

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 🎵

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

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 12:32-40**

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

Jesus said: <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

**Rev. Ashley Twitchell**

*We stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY #793

***Be Thou My Vision***

## 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

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 15:1-6**

*After the Reading:* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

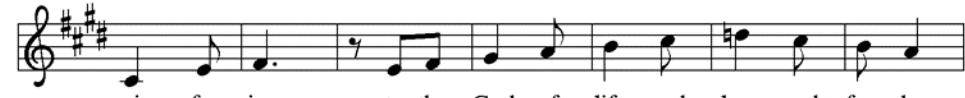
<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

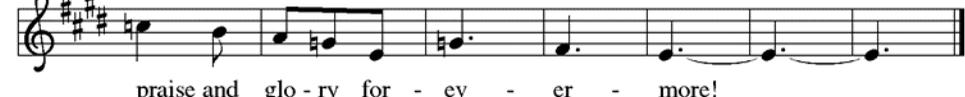
*Refrain*



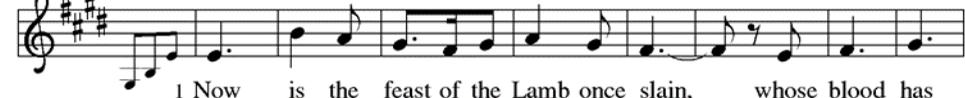
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



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.*

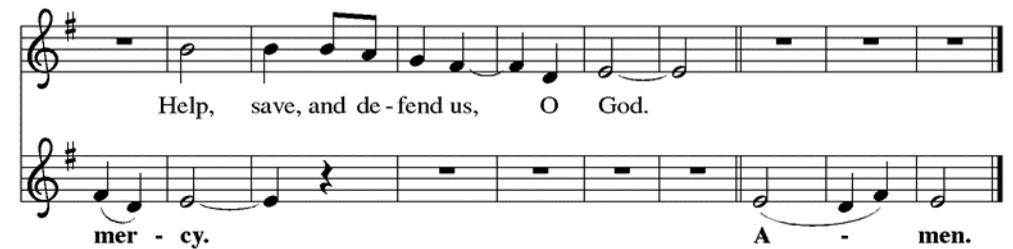
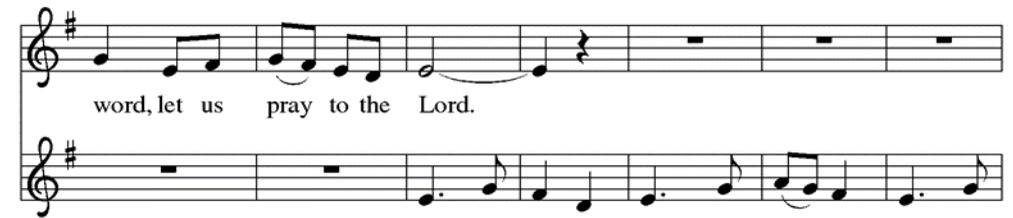
*Return to your seat by the side aisle.*

## 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



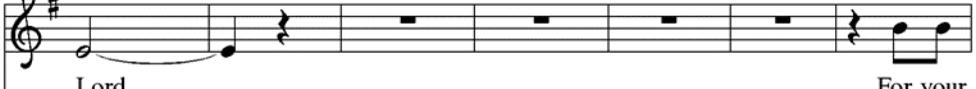
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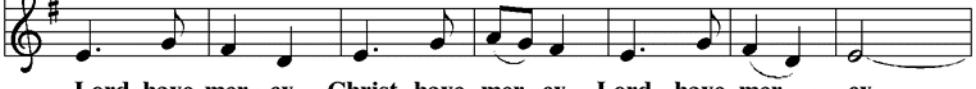
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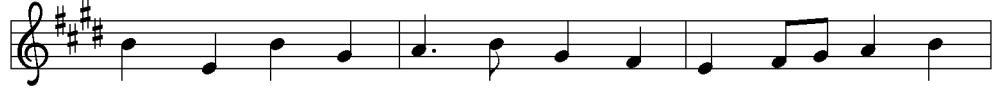


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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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 -



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 #763

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

### 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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## + TWELFTH 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 #771

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

**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

Rev. Ashley Twitchell

**SERVING IN THE SANCTUARY**

	<b>AUGUST 7</b>	<b>AUGUST 14</b>
<b>Acolyte / Crucifer</b>	Hailey Wingard / Joe Wingard	Macy Hunt / Jamie Hunt
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	The Panyard Family	Keith & Mary Ann Bacon
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Craig Balch	Craig Balch
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Darlene Weight Betsy Burn	Chip Burn Carol Nordquist
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Roger Anderson	Michael Kohn
<b>Ushers for August</b>	Steve & Russell Wingard, Steve & Janice Sult	
<b>Ushers for September</b>	Bryson Scott, Burns Corley, Roger Richardson & Jan Corley	

**SERVING OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY**

	<b>AUGUST 7</b>	<b>AUGUST 14</b>
<b>Children’s Church</b>	Wendy Nesmith	Dawn Keene
<b>Cookie Time</b>	Elrod Family	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Dawn Keene	Kathy Bigham Heather Williamson

**SERVING FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST**

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



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