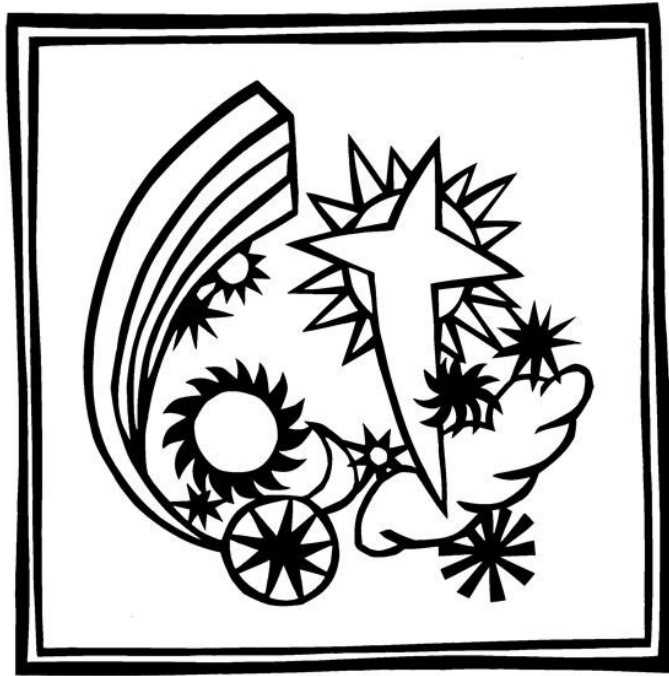


# **26th Sunday after Pentecost**



**November 13, 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.**

**+ 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God the Father of glory; in the name of God the + Son our Redeemer; in the name of God the Holy and life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

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

Gracious God, **we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and + forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

*We stand.*

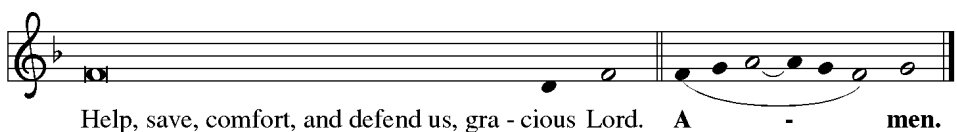
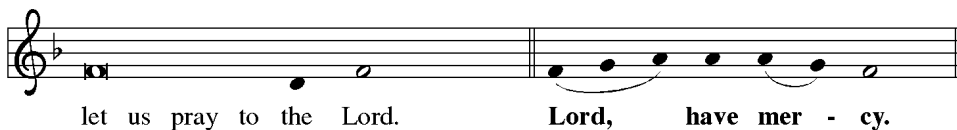
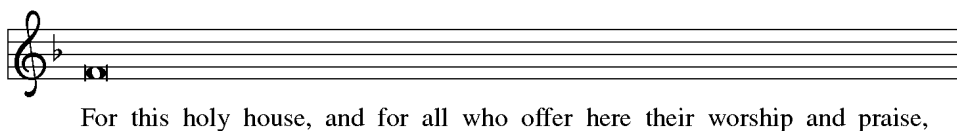
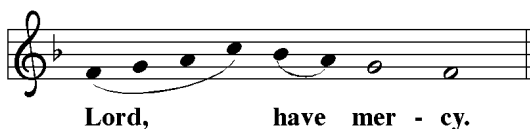
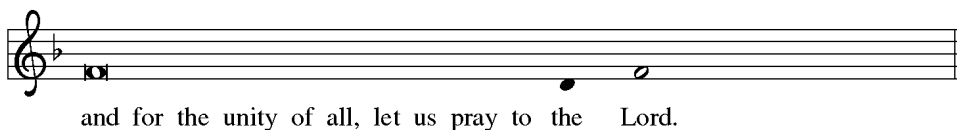
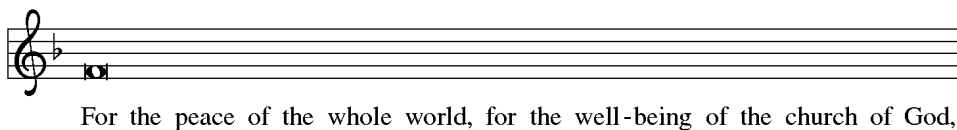
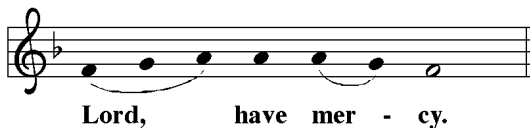
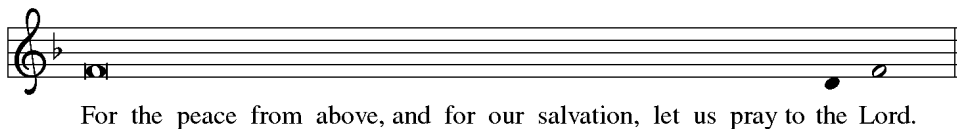
**GATHERING HYMN # 596**

***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

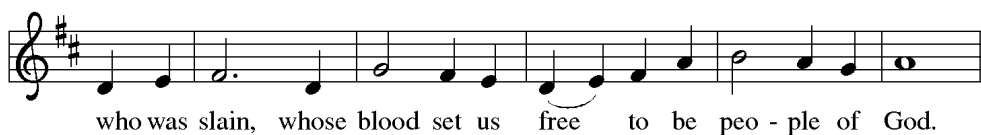
**GREETING**

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,

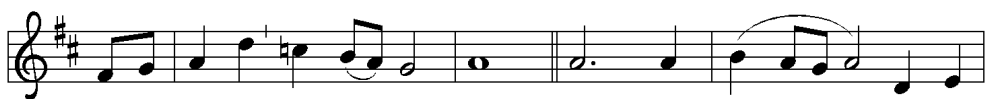


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## FIRST READING

**Malachi 4:1-2**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

## PSALM 98

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to | judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.

## SECOND READING

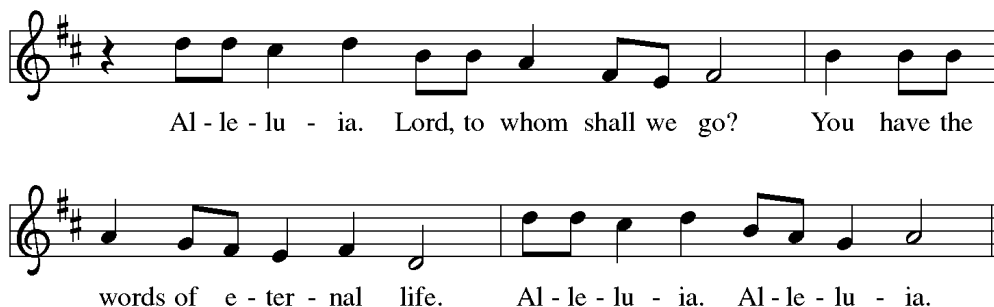
## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





## GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

Seminarian Sam Mailleue

*We stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY # 785

*When Peace, Like a River*

## 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.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*James & Jonathan Gragg*

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

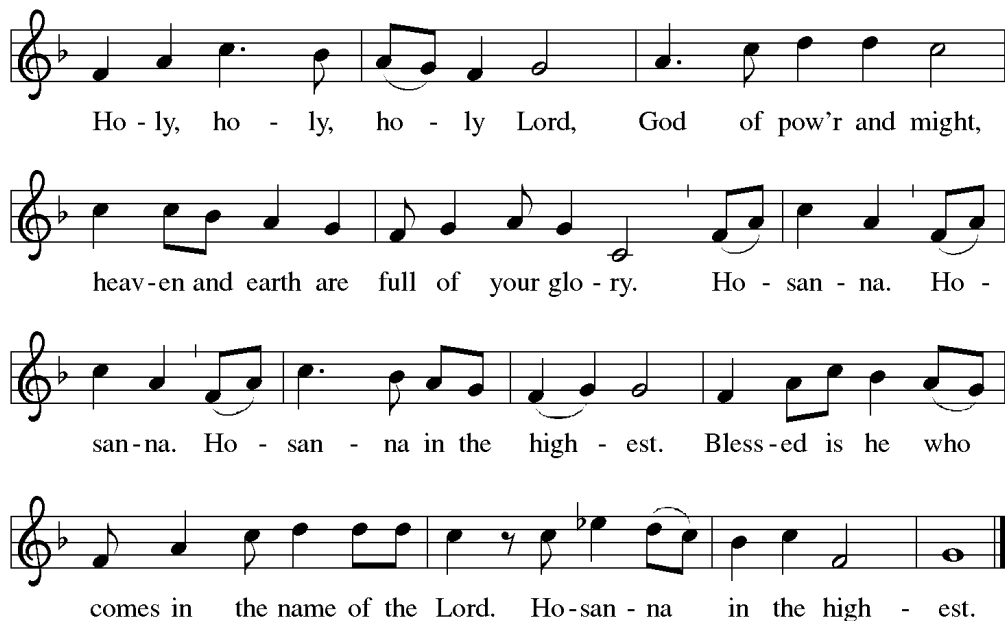
## *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



## 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

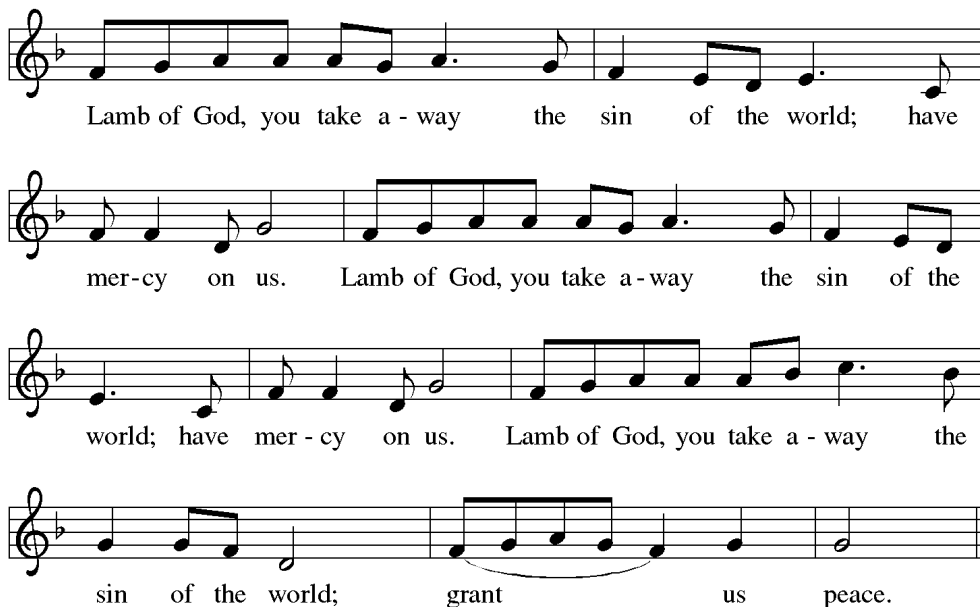
**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Share in the inheritance of all the saints. Come to the table prepared for you. **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**

We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN # 881**

***Let All Things Now Living***

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## + SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY +

Presiding Minister  
Preacher

Pastor Nathan Gragg  
Seminarian Sam Mailleue

### SERVING IN THE SANCTUARY

	NOVEMBER 13	NOVEMBER 20
<b>Acolyte Crucifer</b>	Elizabeth Grant Hailey Wingard	Hannah Elrod Emerson Fite
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Kregg & Lisa Corley	THANKSGIVING DECORATIONS
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	8:30—Eileen Leaphart 11:00—Darlene Weight	8:30—Eileen Leaphart 11:00—Darlene Weight
<b>Communion Assistants 11:00</b>	Bob McCombs Dawn Keene	Susan Shumpert Chip Burn
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Carolette Turner	Darlene Weight
<b>November Ushers</b>	<b>Charlie Hendrix</b> , Chris Bigham, Robbie Bigham, Bert Wingard	
<b>December Ushers</b>	<b>Al Fallaw</b> , Carla Fallaw, Chris Harmon, and Suzanne Whyte	

### SERVING OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY

	NOVEMBER 13	NOVEMBER 20
<b>Children's Church</b>	Katie McKinley	Wendy Nesmith
<b>Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b>	Burn & Ledford Families	Shumpert Family
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Cristie Ledford	Wanda Wingard

### SERVING FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<b>Chancel &amp; Sacraments</b>	Ron & Eileen Leaphart	Carol Nordquist / Darlene Weight / Eileen Leaphart
<b>Council Caregivers</b>	Russell Grant Roscoe Nesmith	Russell Grant Roscoe Nesmith
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Dave & Katie McKinley Ethel Riley	Bob & Laura McCombs Karyn Stoneberg



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