

October 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Holy Communion ELW Setting 6

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost! In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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

+ GATHERING HYMN

We Are Called

ELW 720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

+ 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.

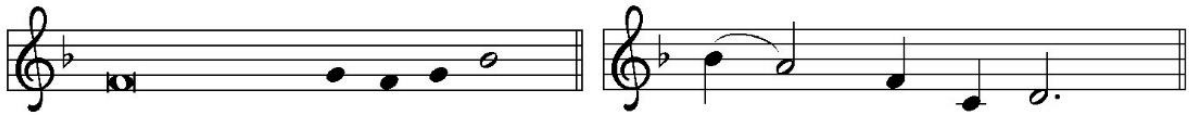
Amen.

+ GREETING

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

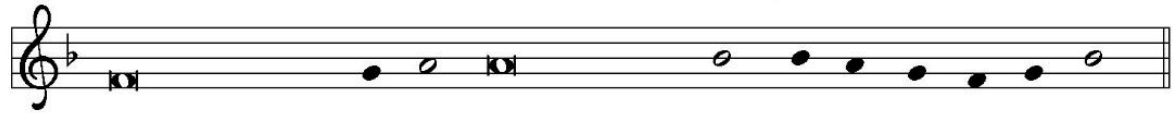
And also with you.

+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

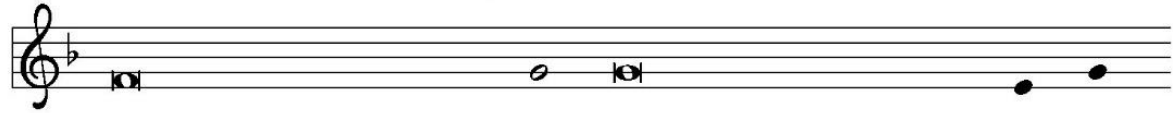
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



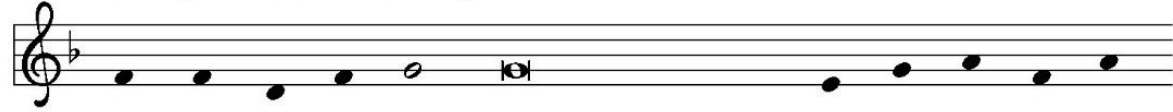
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



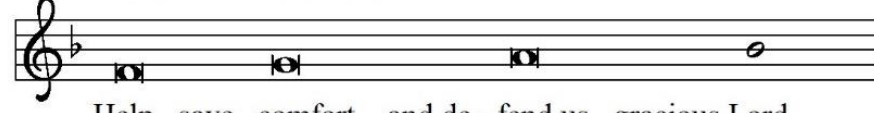
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



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

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: Beloved God,

from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM *Lay Up Your Treasurer's In Heaven* Pepper Choplin **Zion Choir**
Soloist Brenda Roskens

‡ **WORD** ‡

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

FIRST READING **Isaiah 5:1-7**

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-15

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade the mighty cedars with its branches;

¹¹it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

¹²Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

¹³The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine,

¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted.

SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

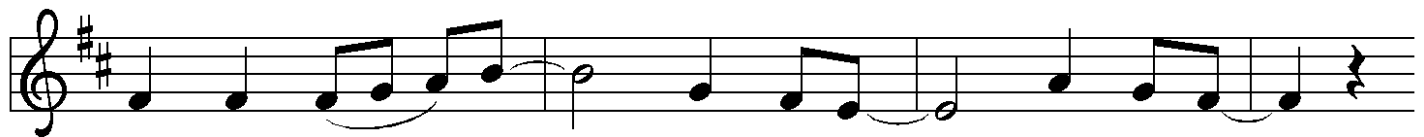
⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

+ 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

Jennifer Rosin

+ 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

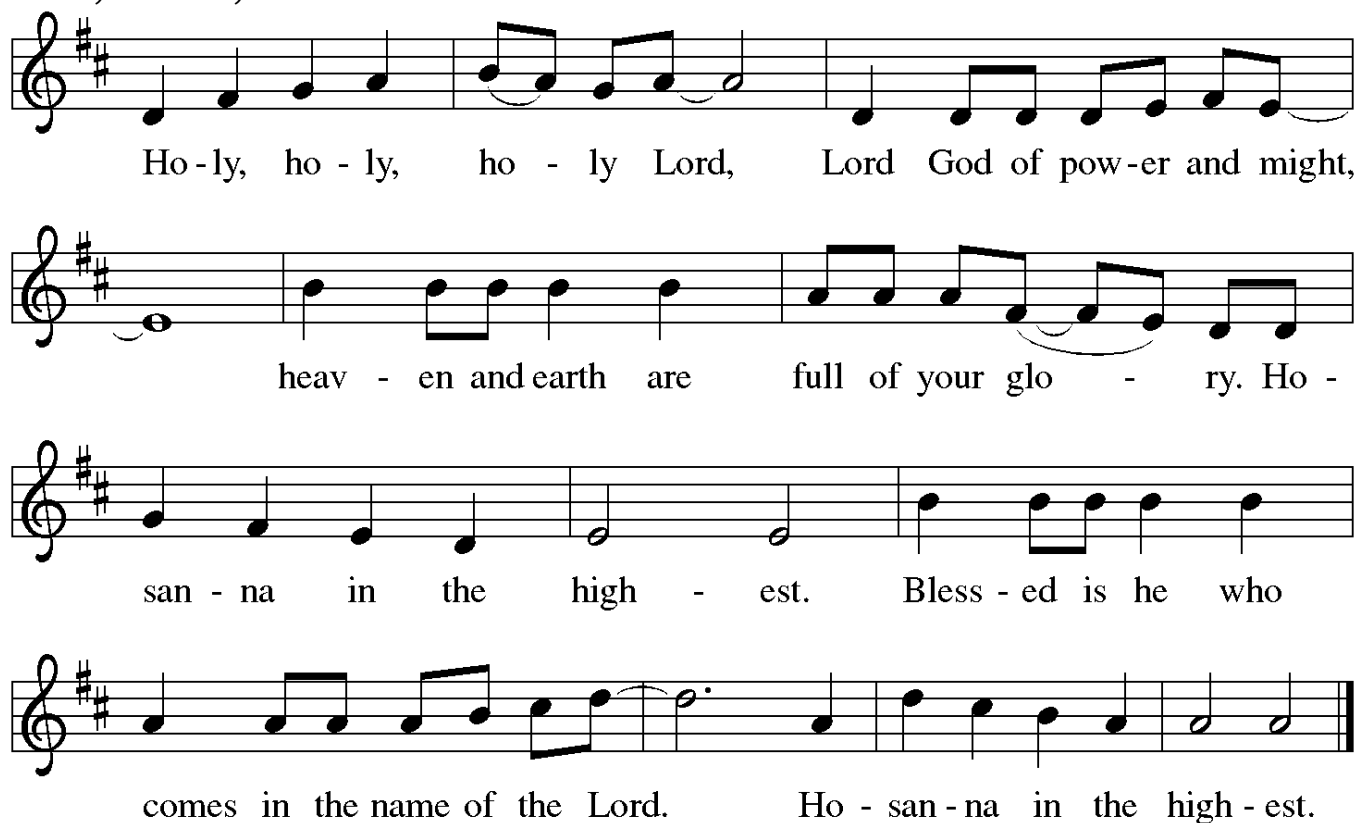
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

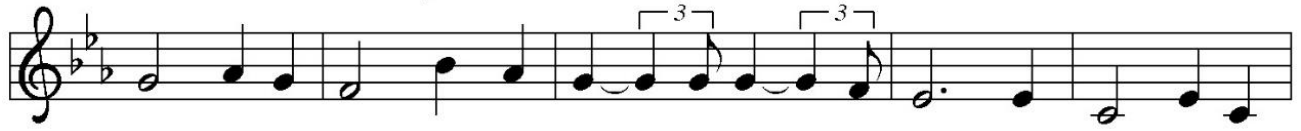
Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.

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



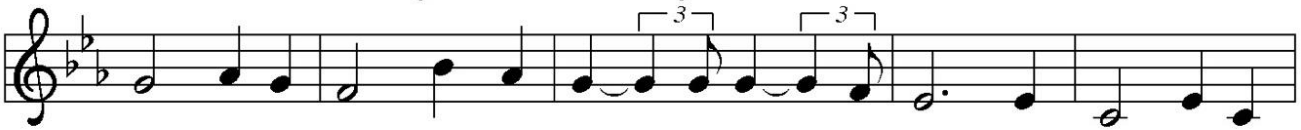
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way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



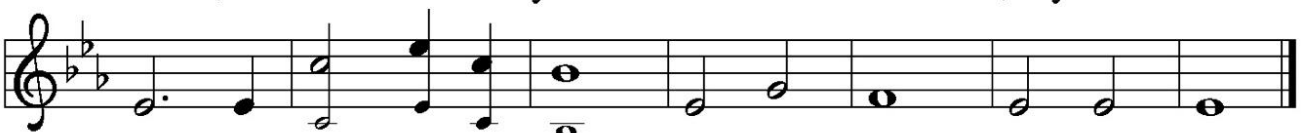
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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 595, 485, 803

ELW 595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

ELW 485

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain

All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

ELW 803



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. **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

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

Thine the Amen

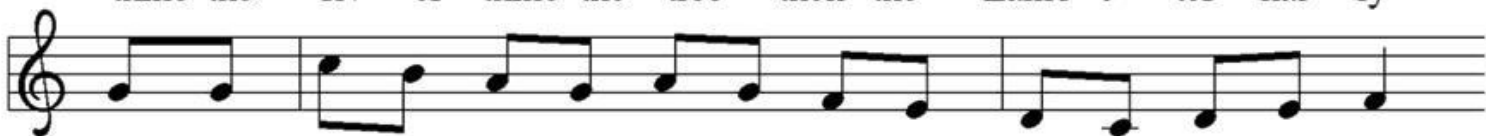
ELW 826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

+ Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

‡Happening This Week‡

SUN, Oct 8	Pastor Appreciation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Story 3rd Grade Bible Class 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat
WED, Oct 11	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Christians Underground @Geo John'z 5:30 p.m. Pizza & Polishing 6:00 FFN @ Grace Lutheran 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir
THU, Oct 12	6:30 a.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes L-M School 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Guadalajara's 6:00 p.m. Council
SUN, Oct 15	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Story 3rd Grade Bible Class Adult Bible Study

‡Serving In Ministry‡

	10/8	10/15	10/22
ACOLYTES	Mason Smith	Briar Evans & Lexi McCleary	Dalton Bozarth
A.M./READER	Peggy Starkweather/AM	Jan Pohl/AM	Bob Nicolai/AM
COMMUNION ASSISTANT/S			Stacey Ramos
HOSPITALITY	Men's Bible Group	Ushers	Choir
GREETER (S)	Tim & Vivien Halloran	Diane Emlet	Rosendo & Stacey Ramos

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Laundry Love	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$1135	\$130	238.65

Total Offering Received For Week 10/1/2023	\$5201
YTD Offering Received	\$165841
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to meet Weekly Budget	\$7222 (per week)

‡**Announcements**‡

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

Today is Pastor Appreciation Day!! Please thank Pastor Willie!

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 Dave & Terri Hanson for their 47th Anniversary & Richard & Cheryl Jacobson for their 44th Anniversary.

Next week's Readings-Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14.

Sunday Evening Worship!! Please join us Oct. 22, Nov. 5 & 12 @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.

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

The St. Alphonsus Altar & Rosary Society is organizing a day trip to St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Dubuque to tour their Tiffany stained-glass windows on Saturday, October 14th. The cost for the tour is 4\$ per person and we will stop for lunch at a cafe after the tour. We will meet in the church parking lot (2618 Boies Ave. Davenport, IA 52802) at 9 AM to carpool up and back. Please contact Rita Wacker if you are interested in joining us (563-299-9002).

Congratulations to Melody & John Evans on the birth of their great grandson Jack Baylor Evans, Sept 28, in Iowa City.

Socktember is now Socktober. Socktober 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.

EWALU Fall Workdays: Oct. 14 and 21 Volunteers are invited to Camp EWALU for a day of fellowship and service. We will be doing a variety of outdoor work projects on October 14. We will be doing prairie restoration on October 21. Projects start at 9:00 a.m. Lunch provided. Please RSVP to camp@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sunday, November 5

HOMEMADE SOUP, BREAD & PIE

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