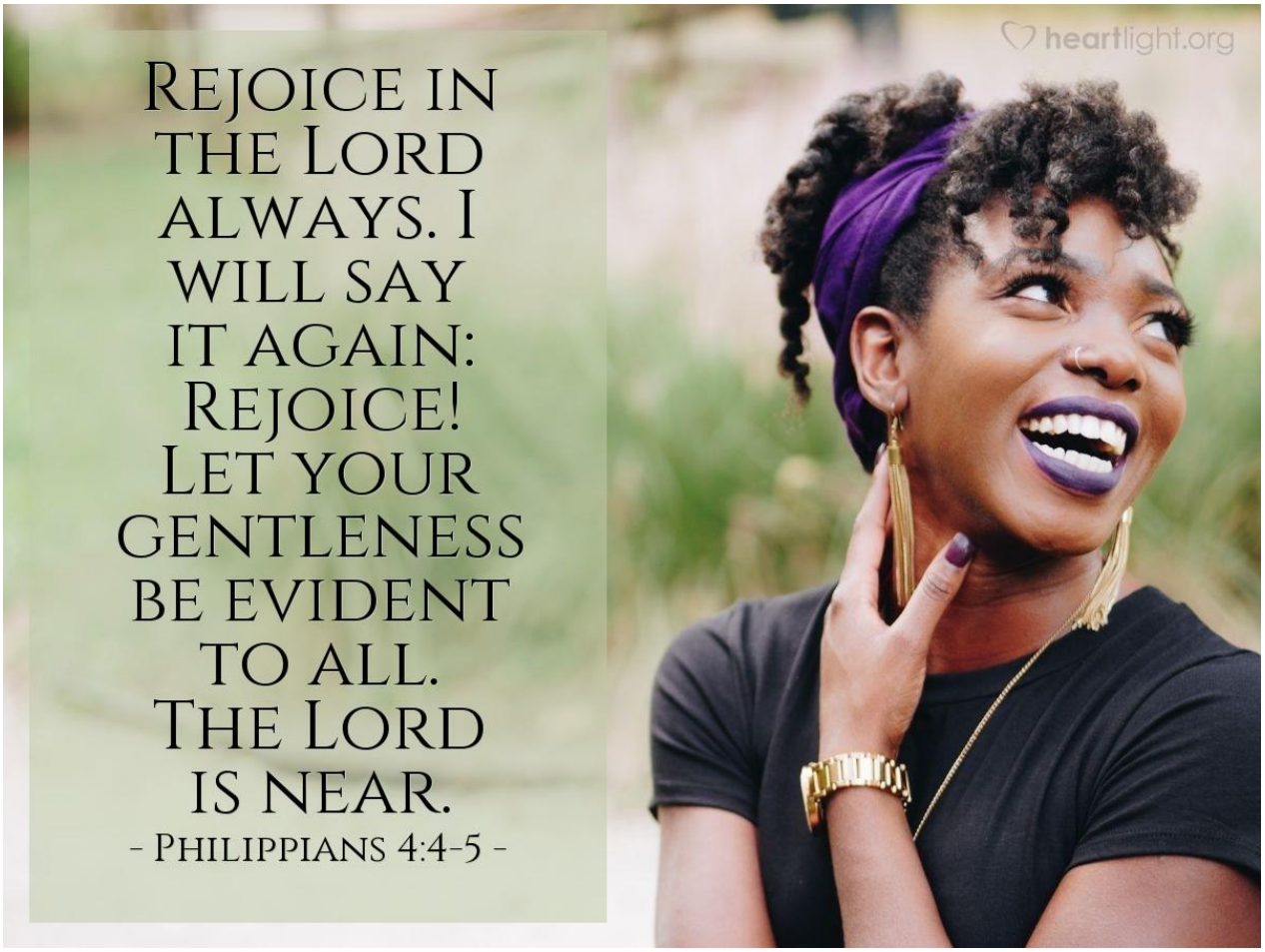
ZION
Lutheran Church



20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
11:00 a.m.

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Zion's Phone Number **563-263-5074**

SAM Candidate– Tyler Baars
Reader -Kathleen Schippers
Music Minister – Charles Potter
Holy Communion, ELW Setting 1

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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.
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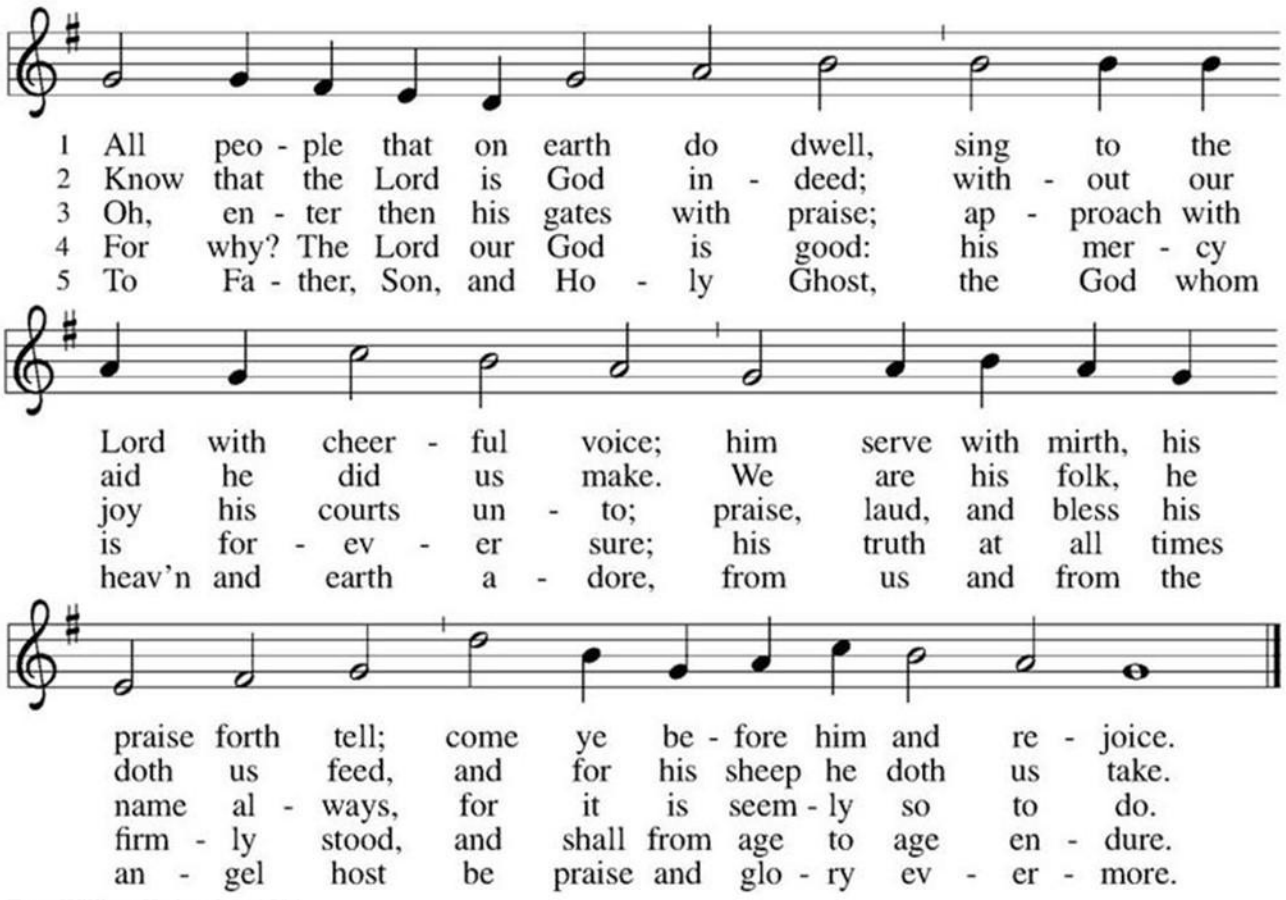
PRELUDE **Charles Potter**
"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need" Alice Jordan
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Gustav Merkel; Johann Pachelbel

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 883 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"



Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

+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
In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray
to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

+Hymn of Praise: page 99




Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

+Prayer of the Day:
Let us pray,
Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM "Great Great Morning" Soloist Mark Frye Senior Choir

FIRST READING
Isaiah 25:1-9

1 O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

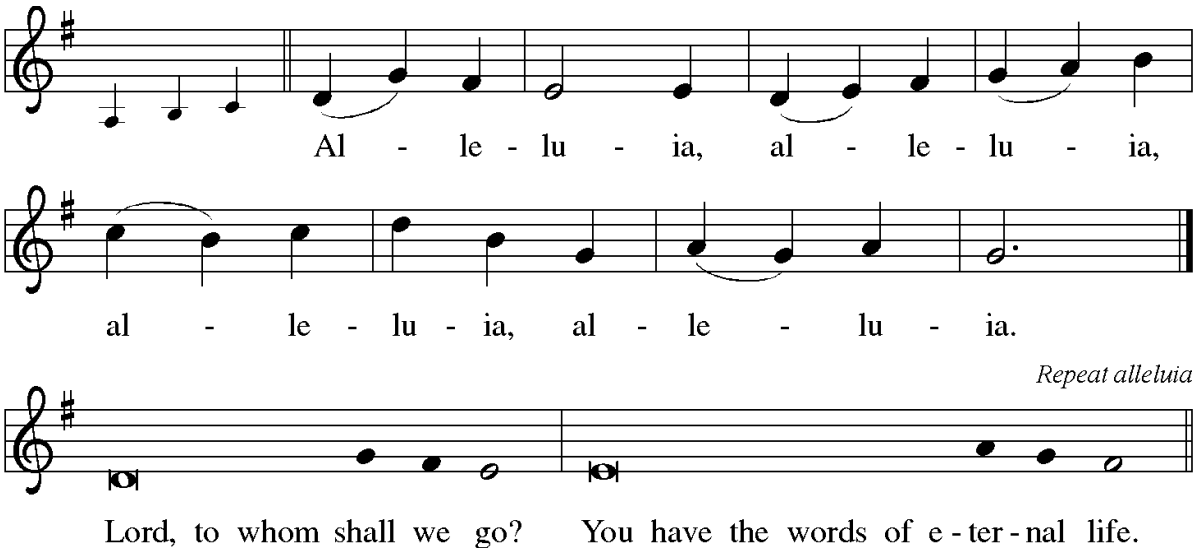
1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
2 The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
3 You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

1 My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.
The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON– Sarah Evans

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 102



+GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call
those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he
sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my
dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to
the wedding banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to
his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king
was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then
he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go
therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding
banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both
good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

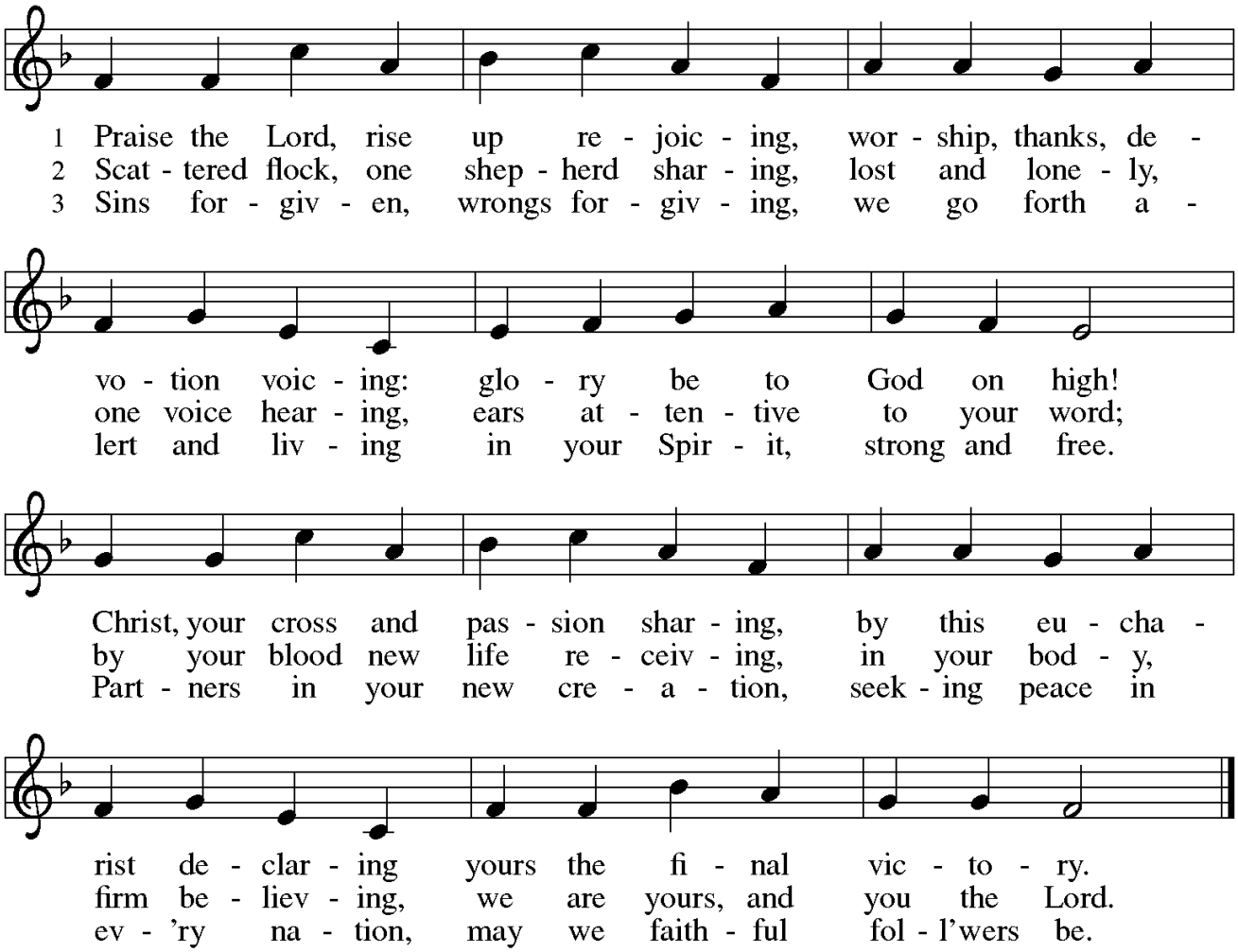
11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not
wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a
wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him
hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 544 "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"



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Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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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
Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.
A brief silence.

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God.
Congregational response: **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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MUSICAL OFFERING *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* **Bell Choir**

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.**

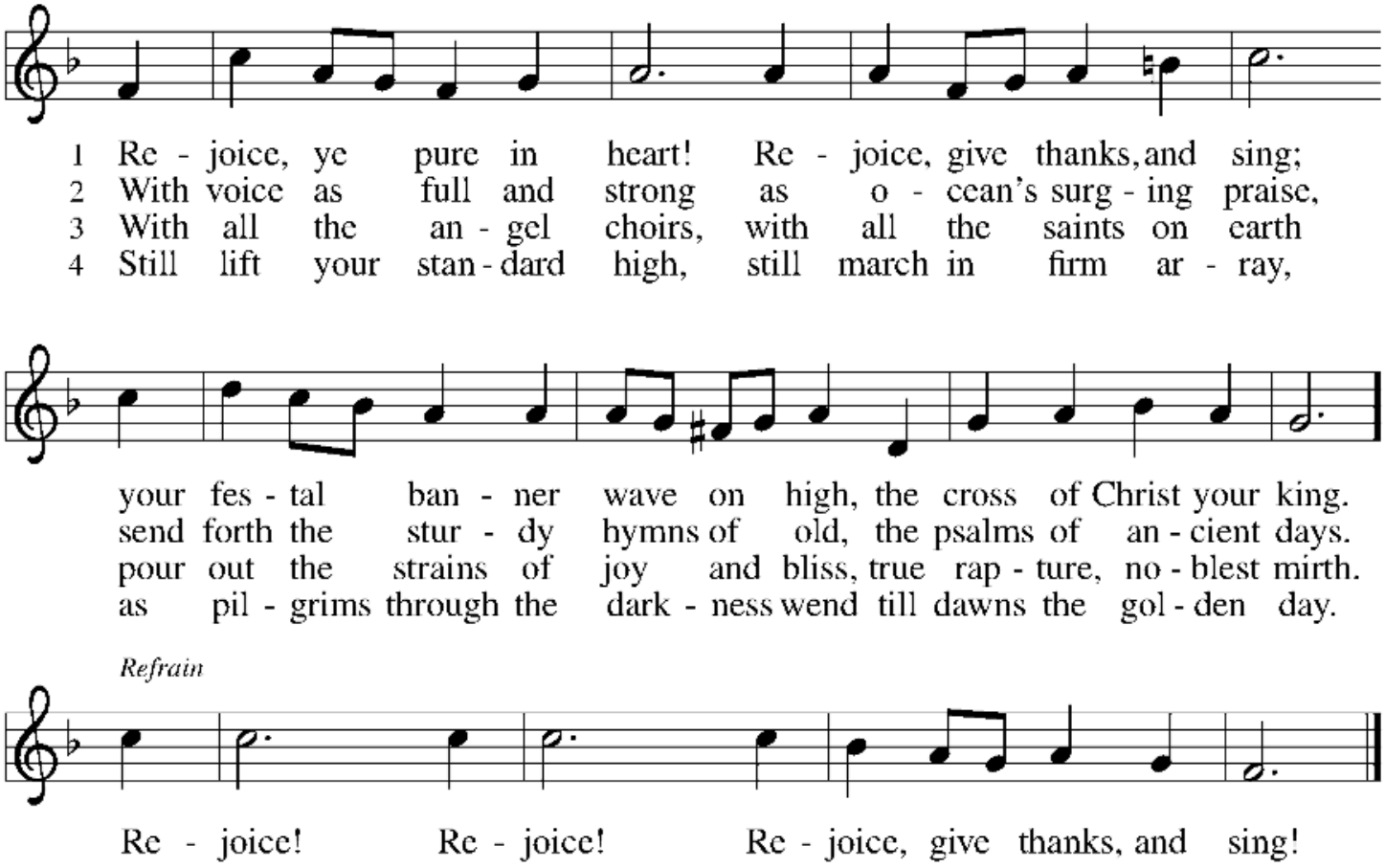
+ LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or version of your heart:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our 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

‡ **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.**

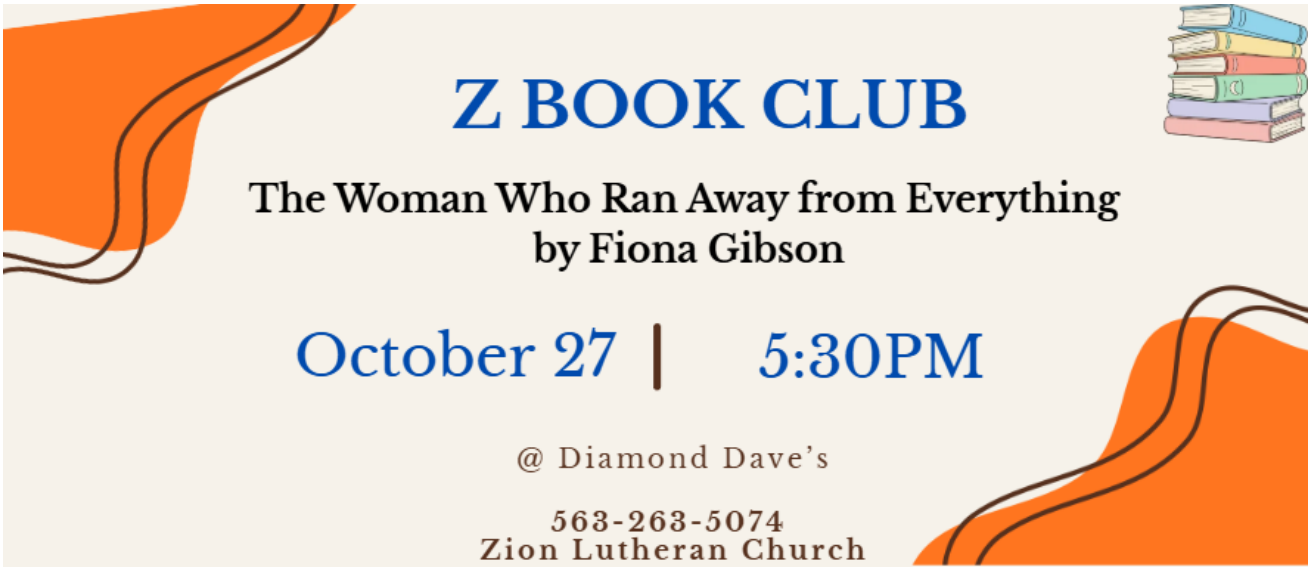
+ SENDING HYMN ELW 873 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"



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

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Gerhard Krapf **Charles Potter**

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