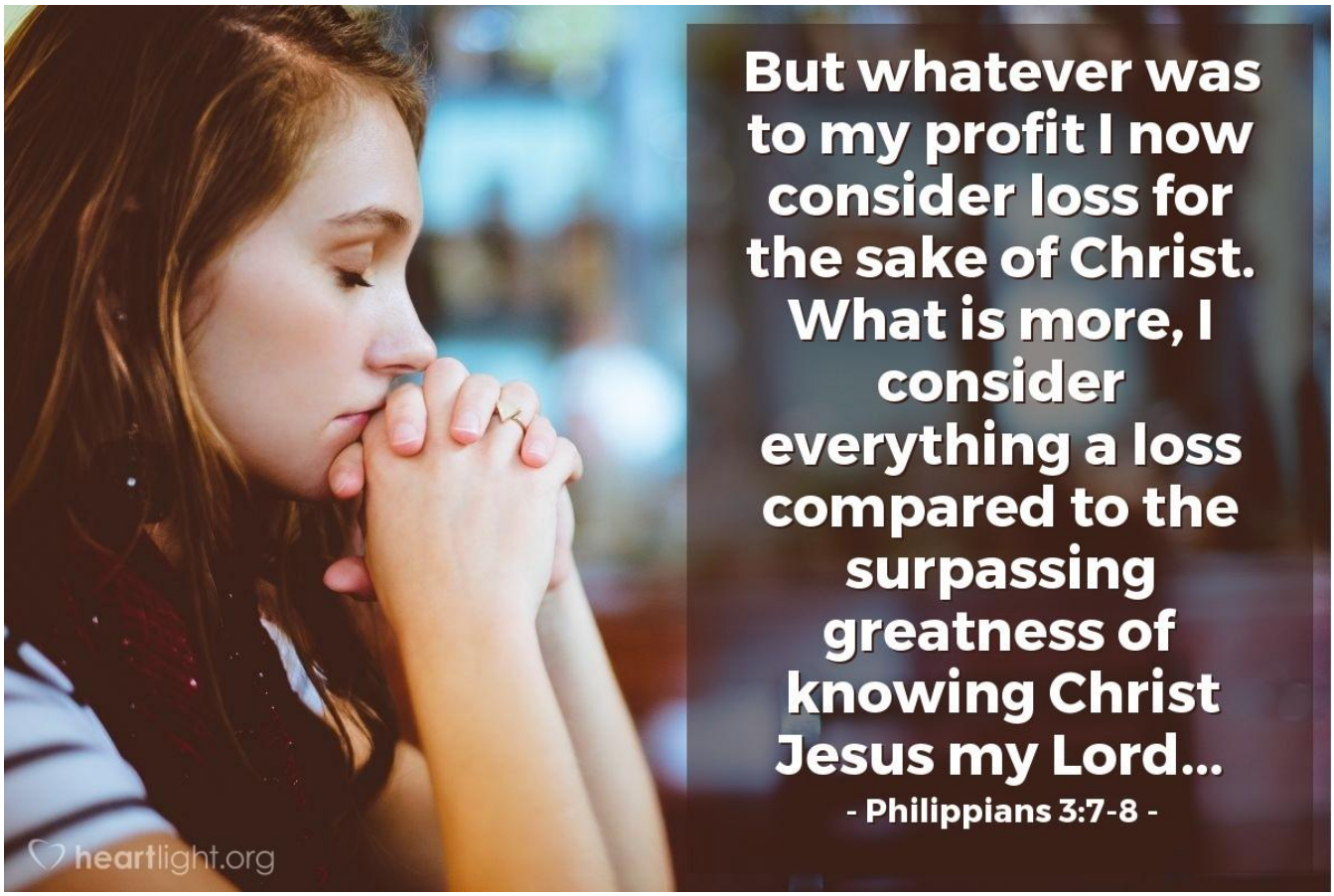
ZION
Lutheran Church



19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026
11:00 a.m.

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Presiding Minister- Aleese Kenitzer
SAM candidate - Mackenzie Gilbert
Reader -Briar Evans
Music Minister – Charles Potter
Holy Communion, ELW Setting 1

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 two doors 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 **Charles Potter**
"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" David N. Johnson
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" David Cherwien
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Richard Proulx

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

+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 pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
***Amen*.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN ELW 645 "Christ Is made the Sure Foundation"

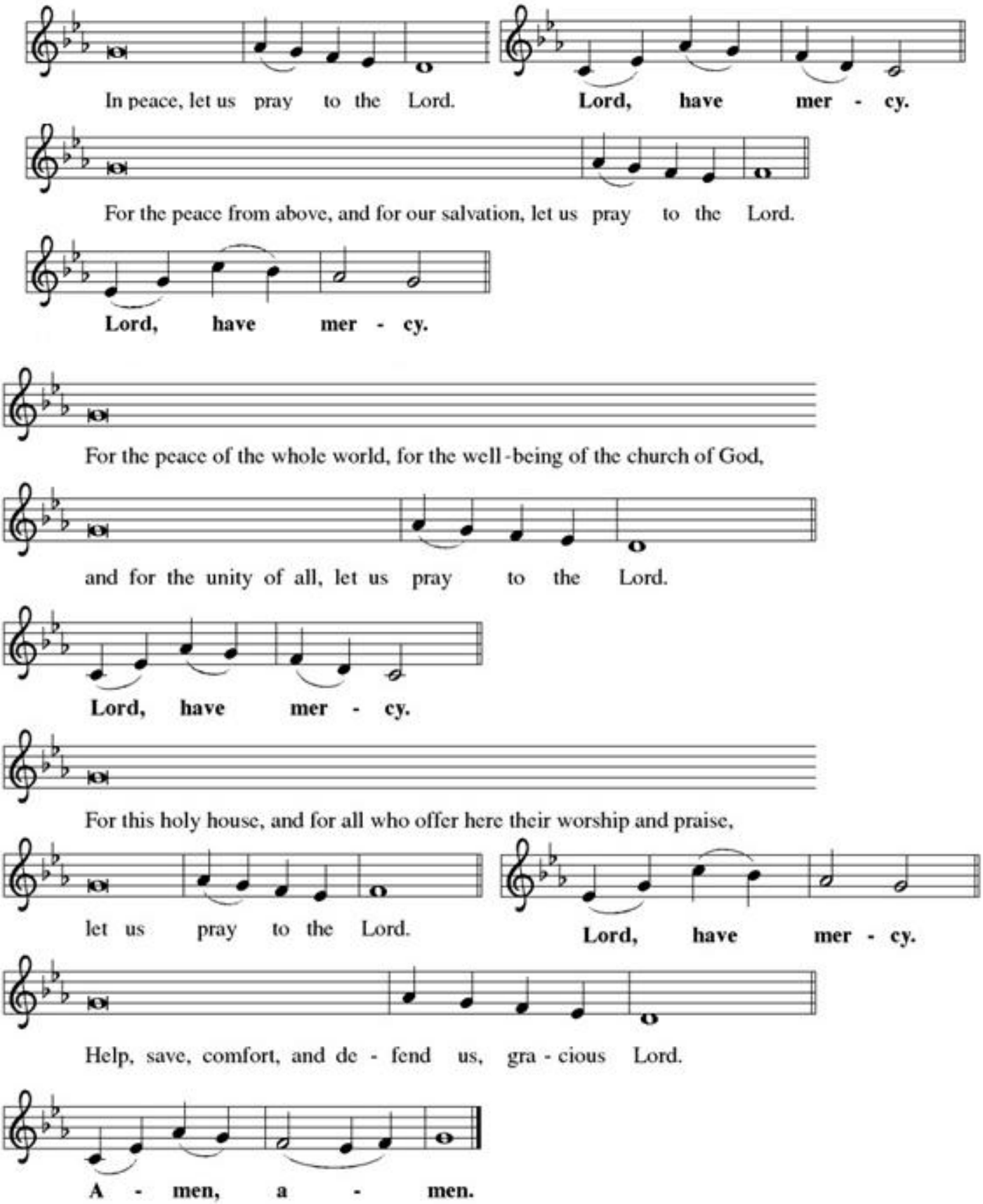


Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

+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: page 98



+Hymn of Praise: page 99 Glory to God





+Prayer of the Day:

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 ***All Things Bright & Beautiful*** **Senior Choir**

FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

1 I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
2 He 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 rotten grapes.

3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
4 What 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 rotten grapes?
5 And 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.
6 I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished garden;
he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!
The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

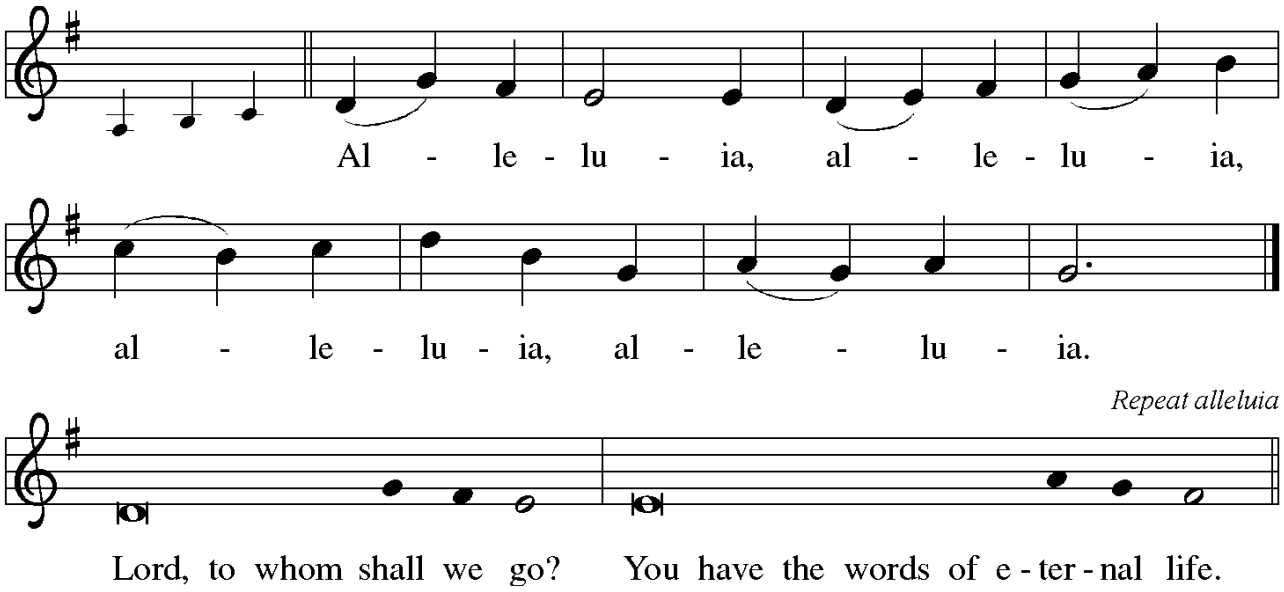
Psalm: 80:7-15
7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.
9 You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
11 You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
12 Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
14 Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;
15 behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14
[Paul writes:] 4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised 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; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More 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 9 and 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. 10 I want to know Christ and the power
of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his
death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on
to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not
consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies
behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, toward the
prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Love, Love, Love" by Lois R. Brokering

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 102



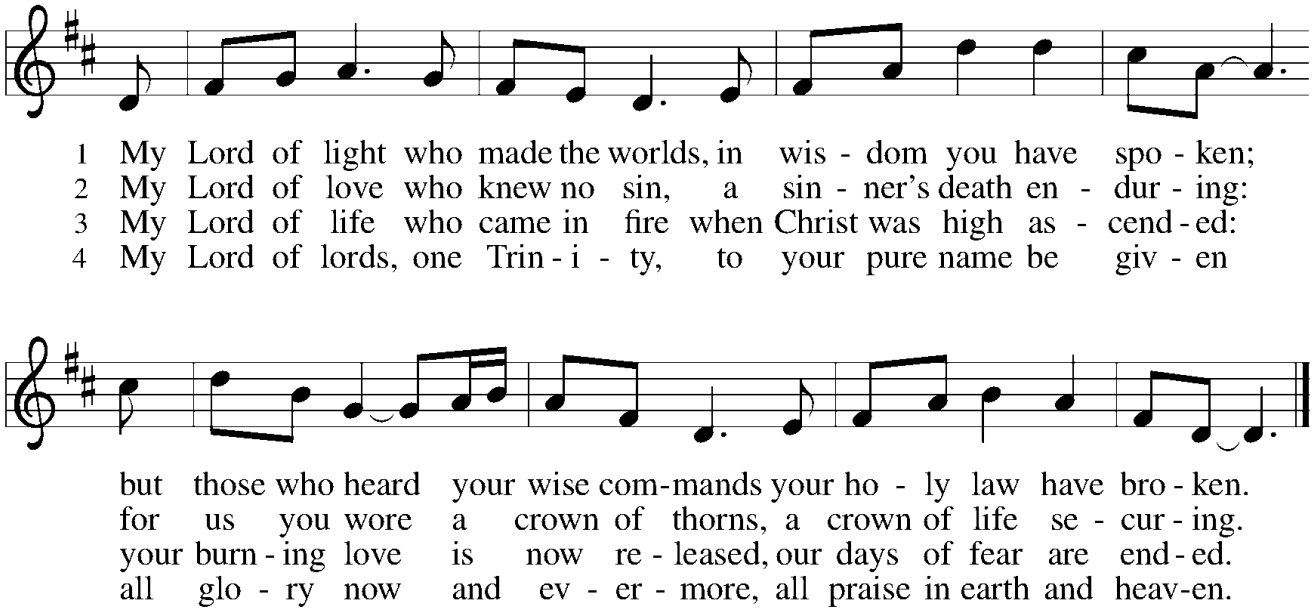
+GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a
vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he
leased it to tenants and went away. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves
to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one,
killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and
they treated them in the same way. 37 Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will
respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the
heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' 39 So they seized him, threw him out of
the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he
do to those tenants?" 41 They 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."
42 Jesus 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’?
43 “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a
people that produces its fruits. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces,
and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”
45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he
was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds,
because they regarded him as a prophet.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 832 “My Lord of Light”



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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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+ APOSTLES’ CREED
Let us confess our faith together in 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

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy,
Congregational response: **Hear our prayer**
Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also, with you.

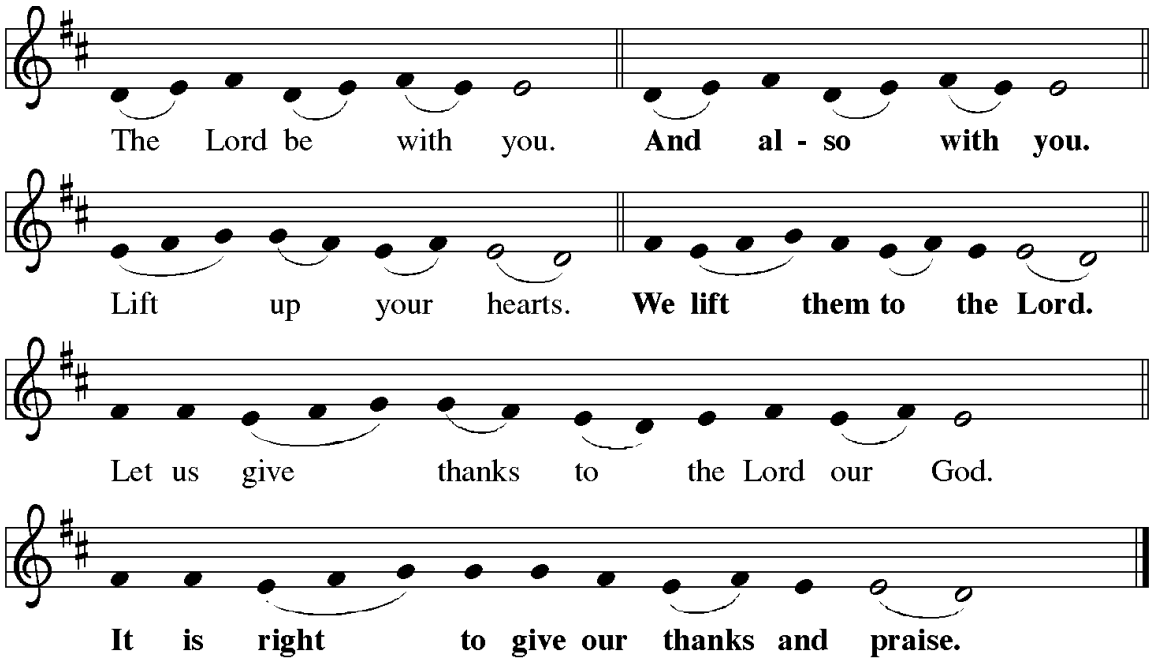
‡ MEAL ‡

Offering *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. To give right now, please scan the QR code to make a contribution.
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MUSICAL OFFERING "The Church's One Foundation" Charles Callahan
Charles Potter

Offering Prayer
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

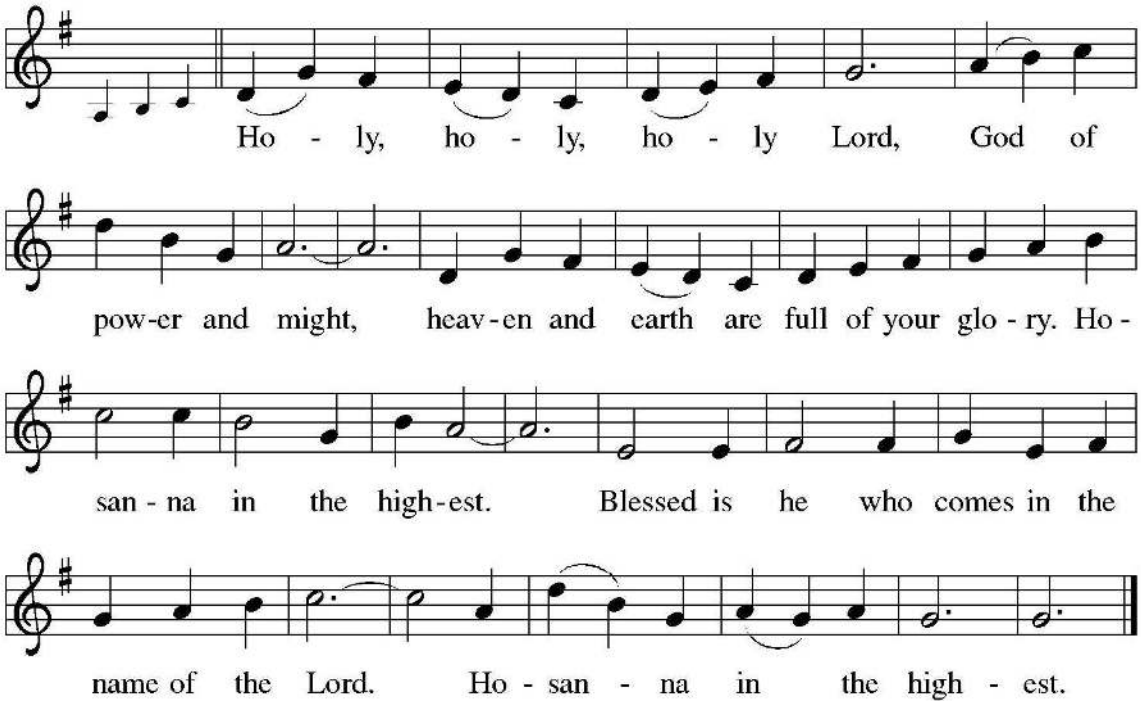
+ DIALOGUE ELW p. 107



+ PROPER PREFACE

It is right, our duty, and our joy.....and join their unending hymn.

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 108



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

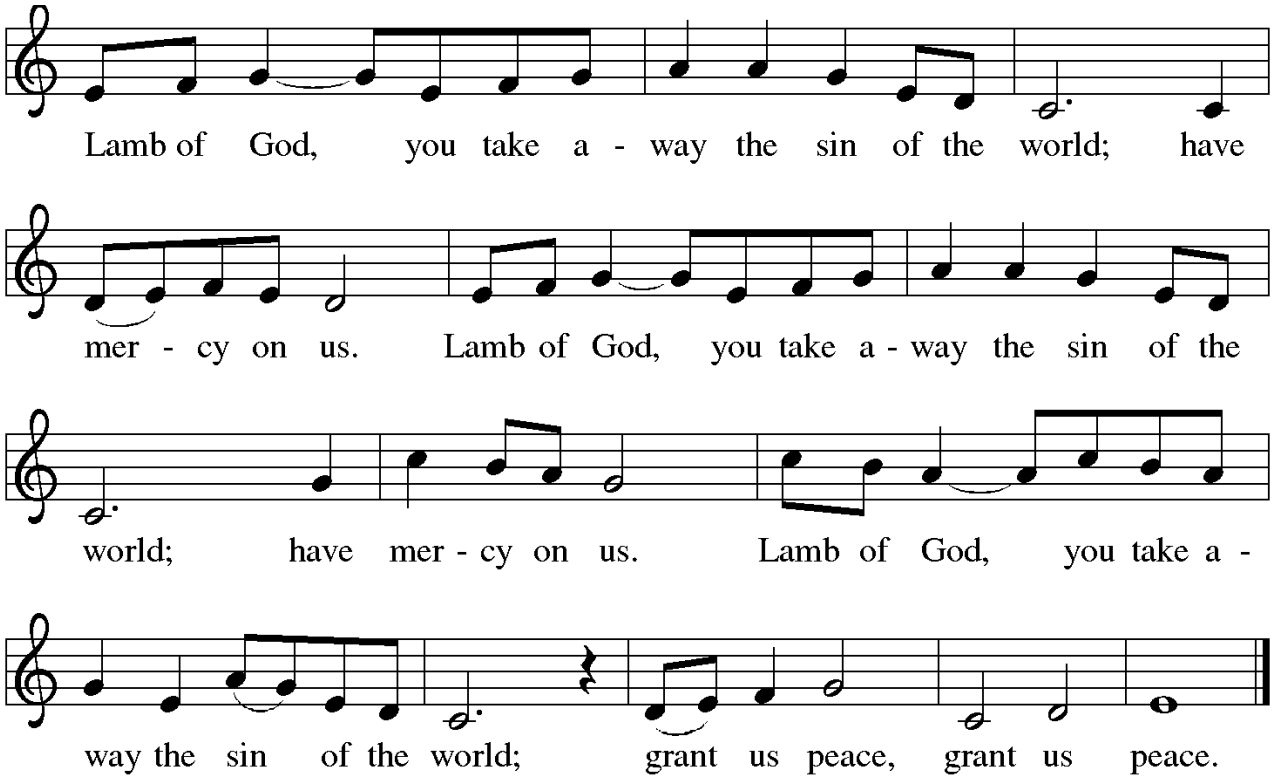
In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.

+ LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or version of your heart:
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
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

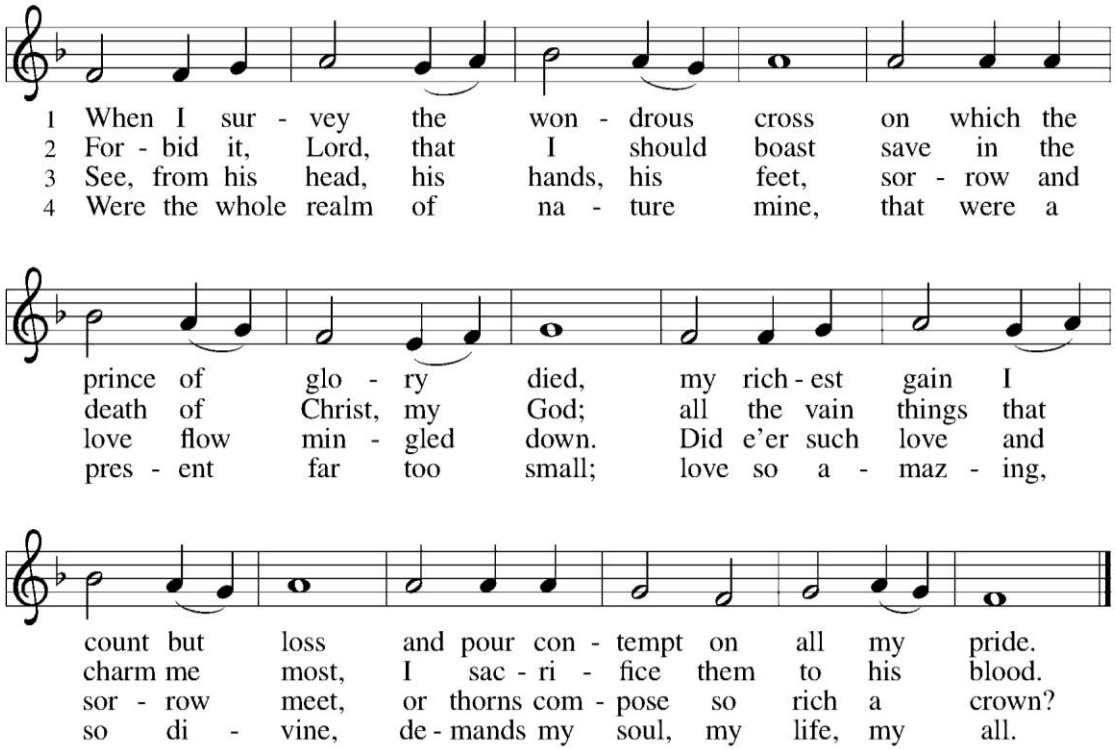
DISTRIBUTION
Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion continuously. If you wish to kneel, please do so after receiving the elements and then proceed to the side aisles. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to 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. Please let the presiding minister know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. 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.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ELW 803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

ELW 757 "All My Hope on God Is Founded"



ELW 377 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"



+ 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

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace
✢ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN ELW 632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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+Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Gerhard Krapf **Charles Potter**

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