

September 10, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Holy Communion ELW Setting 6

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost! We often regard conflict as something to avoid at almost all costs. However, conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you. We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just one door down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

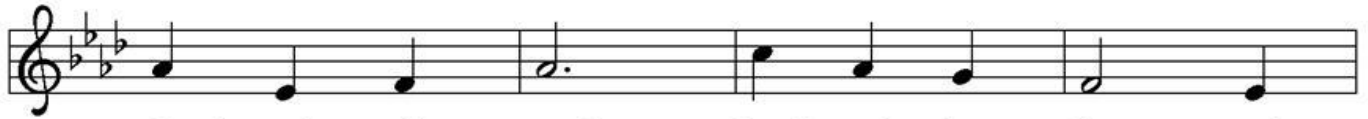
BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks. Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDE	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
	<i>Just As I Am, without One Plea</i>	Emma Lou Diemer
		Charles Potter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather for worship today in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

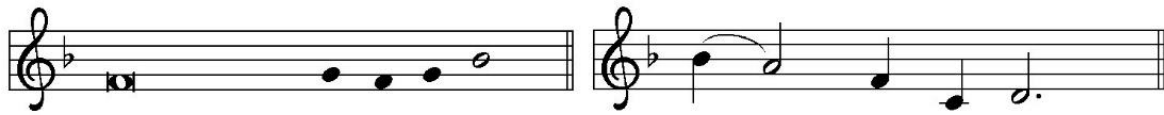
Amen.

+ GREETING

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

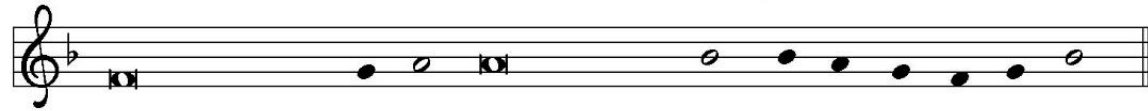
And also with you.

+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

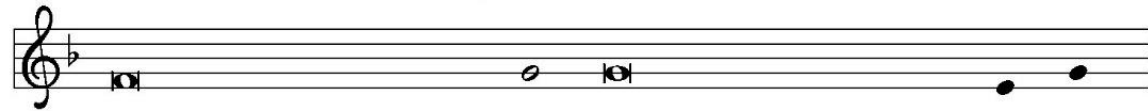
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



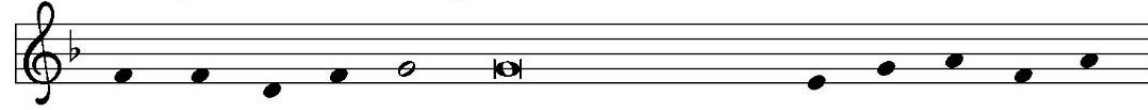
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



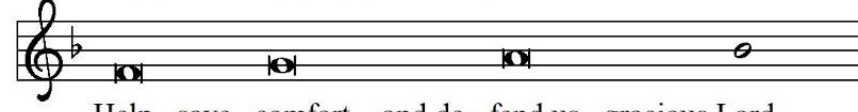
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

+ HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of 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*

3 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.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray: O Lord God,

enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Anthem

Pastor Willie & Jennifer Rosin

‡ **WORD** ‡

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

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

³⁶ **Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word.

³⁸ **Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰ **See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.**

SECOND READING **Romans 13:8-14**

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY *As We Gather at Your Table*

ELW 522



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

+ 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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors, responding to each petition with "Hear our prayer".

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

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.

‡ **MEAL** ‡

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MUSICAL OFFERING *Lamb of God, Pure and Spotless* Georg Phillip Telemann
Charles Potter

+ OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

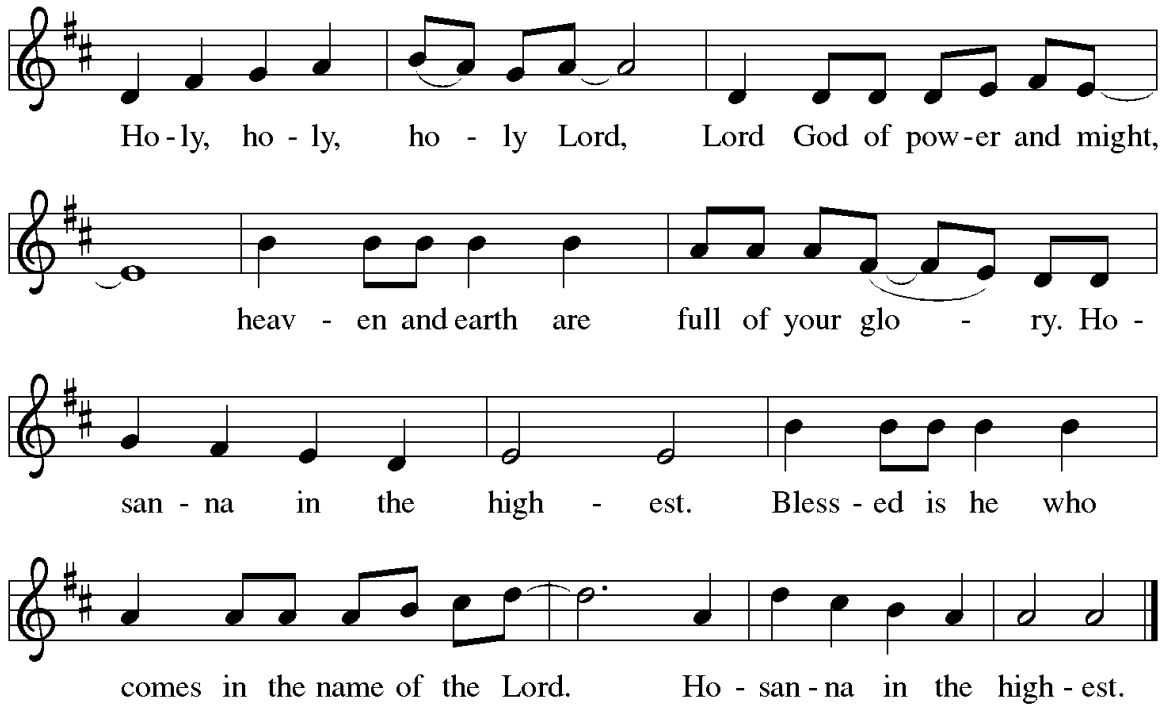
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

+ PROPER PREFACE FOR SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

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:

+ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION – On the night in which he was betrayed....do this for the remembrance of me.

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

+ THE 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

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

THE DISTRIBUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ELW 677, 824, 838, 843

ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU. Silesian folk tune. 19th cent.



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

+ 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. **Amen**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

‡ **SENDING** ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage.
Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak.
Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone.
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

+ SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

+ Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Max Reger

Charles Potter

‡Happening This Week‡

SUN, Sept 10	<p align="center">9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Rally Day 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 3:30 p.m. Hymns and Hot Dogs 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship</p>
TUE, Sept 12	1 p.m. Memorial Committee Meeting
WED, Sept 13	<p align="center">6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Christians Underground @Geo John's 6:00 p.m. Choir</p>
THU, Sept 14	<p align="center">6:30 a.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes L-M School 11:30 a.m. Lunch bunch @ Boonies 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting</p>
SUN, Sept 17	<p align="center">9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Story</p>

‡Serving In Ministry‡

	9/3	9/10	9/17
ACOLYTES	Jackson Evans Mitchell Taylor	Dalton Bozarth Elise Freberg	Preston Schroeder Carson Schroeder
A.M./READER	Jim Haage/AM	Katie Harris/AM	Kathleen Schippers/AM
HOSPITALITY	Youth	Worship	Social Ministry
GREETER (S)	Riley Padgett & Doris Watson		Jeff & Denise Baird

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Bag of Blessings	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$350	\$540	\$175.15

Total Offering Received For Week 09/03/2023	\$4737
YTD Offering Received	\$150666
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to meet Weekly Budget	\$6415 (per week)

‡Announcements‡

Please Pray for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Evelyn Christophersen, Billy Rueckert, Rev. Bill Dyar & Rodger Roskens.

Next week is **Quarters For Hunger** Sunday. Please make a memo on your envelope or check for these donations.

This week's altar flowers were provided by Diane Emlet in memory of Jim Emlet.

Next week's Readings- Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

Hymns and Hot Dogs event! Hymn singing and organ music will begin at 3:30 PM, followed by a delicious and fun supper of grilled hot dogs with side dishes.

Sunday Evening Worship!! Please join us tonight & Sept. 24 @6pm.

We need your help! The next display case will focus on the Zion Lutheran School circa 1913-1952. If you have any paraphernalia that we can scan and return to you, please visit with Peggy Starkweather or Sheryl Mercer, or drop it by the office.

Sunday School Spirit Story Readers - There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board upstairs for anyone who wants to read a story for the Sunday School on Spirit Story Sundays. The books are available in the church library, or you can bring your own book that tells a scripture story or positive faith theme.

Socktember is ALL month long. Socks for any and all ages, men, women, boys, or girls. Laundry Love is now providing vouchers for up to 100 families each month and over one-half of the folks they serve are kids.

