

# ZION

Lutheran Church



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 25, 2022

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**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 25, 2022**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin**  
**Assisting Ministers - Abi & Julie Frye**  
**Music Minister – Jennifer Rosin**  
**Holy Communion, ELW Setting 6**

*Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost! Today Jesus teaches us that consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed. Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at this feast. We are glad you have joined us for worship!*

**WORSHIP NOTES:**

**All responses marked in bold are said by the whole congregation.**

The + indicates the congregation stands as they are able. Holy Communion at Zion – We practice an open table of Holy Communion for all of the baptized body of Christ. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate this feast with us regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

**PRELUDE**

**Jennifer Rosin**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP**

**‡ GATHERING ‡**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

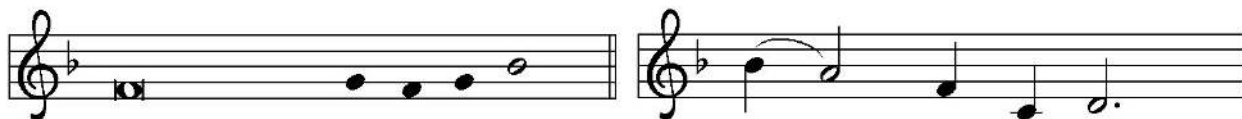
1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

**+GREETING**

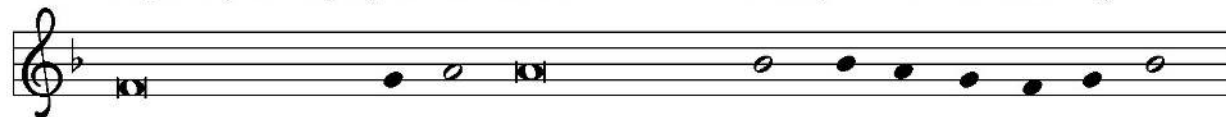
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

+KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



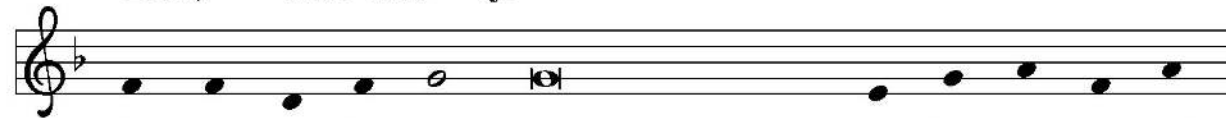
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



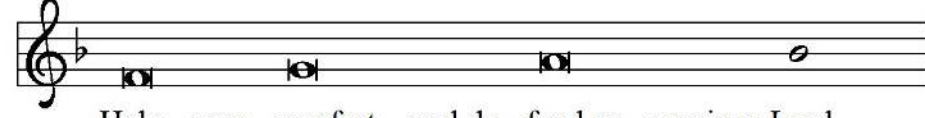
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us gracious Lord



A - men.

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (CONT.)



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



*Final refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

## **+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: O God, rich in mercy,

**you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **‡ WORD ‡**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a,4-7**

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
<sup>4</sup>Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 146**

**1** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**2** I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**3** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**4** When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

**5** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**6** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

**7** who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**8** the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**9** The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**10** The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

## 1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

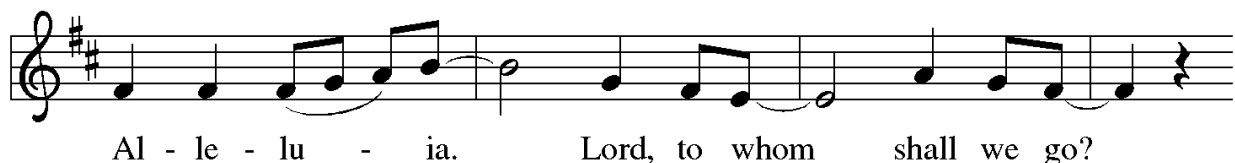
<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that<sup>Ⓜ</sup> we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made<sup>Ⓜ</sup> the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### + GOSPEL: Luke 16:9-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man



died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup>He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

### **+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**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation, responding with:

Lord, in your mercy.

#### **Hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **+ SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

#### **And also with you.**

*Please take a moment to share a sign of peace with those around you. As we are still conscious of limiting person to person contact, please do this in a way which does not involve person to person contact, such as verbally greeting one another with "Peace be with you" or showing the peace sign to one another.*

### **‡ MEAL‡**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Thank you for supporting God's ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.*

*We have online giving options available through Tithe.ly which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.*

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

**Jennifer & Isabelle Rosin**

### **+OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**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**

**+WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*On the Night*

**+THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**+INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

*Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion by continuous distribution with one station for bread in the center and a station for wine on each side. Please receive wine from the side on which you are sitting and return to your seat by walking down the side aisle. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to your seat or pre-packaged elements are available for you to receive communion where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish on the bread tray. Please let Pastor Willie know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, please indicate this preference by approaching the communion server with your hand out and palm down. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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, grant us peace.



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
 2 "Come to me, all trav-lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.  
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.  
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

#### +POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

**+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**‡ SENDING ‡**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**+BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

**+SENDING HYMN**

***God of Grace and God of Glory***

**ELW 705**



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

**+DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Jennifer Rosin**

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## AGENDA FOR WEEK

SUN, Sept 25

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship - Council

MON, Sept 26

5:30 p.m. Zbook Club @ Diamond Dave's Taco House

WED, Sept 28

6:00 p.m. FFN @ Grace Lutheran

6:15 p.m. Zion Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. Zion Choir

SUN, Oct 2

8:00 Blessing of Animals

9:00 a.m. Worship/Bag of Blessing

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Fellowship - Finance/Stewardship

**ACOLYTE(S): Dalton Bozarth & Hayden Cantrell**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

DATE	10/2/22	10/9/22	10/16/22	10/23/22
ACOLTYES	Mason Smith Preston Schroeder	Naomi Young Bailey Othmer	Hayden Cantrell Preston Schroeder	Max Brendel Dalton Bozarth
A.M./READER	Marilyn Briscoe - R	Jim Haage - AM	Dyann Roby - R	Rev. Martha Lang
COMM. ASST.	Jim Haage Stacey Ramos		Dyann Roby Stacey Ramos	Shawn Baars
HOSPITALITY	Finance/ Stewardship	Worship	Social Ministry	Parish Ed/Youth

**The flowers on the altar** are from Bob Nicolai in memory of Bonnie Nicolai

**Today is Food Pantry.** Monetary donations are collected by Zion and mailed to the Muscatine Food Pantry on Iowa Avenue to help the community pantry purchase food at a better price compared to the local grocery store items being purchased. The allows for donations to purchase a greater quantity of food. Thank you for your donations!

**Next week is Bag of Blessing.** Monetary donations are collected by Zion and mailed to Faith United to help purchase food items to fill meal bags with fool blessings for students in need of food in the school system

**Zbook Club** will meet on Monday, September 26 at 5:30 PM at Diamond Dave's Taco Company. The book is Foliage and Fatality by Karen Musser Norman, a West Liberty resident and friend of Deb Weiss. All are welcome.

**Next Weeks Readings:** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

**Book Give-Away** Today there will be a book give-away in the upstairs library area at Zion following the worship service. Any free-will donations will be given to the Muscatine Food Pantry. If you have any questions please contact Gail Pusateri.

**Please pray** for the following: Christy Keith, Bill Dyar, Patty Lange, Roger Roskens, Butch Doyle, Gary Sebbert, Rose Marie Paul, and Billy Rueckert.

**Reminder:** Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 AM at the All American Diner.

**Family Faith Night** meets at Grace Lutheran every Wednesday beginning with a meal at 6 p.m. We will break into our groups at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m.

**Choir and Bell Choir will rehearse** on Wednesday evenings, beginning with the Zion Bell Choir at 6:15 p.m. and the Zion Choir at 7:00 p.m. Welcome back to the singers and ringers and if you would like to join either or both groups, please contact Sue Robinson for the Zion Choir and Charles Potter for the Zion Bell Choir. New members are welcome!!!

**Adult Bible Study opportunity** begins today at 10:15 a.m. in the chapel area. Pastor Willie has your books for this study.

**Christians Underground** - We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo Johnz Pizza (203 E 2nd St.) for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine.

**The Muscatine Youth, Children's, and Littlest Angels' Choirs** are starting up! All choirs rehearse at Wesley United Methodist Church Youth Choir (grades 7-12) begins August 28 and meets every Sunday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Littlest Angels' Choir (K-2) and Children's Choir (grades 3-6 and shown above) start on Monday, September 12, from 4:00-4:45pm. Registration for each choir is required and may be done in 1 of 2 ways:

1) use this link: <https://wesleyonline.elchms.com/external/form/a15be28f-21d2-4c20-94df-5918f5cb85b7>

2) fill out a paper copy outside the Wesley Church office

There is no registration fee this year. For more information, please call Dr. Dan Laaveg, Wesley's music director, at 563-263-1596 or email him at [danlaaveg@wesleyonline.org](mailto:danlaaveg@wesleyonline.org). Thank you!