

# 18th Sunday after Pentecost



September 18, 2016 + 11:00 am

Zion Lutheran Church  
Lexington, South Carolina

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

We are glad you have come to worship this day!

### **We especially welcome our Visitors and Guests!**

We hope you feel right at home here at Zion. If you have any questions, our ushers will be happy to help you. You are invited to fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

**If you are seeking a church home**, we invite you to consider becoming a part of this community of faith and learning more about the mission and ministry of Zion. For more information about Zion Lutheran Church, becoming a member, and sharing your gifts in ministry, contact the church office (803) 356-2297, [zionchurch@zionlexsc.com](mailto:zionchurch@zionlexsc.com) or visit our website, [www.zionlexsc.com](http://www.zionlexsc.com).

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is offered to all baptized Christians who seek Christ's gift of grace. Visitors who receive Holy Communion in their home congregations are invited to share in this sacrament of grace. Gluten free bread is available to those with allergies. You may indicate this need to the pastor during communion distribution. Children who are not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.



**OUR STAFFED NURSERY** is available for young children during worship. The nursery is located through the narthex/lobby area and down the hall to the right.

**HYMNS** not printed in the bulletin are in the back of the red WORSHIP hymnal.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONICS AT THIS TIME.**

**+ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*We kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of overflowing grace, **we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the name of + Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your sins are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

*We stand.*

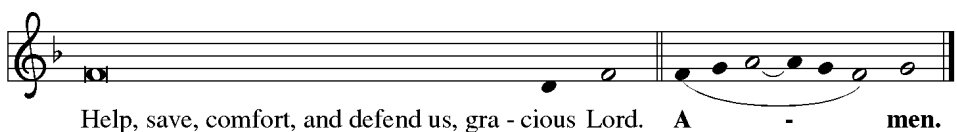
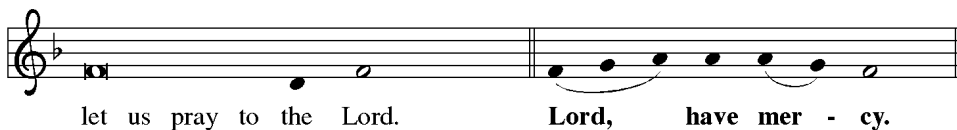
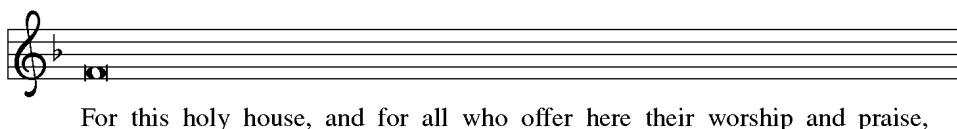
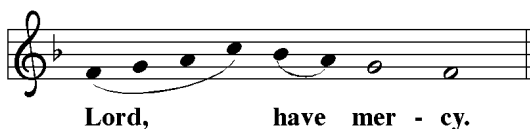
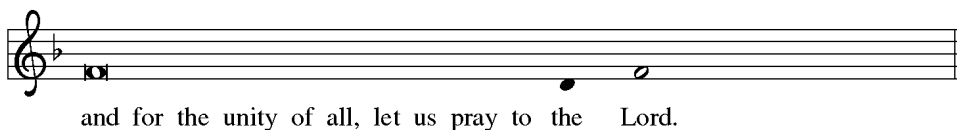
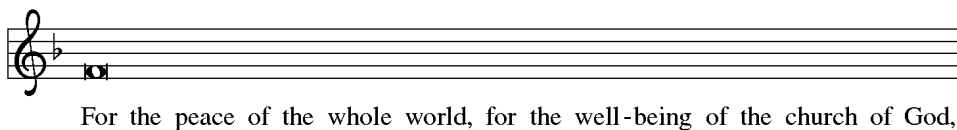
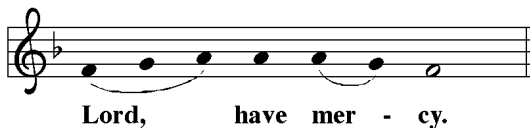
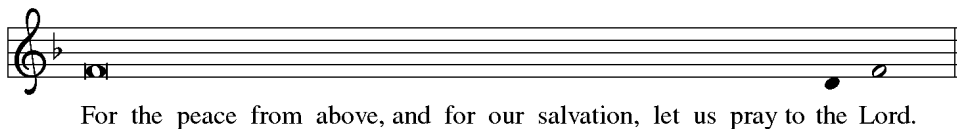
**GATHERING HYMN # 771**

***God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens***

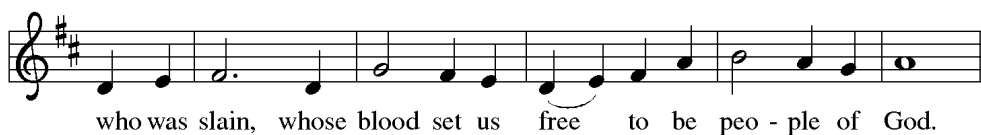
**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE



## HYMN OF PRAISE





God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

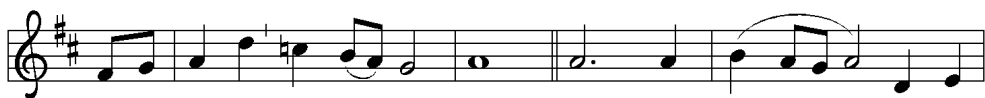


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## FIRST READING

**Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel  
great, and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy  
for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by  
the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 113

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;  
praise the name | of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its | going down  
let the name of the | LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;  
God’s glory a- | bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the | LORD our God,  
who sits en- | throned on high,

<sup>6</sup>**but stoops | to behold  
the heavens | and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust  
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them | with the rulers,  
with the rulers | of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

## 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL READING

## Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he



asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

<sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?<sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

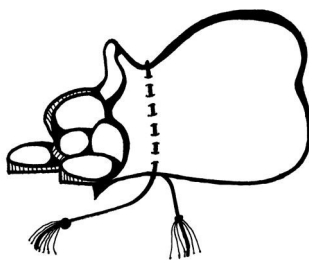
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Young children are invited forward at this time.*

*Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through 3rd Grade may go to **Children's Church**. Meet the Children's Church leaders at the red door at the back of the church. Children will return from Children's Church during the offering.*



## SERMON

Pastor Nathan Gragg

*We stand.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY # 710

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

*We stand.*

### APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

### SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.*

*We sit.*

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We share our gifts for those in need and for the mission of the church.*

### MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

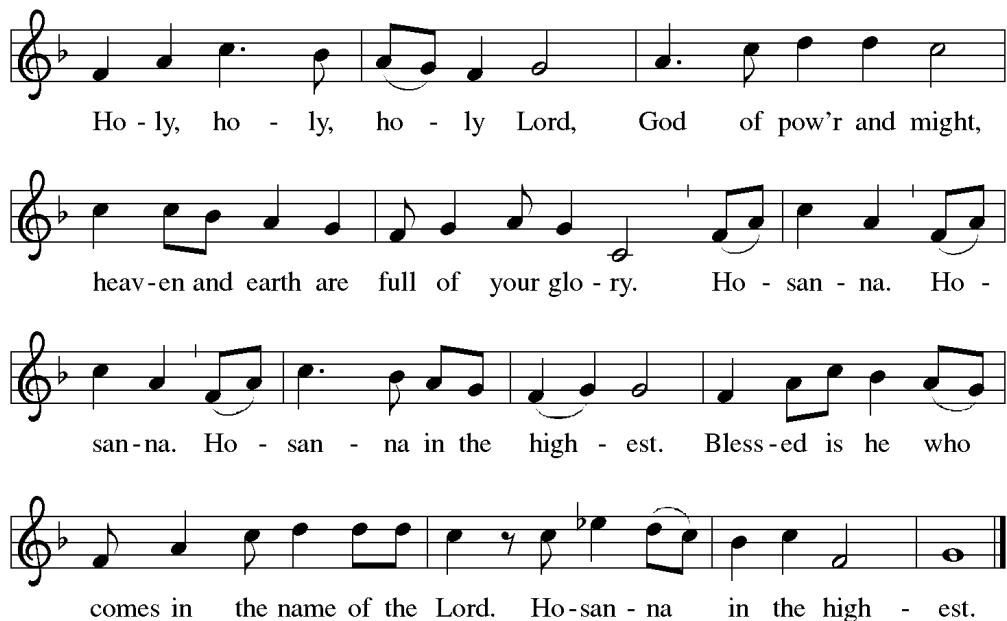
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied . . . in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

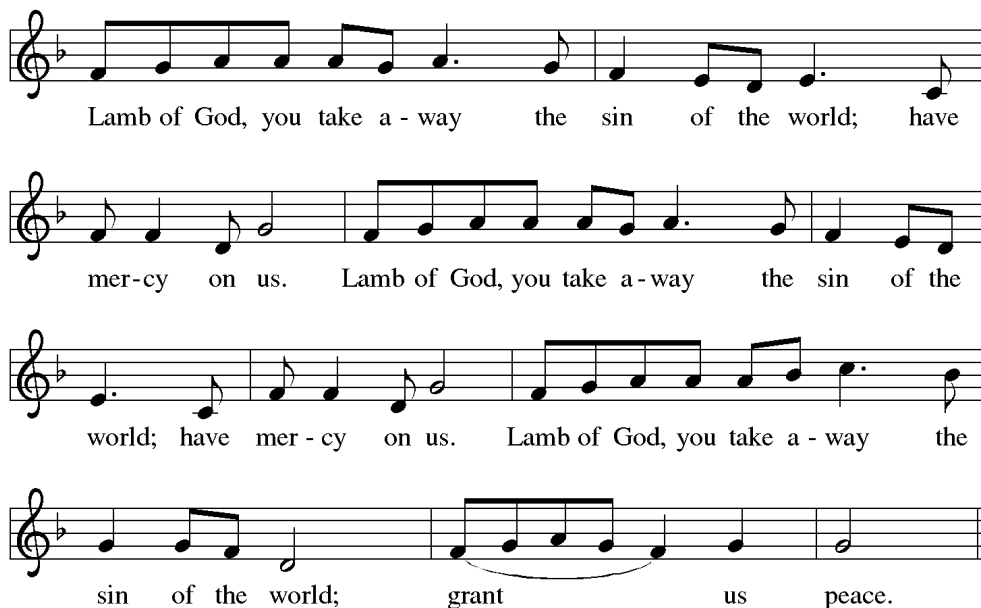
**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God gives food to those who hunger. Come, be fed, be healed. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Christ welcomes you to this feast of the baptized!*

*We receive communion today by intinction at the head of the center aisle.*

*As the ushers direct you, proceed down the center aisle in two lines.*

*Hold the bread given to you and continue toward the side aisle nearest you to receive the chalice into which you may dip your bread.*

*Return to your seat by the side aisle.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*We stand.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive this blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN # 604**

***O Christ, Our Hope***

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## + SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY +

Presiding Minister

Pastor Nathan Gragg

### SERVING IN THE SANCTUARY

	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 25
<b>Acolyte / Crucifer</b>	Macy Hunt / Jamie Hunt	Addie Phillips / Joel Kleckley
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Charles & Dianne Richardson	James & Iris Harman
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	8:30—Mary Nell Panyard 11:00—Sam Mailleue	8:30—Janice Sult 11:00—Michael Kohn
<b>Communion Assts.</b>	Dawn Keene Rayna Kleckley	Steve Shumpert Dianne Richardson
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Jennifer Elrod	Rayna Kleckley
<b>Ushers for Sept.</b>	<b>Bryson Scott</b> , Burns & Jan Corley, Roger Richardson	
<b>Ushers for Oct.</b>	<b>Thomas Kleckley</b> , Russell Kleckley, Ervin Shaw, Joel Kleckley	

### SERVING OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY

	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 25
<b>Children's Church</b>	Laura McComb	Jan Corley
<b>Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Dianne Richardson	Betsy & Riley Burn

### SERVING FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<b>Chancel &amp; Sacraments</b>	James & Iris Harman	Darlene Weight Althea Hendrix
<b>Council Caregivers</b>	Dawn Keene Will Reeside	Dawn Keene Will Reeside
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Troy & Jamie Fite Bob & Laura McCombs	Roger & Shannon Richardson <b>OPEN</b>



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