

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 🎵

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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 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 #708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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.

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

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

FIRST READING

Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Proverbs 25:6-7

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

PSALM 112

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God’s commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

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.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.



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

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

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

1

2

thanks be to you for - ev - er!

thanks be to you for - ev - er!

thanks be to you for -

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

mem - b'ring your cov - e-nant of life with us.

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.**

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 #805

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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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+ FIFTEENTH 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 #531

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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

| | AUGUST 28 | SEPTEMBER 4 |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Acolyte / Crucifer | Addie Phillips / Nolan Phillips | Connor Rhoden / Shelton Rhoden |
| Altar Flowers | Todd & Jennifer Elrod | Mickey Addy |
| Assisting Minister | Craig Balch | 8:30—Janice Sult 11:00—Michael Kohn |
| Communion Assistants | Craig Balch Rayna Kleckley | Susan Shumpert Eileen Leaphart |
| Lay Reader | Karyn Stoneberg | Sue Anderson |
| Ushers for August | Steve & Russell Wingard, Steve & Janice Sult | |
| Ushers for September | Bryson Scott, Burns Corley, Roger Richardson & Jan Corley | |

SERVING OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY

| | AUGUST 28 | SEPTEMBER 4 |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Children’s Church | Betsy Burn | Jamie Hampton |
| Cookie Time | Nickie Knauff | OPEN |
| Nursery Attendants | Anna Reeside | Katie McKinley |

SERVING FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

| | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Chancel & Sacraments | Ron & Eileen Leaphart | James & Iris Harman |
| Council Caregivers | Beth Jebali Bryson Scott | Dawn Keene Will Reeside |
| Offering Counters | Ethel Riley Karen Stoneberg | Troy & Jamie Fite Bob & Laura McCombs |



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