



Welcome to The Table! Zion Lutheran Church offers this service as an evening worship service on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

This service with Holy Communion is more casual and informal than our Sunday morning services. As beloved children of God, you are welcome just as you are.

This is a somewhat abbreviated service centered around God's Word and the forgiveness and grace given and received in Holy Communion. All elements of the service are projected onto the screen.

Thank you for joining us—we are glad you are here!



## CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to be branches in the body of Christ.

**We yearn to be connected to the vine and bear good fruit.**

God calls us to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,

**We plant the seeds of faith, nurturing them with love and prayer**

**so that they will grow and bear the fruit of faith.**

God calls us to grow in faith, trusting in God's presence in the midst of this world's painful questions.

**We seek God's nurturing presence.**

Listen! God is calling!

**God calls us through the Word, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy!**

## OPENING HYMN

(changes weekly - see screen)

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Creative, passionate God,

**you take delight in all that you have made,  
a world of beauty and harmony.**

**You call us live as children of God, caring for all that you  
have made.**

**Too often we give in to temptation  
that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe.**

**We cannot undo all our mistakes,  
but we can hear your voice, calling us turn once more to the**

**living presence of Jesus  
and find new ways to live and love each other and the  
earth.**

**Do not let our hearts be fearful.**

**Call to us now with words of comfort, mercy, and joy,  
seeking the forgiveness that restores your peace.**

Hear God's promise:

Even as God called to Adam and Eve in the garden

to face the consequences of their sin,

God prepared a way for them to remain connected to the earth  
and to abide in the living presence of God.

So it is with all of us:

Listen! In and through Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection,  
God calls us to walk on paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Your sins are forgiven + through God's work in Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(changes weekly—see screen)

## DISTRIBUTION

(Music provided by musicians or congregational hymns on the screen)

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

**With this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united  
us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now  
send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may  
proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue  
forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen**

## BENEDICTION

Lord, make us instruments of your peace:

where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

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## DISMISSAL

Listen! God is calling! Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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, 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

Listen! God is calling you to the Lord’s Table which has been prepared for you. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

LAMB OF GOD



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

The Lord be with you  
And also with you  
Let us pray:

WORD

A reading from....

*Scriptures appropriate for the day are read*

This is the Word of the Lord...  
**Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un - der - stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The Holy Gospel According to....  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Gospel reading for the day is read*

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Glory to you, O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY  
[changes weekly - see screen]

### APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you always  
**And also with you**  
*Take a moment to share Christ's peace with one another*

MUSICAL OFFERING  
OFFERING RECEIVED

OFFERING PRAYER  
Let us pray:  
**We offer with joy what you have first given us, our selves, our  
time, and our possessions—signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them as an offering of thanksgiving for all that you  
have given us for life. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING  
The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that in every time and every place we should give thanks and praise to you, wonderful God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. We give thanks that on this day you defeated death and rose from the grave, opening the way to life eternal with you. So we join with the choirs of angel, the body of Christ on earth, and the hosts of heaven in praising your name and the unending hymn of joy and love:

Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW 413 v. 4

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!