strengthen fathers and mothers in their vocations, that they may raise their children in the way that they should go. Hear the prayers of those who long for families. Sustain all expectant mothers and their little ones. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L O God, our King, You are Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Righteous Lord, be near to the sick and the recovering. Grant them health and healing according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Gracious God, we hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Your Son. Satisfy us as we feed on His body and blood under bread and wine. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Merciful Lord, we give thanks and praise to You for the faithful lives of the saints, remembering especially this day those who labored among us, serving Your Son with the gifts that You gave them. Grant us to follow their good example and seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the book of life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

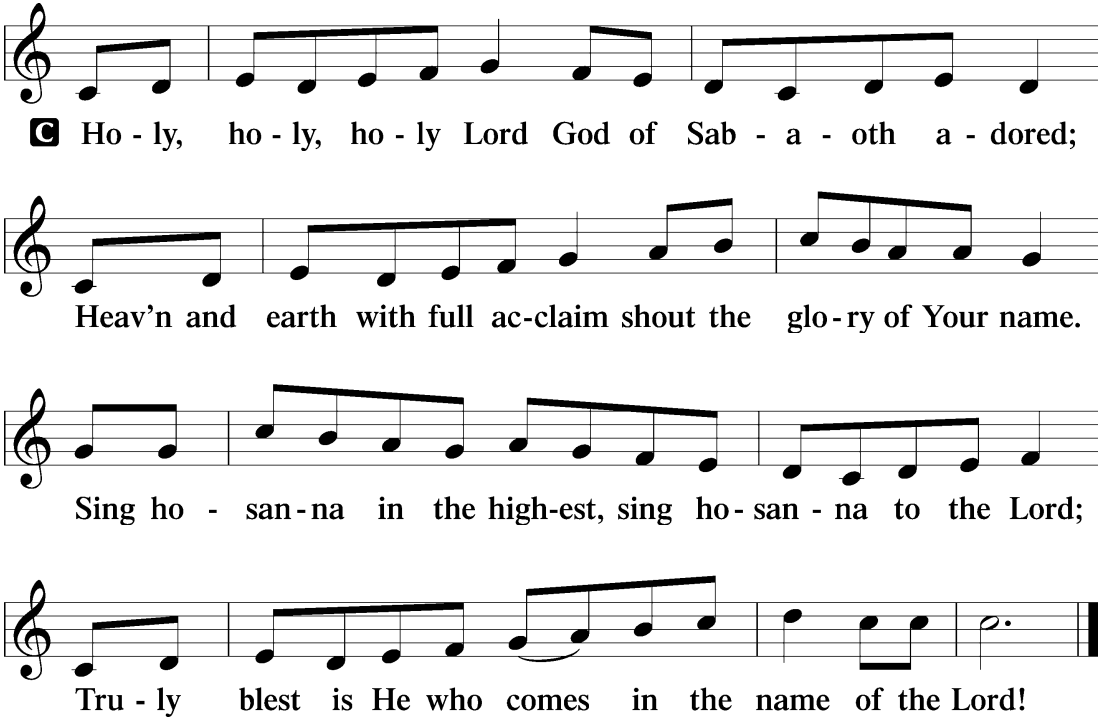
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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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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

C **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."

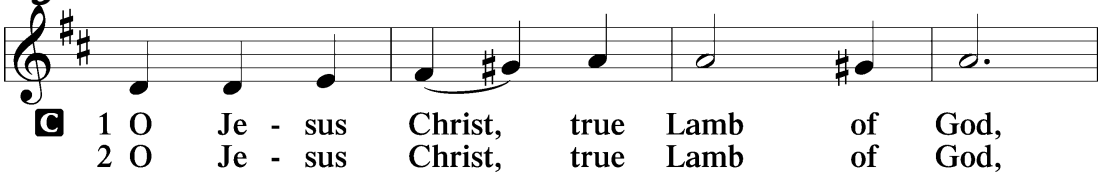
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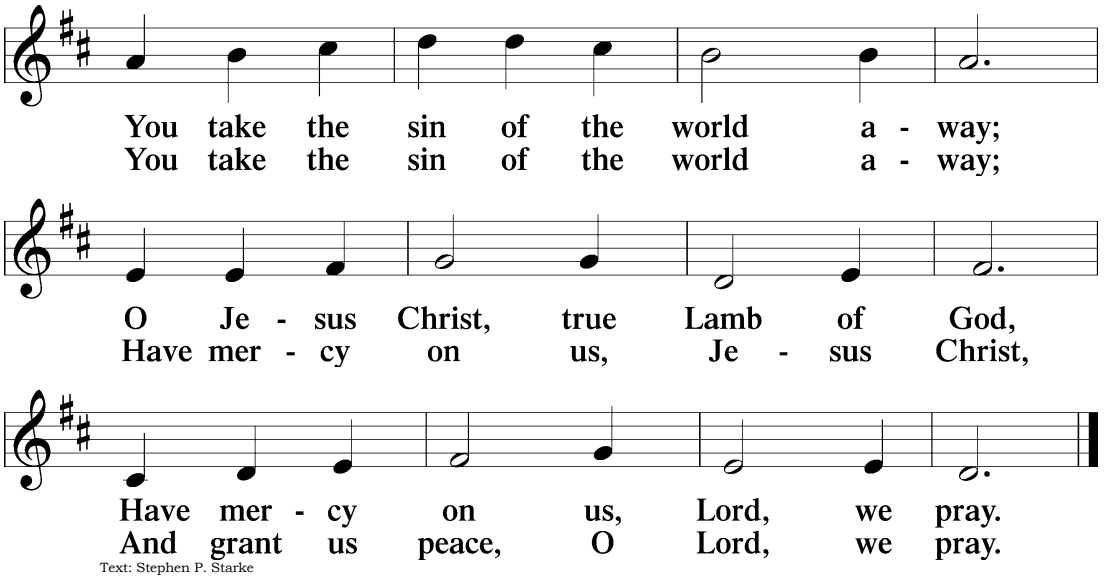
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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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.

Ever Reign

There is a living mystery among us
A table overflows with richest food
The brass and harps all play
In chords that never fail to laud His name
The Lamb of God is reigning at the banquet
The guests come celebrated one by one
Each one prepared a place
The joyful laughter cannot be contained

Chorus 1
Alleluia, Alleluia
The Lamb of God was willing to be slain
The Lion of Judah risen from the grave
Alleluia He will ever reign

His silence was the strength
That shattered strongholds
His hands accepting nails defeated death
Uplifted on the tree
He brought the pow'rs of hell down to their knees
The treasures of His triumph shared among us
The King is ushering His perfect Reign
Oh citizens of heav'n
Now raise your praise to Christ the Risen Lamb *Chorus 1*

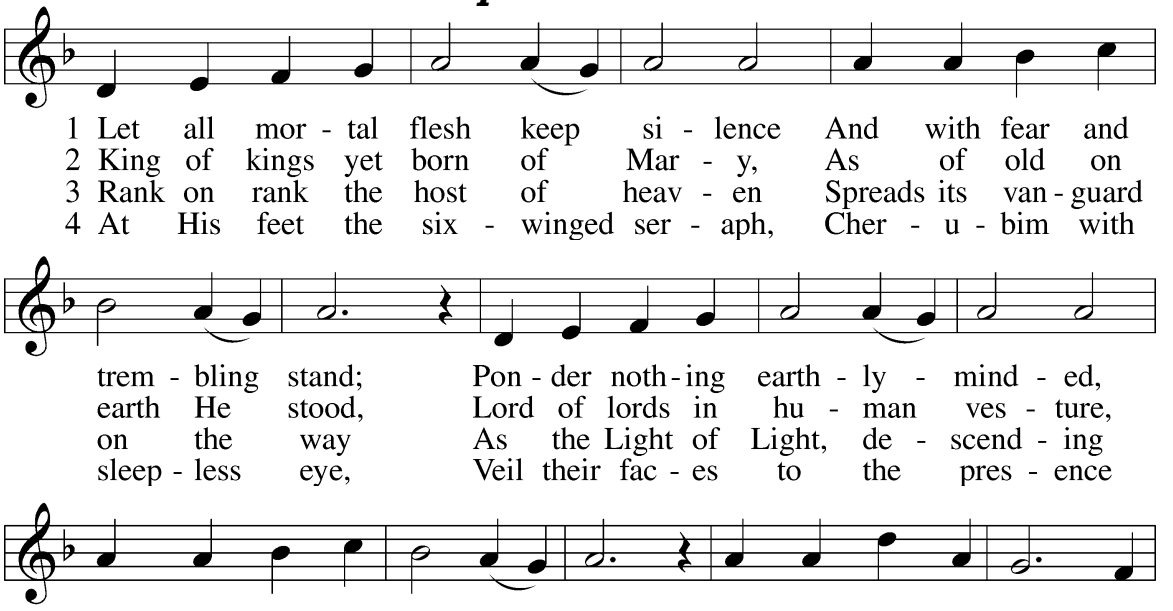
Already we are singing songs of vict'ry
Already we are wiping tears away
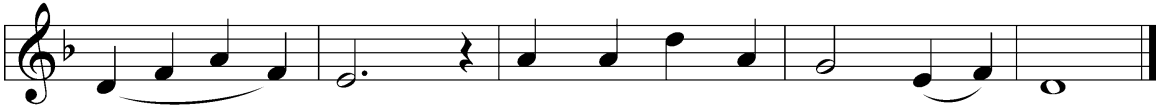
We gather at His house
Proclaim His death till He rolls back the clouds

Chorus 2
Alleluia, Alleluia
The Lamb of God was willing to be slain
The Lion of Judah risen from the grave
Alleluia, Alleluia
The Lamb of God was willing to be slain
The Lion of Judah risen from the grave
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
He will ever reign

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence LSB 621

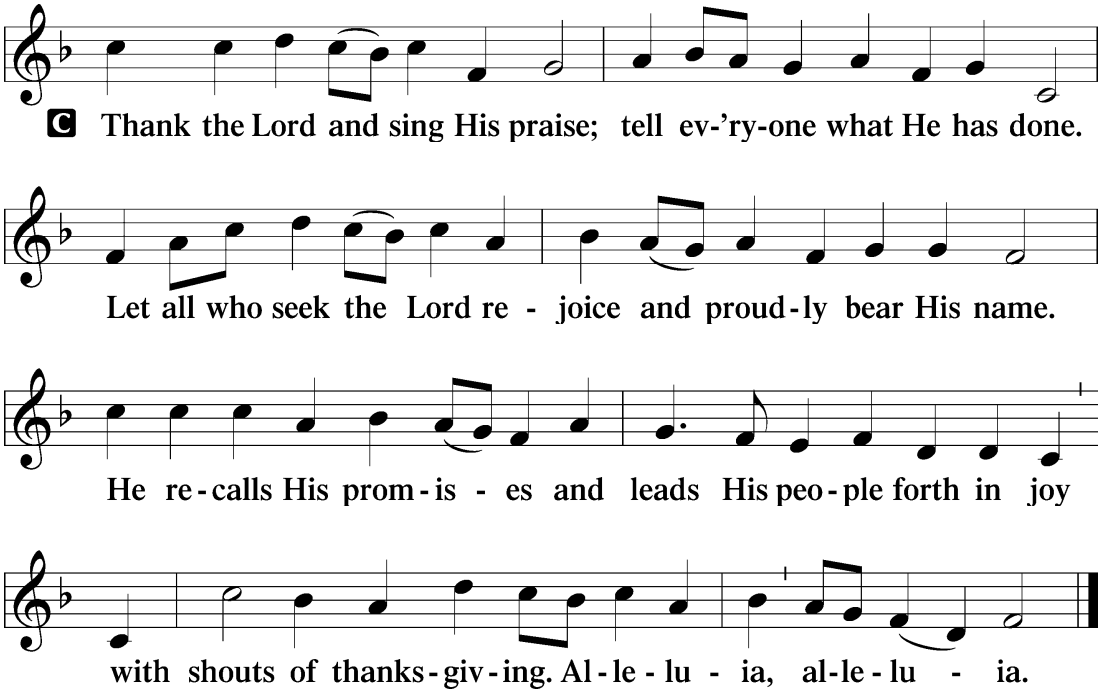




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Thank the Lord

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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 6:24-26

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.**

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus
We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the Church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth *Chorus*

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name *Chorus x2*

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

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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.**