



**October 1, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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**Holy Communion ELW Setting 6**

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost! Today, Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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**      *At the Name of Jesus*      David N. Johnson      **Charles Potter**  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*      Gerhard Krapf

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

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

+ GATHERING HYMN

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW 618



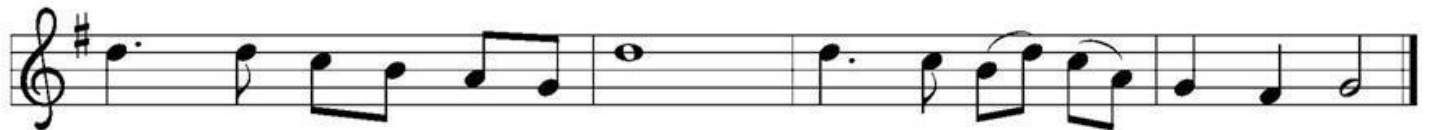
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

+ 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.

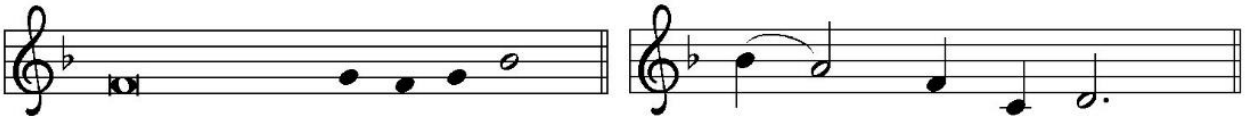
**Amen.**

**+ GREETING**

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

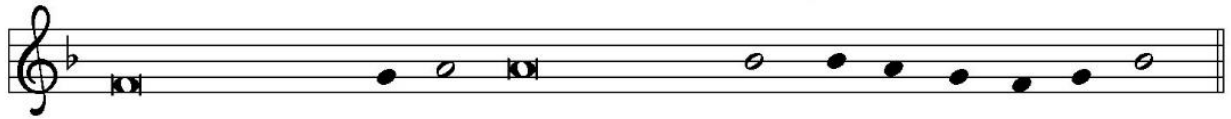
**And also with you.**

+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

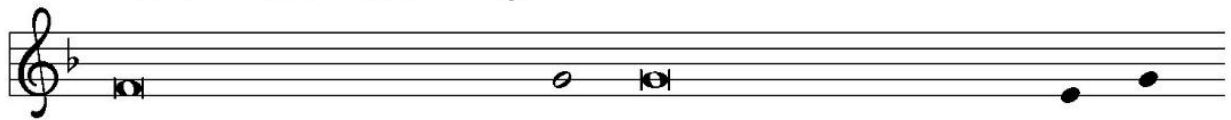
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



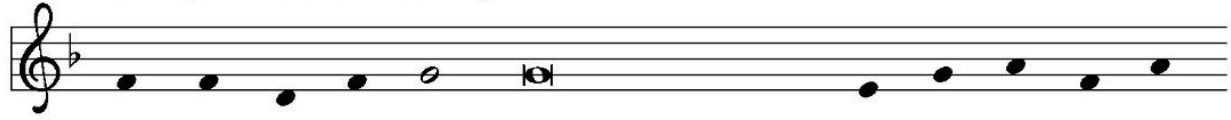
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



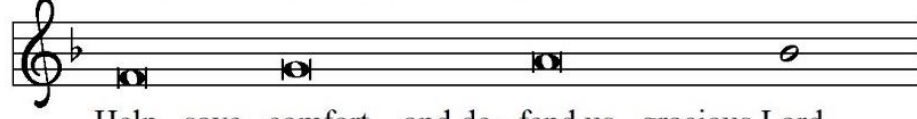
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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men.

# + HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

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: God of love, giver of life,

**you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*I Will Sing of the Lord's Great Love*

**Zion Choir**

‡ **WORD** ‡

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

**FIRST READING**

**Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25;32**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

**5** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

**7** Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

**9** He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

## **SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-13**

**1**If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, **2**make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3**Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4**Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **5**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

**6**who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

**7**but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

**8**he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

**9**Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

**10**so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**11**and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**12**Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13**for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

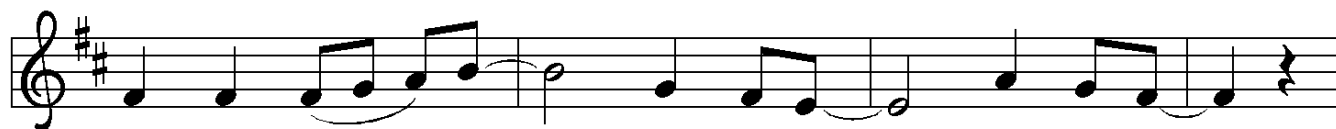
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**



## + 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 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

This is the gospel of our Lord.

#### Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* ELW 517



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

+ 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**

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

Paul Bouman  
**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:

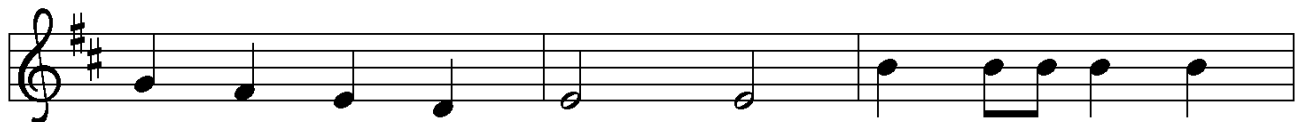
**+ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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*

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.

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# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ELW 606, 666, 803

*ELW 606*



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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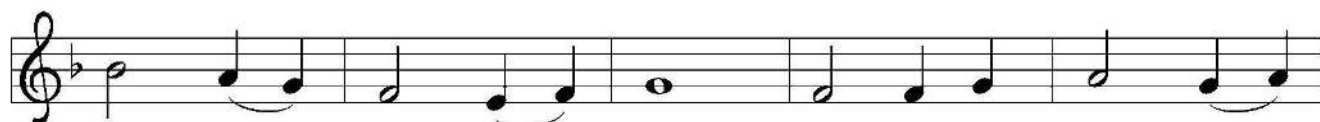
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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## + 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

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*

*The leader addresses the assembly.*

**+ 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**

**Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing**

**ELW 545**



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

Wilbur Held

**Charles Potter**



**‡Happening This Week‡**

<b>SUN, Oct 1</b>	<p align="right"> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship</b>  <b>10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Story</b>  <b>3rd Grade Bible Class</b>  <b>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship</b> </p>
<b>WED, Oct 4</b>	<p align="right"> <b>6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study</b>  <b>12:00 p.m. Christians Underground @Geo John'z</b>  <b>5:30 p.m. Pizza &amp; Polishing</b>  <b>6:00 FFN @ Grace Lutheran</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Choir</b> </p>
<b>THU, Oct 5</b>	<p align="right"> <b>6:30 a.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes L-M</b>  <b>School</b>  <b>6:30 p.m. All Committee</b> </p>
<b>SUN, Oct 8</b>	<p align="right"> <b>Pastor Appreciation</b>  <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship</b>  <b>10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Story</b>  <b>3rd Grade Bible Class</b> </p>

**‡Serving In Ministry‡**

	10/1	10/8	10/15
ACOLYTES	Elise Freberg	Mason Smith	Briar Evans & Lexi McCleary
A.M./READER	Dyann Roby/R	Peggy Starkweather/AM	Jan Pohl/AM
HOSPITALITY	Property	Men's Bible Group	Ushers
GREETER (S)			Diane Emlet

Total Offering Received For Week 09/24/2023	\$2767
YTD Offering Received	\$160640
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to meet Weekly Budget	\$7077 (per week)

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Laundry Love	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$1295	\$75	\$243.65

### ‡Announcements‡

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

**This is Laundry Love Sunday.** We will be supporting Laundry Love in place of bags of blessing going forward. Please make a memo on your envelope or check for these donations.

**This week's** altar flowers were provided by David & Sara Reusswig in Honor of the birthdays of Lily Reusswig & Henry Reusswig Welch.

**Due to an unexpected emergency** for someone in need from the domestic abuse shelter, the Pastor's discretionary fund has again been depleted. We thank you for all you do. Please consider helping to replenish this necessary and important fund.

**Next week's** Readings-Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

**Sunday Evening** Worship!! Please join us tonight & Oct. 22 @6pm.

**Trunk or Treat** is right around the corner! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or here's the link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4FA4AE2EA1FCC16-trunk#/. If you have questions ask Sue wilder or Judy Carlson.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4FA4AE2EA1FCC16-trunk#/)

**The Zbook Club** next meeting will be Monday November 13 at 5:30 PM at Diamond Daves. Read the book and come join us.

Our pick for our next read is "The Lost Bookshop" by Evie Woods.

THE THING ABOUT BOOKS,' SHE SAID, 'IS THAT THEY HELP YOU TO IMAGINE A LIFE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN YOU COULD EVER DREAM OF.'

On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found...

For too long, Opaline, Martha and Henry have been the side characters in their own lives. But when a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, these three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in

the pages of their beloved books. And by unlocking the secrets of the shelves, they find themselves transported to a world of wonder... where nothing is as it seems.

The flower that is placed on the Baptismal Font today is in honor of **Dalton Bozarth**. He is finishing his Confirmation studies in preparation for the Affirmation of his Baptismal vows on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Please remember Dalton in prayer.

**Lunch time Potluck October 17th**-the signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

There are still **2 spots** to help with Emmaus Café on Oct. 8th.

**Crop Walk** at 2 pm on October 1.

**Congratulations!! There are 2 carnations on the altar** in honor of Zach and Alli Thompson on the birth of their daughter, Felicity, and son, Carver, on September 18, 2023. And congratulations to Oliver on becoming the big brother of twins!