

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 🎵

**Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

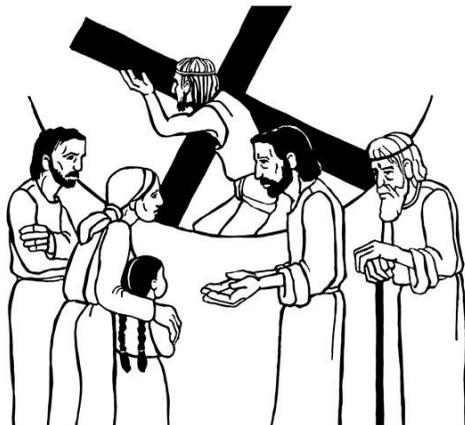
**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 14:25-33**

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

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of our 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 #801**

***Change My Heart, O God***

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**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 church’s mission.*

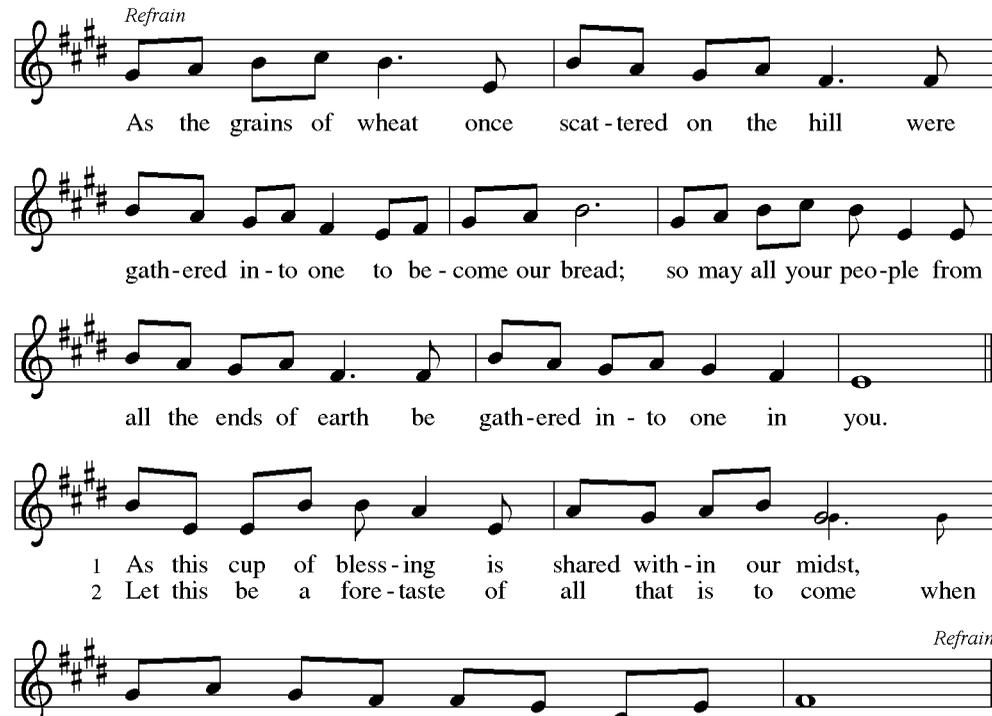
**CHOIR ANTHEM**

***Take Up Your Cross***

We stand.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE 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 God thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

## FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

## PSALM 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

## PREFACE

It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth . . . we pray for his coming again even as we cry: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit . . . that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather our prayers with those . . . with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, as you taught us, we are bold to pray.

**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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*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.*

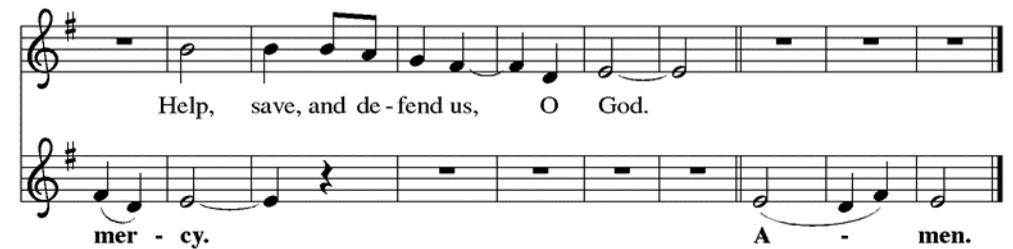
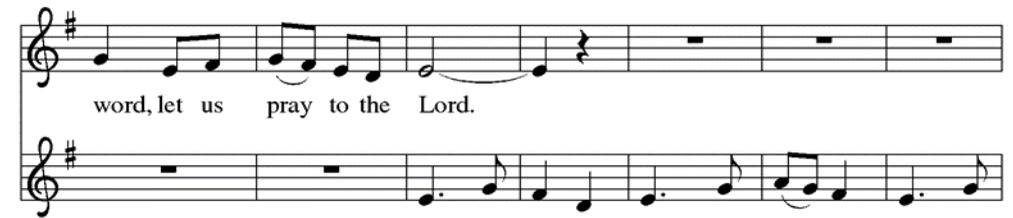
*Return to your seat by the side aisle.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*We stand.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**



## GREETING

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

## KYRIE

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



For the reign of God, and for



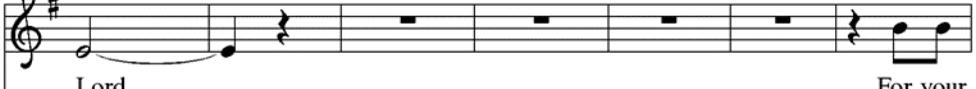
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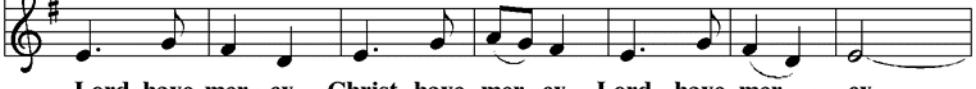
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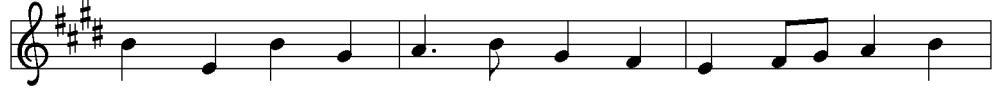


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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda  $\oplus$  1 2



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e-nant of life with us. *to stanza 3*

$\oplus$  Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN #798

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

Kyrie, Now the Feast and Celebration, As the Grains of Wheat, Holy, Holy, Holy, Praise to You, O God of Mercy,  
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## + SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*We kneel. Silence is kept for confession and meditation.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*We stand.*

### GATHERING HYMN #858

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**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 or visit our website, 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 from the red WORSHIP hymnal in the pew rack.

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

**+ SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY +**

Presiding Minister

Pastor Nathan Gragg

**SERVING IN THE SANCTUARY**

	<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 11</b>
<b>Acolyte / Crucifer</b>	Connor Rhoden / Shelton Rhoden	Jonathan Gragg / Nolan Phillips
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Mickey Addy	Bob & Dawn Keene
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Janice Sult	Michael Kohn
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Susan Shumpert Eileen Leaphart	Connor Burn / Troy Fite
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sue Anderson	Anna Reeside
<b>Ushers for September</b>	Bryson Scott, Burns & Jan Corley, Roger Richardson	
<b>Ushers for October</b>	Thomas Kleckley, Russell Kleckley, Ervin Shaw, Joel Kleckley	

**SERVING OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY**

	<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 11</b>
<b>Children’s Church</b>	Jamie Hampton	Wanda Wingard
<b>Cookie Time</b>	Katie McKinley	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Katie McKinley	Lisa Corley

**SERVING FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>
<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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