

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 20,
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2026



Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, *"Young man, I say to you, arise."* Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father *"is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think"* (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. *"To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*



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WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS:

As a way to celebrate and remember the vibrant history of the Christian Church—among many other reasons—we utilize the historic liturgy. This may be new and strange to you, or this may be comfortable and familiar. We invite you to sit next to one of our members who will be happy to assist you as you receive God's gifts of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation alongside us.

HOLY COMMUNION AT ZION:

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the Lutheran altar. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. The Bible teaches we cannot be partakers from two differing tables (1 Cor. 10:15-18), and that communion can be taken to our judgment rather than our forgiveness (1 Cor. 11:27-32). It is our earnest desire at Zion that communion be taken according to our Lord's intent (Matthew 26:26-28). Members of Zion, out of love for their neighbor, can be of great assistance in this endeavor to bring others into the truth of this supper by encouraging visitors to speak with the pastor if they desire Holy Communion

On preparing for worship: When we go to church, we enter into the Lord's sacred space, which has been set apart by the word of God and prayer. Prepare yourself for the divine service by praying one or more of the prayers found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Hymn of Invocation: 661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War



1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.
2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave,
3 A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came,
4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?
Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save.
Twelve val - iant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.
A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joyce, In robes of light ar-rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um-phant o - ver pain,
Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor - tal pain,
They met the ty - rant's bran-dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol - lows in His train.
He prayed for those who did the wrong—Who fol - lows in his train?
They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol - lows in their train?
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with

which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 86:17, 12-13, 16; antiphon: vv.3, 5

P Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you I cry all the day.

C For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving
Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

P Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
For I am poor and needy.

C In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
For you answer me.

P I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
And I will glorify your name forever.

C For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you I cry all the day.

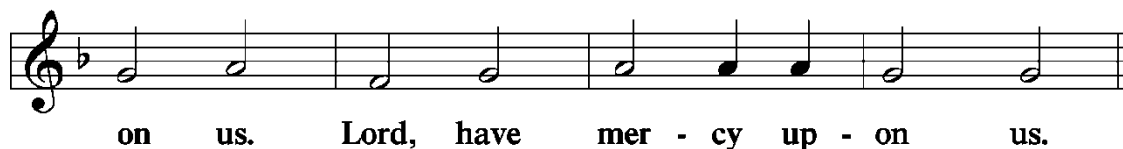
C For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



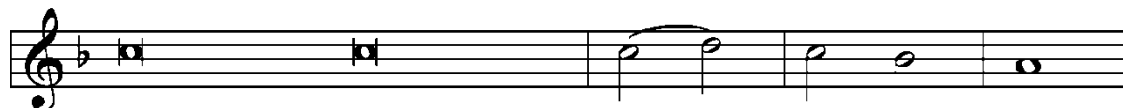
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



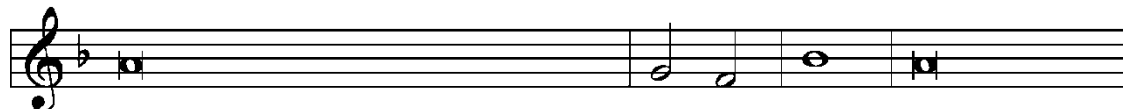
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



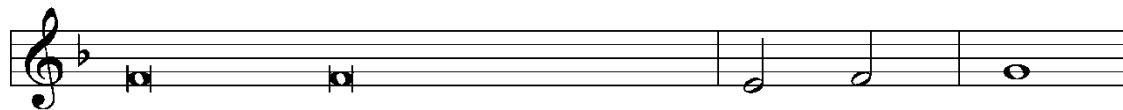
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

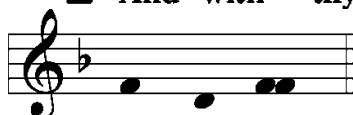
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 102: 15-16

P Nations will fear the name of the Lord,
And all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

**C For the Lord builds up Zion;
He appears in his glory.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:13–21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he

had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
 2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
 3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
 4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for

hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
 cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
 mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
 you In ways to rouse your won - der At

sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
 your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
 makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
 all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise

tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
 keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will

find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
 win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
 til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
 ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

5 O blessed heir of heaven,
 You'll hear the song resound
 Of endless jubilation
 When you with life are crowned.
 In your right hand your maker

Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly
With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son into the world to put an end to death. Keep us from losing heart in the face of sorrow, strengthen us with power through Your Holy Spirit, and help us to know the love of Christ, that through Him we will no longer weep. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, we ask You to raise up pastors, teachers, missionaries and servants for all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and new congregations, that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them. Do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Faithful Father, when loss and heartache invade our homes and tempt us to doubt Your divine care, hear our cries and renew our faith and life in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of life and death, You have given all things into the hands of Your Son. Inspire those who bear the sword in His stead to do so in faithfulness and love for their fellow man. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, in His compassion Your Son responded to the need of the widow of Nain and raised her son from death to life. Have mercy on all who are ill or receiving treatments [*especially* _____]. Relieve them of their discomfort and grant them healing and recovery according to Your will, that they may glorify You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, You invite us again to Your table to receive the medicine of immortality in the body and blood of Christ, Your Son. May we receive this Sacrament rightly, that with faith strengthened and sins forgiven our lives may be lived in holiness and godliness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, Your saints in heaven now know as they are known and comprehend the fullness of Your love in Christ. Conduct our way through this fallen world to join

them in Your heavenly presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Karen Euscher.

C Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Karen from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep her in the certainty of her salvation that she has by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Karen in our prayers this week and let her know that we love her in Jesus Christ.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

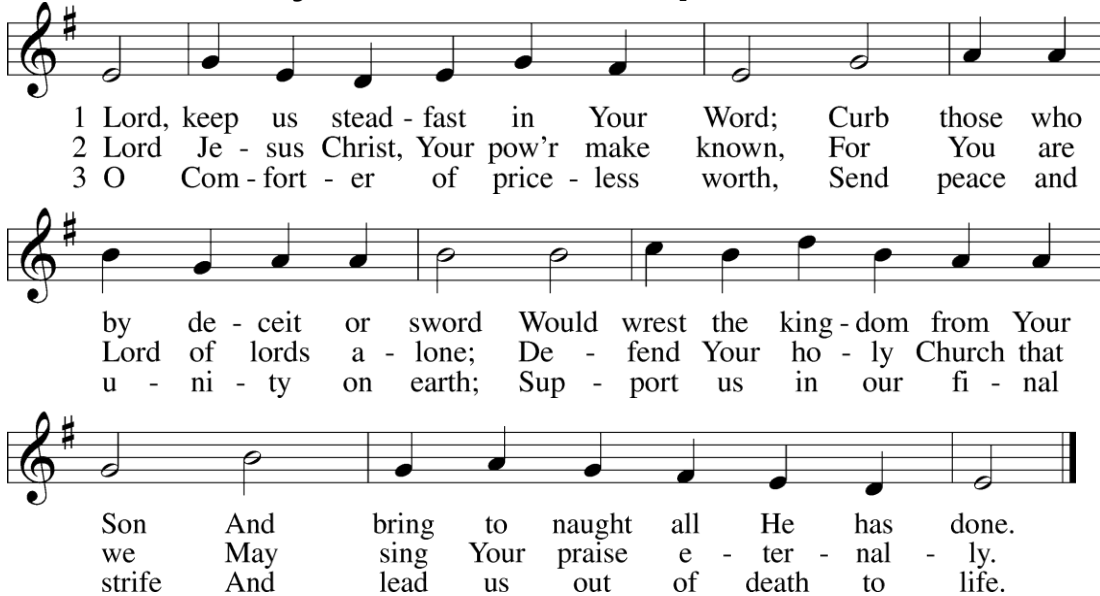
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Distribution

Those participating in communion are asked to exit the pew on the outer aisle.

When coming forward to receive communion we ask that 7 people from each side approach the altar. The Chalice and Individual Cups are offered at the Supper; you can specify to the servers which cup you would like to receive from. After the blessing, please exit down the center aisle, placing your cup in the bowl near the font.

Distribution Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



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
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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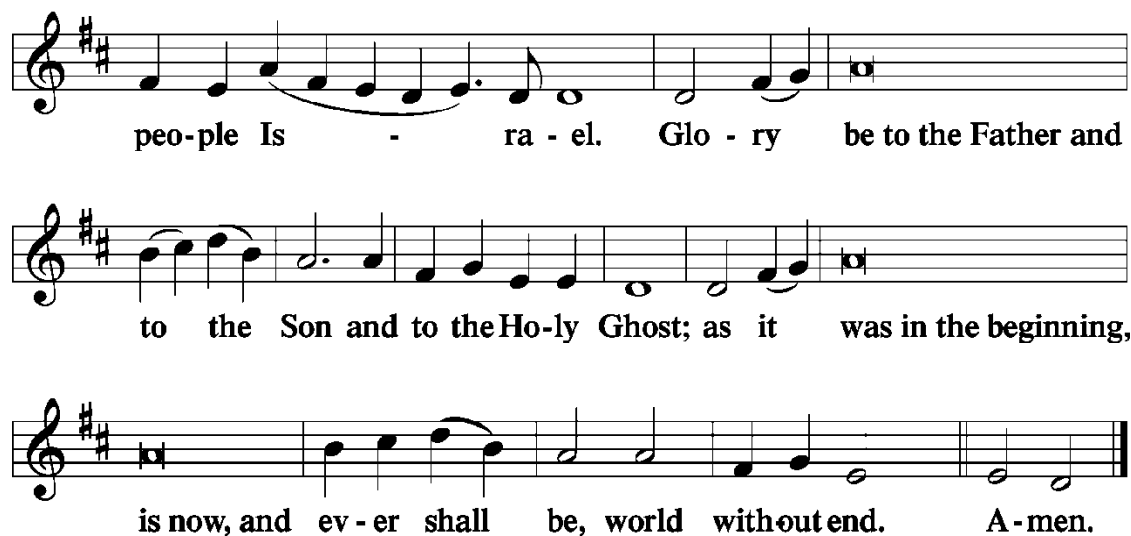
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Nunc Dimittis

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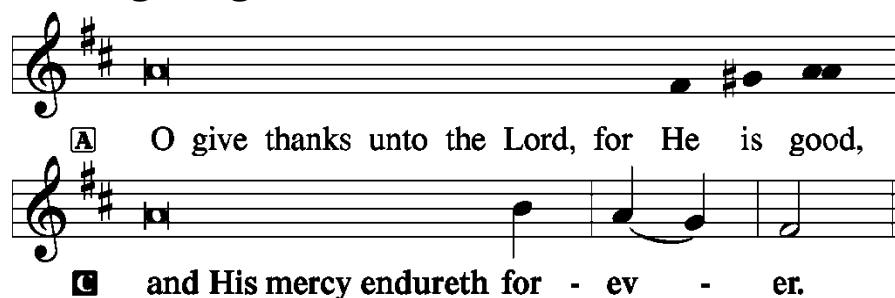
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

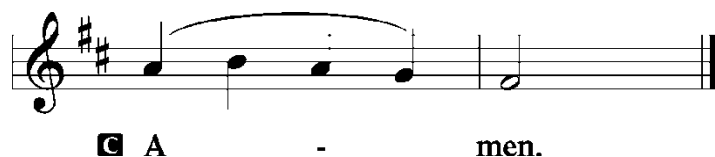
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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.



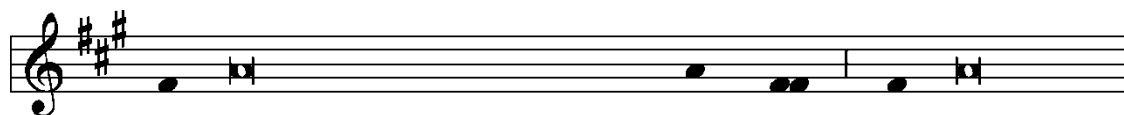
A Bless we the Lord.



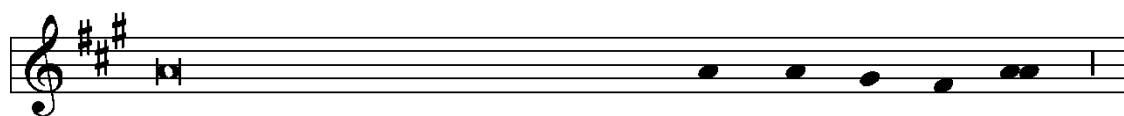
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

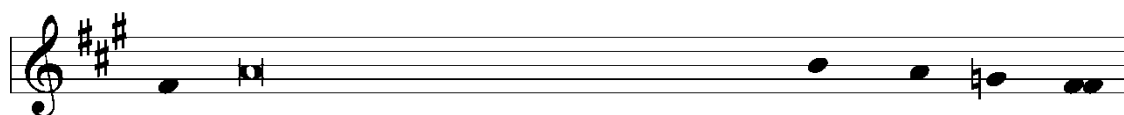
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn to Depart: 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

Luther Classical College

The Luther Classical College is located on sixteen acres on the campus of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and School, Casper, WY. With a population of 60,000, Casper has two conservative, liturgical LCMS congregations of about three hundred members each. The college will be opening in the Fall of 2025.

The college is taking a staged approach to build its multi-facility campus. The buildings will include space for classrooms, a library, auditorium, offices, and a common area for students to gather. Houses for student living will also be built on campus. The Wyoming District Office is just south of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and has the beginnings of a theological library.

The college will provide a conservative, classical Lutheran education to Lutheran students. Paramount will be the promotion of Christian culture, a stress on the priority of Christian marriage, family, and piety, and a cultivation of confessional Lutheran theology, liturgy, hymnody, and identity. With courses using the "great books" of the past for the core curriculum, the college will offer Latin, history, theology, literature, logic, rhetoric, music, geometry, biology, and mathematics, all within a purposefully Christian and Lutheran framework.

The college years are typically the most formative years in a young adult's life. These are the years when they most often find their spouses, decide on a career, and make decisions that last a lifetime. There is desperate need for a college where conservative Lutheran young men and women can learn the truth of the Christian faith, be encouraged in genuine Lutheran culture, and meet pious, Lutheran husbands and wives. The return to a classical model, which hands down both traditional morality and clear thinking through study of logic, rhetoric, and the best of ancient literature and wisdom, will prepare students for life in church, home, and community.

All funds received will go directly to Luther Classical College.

Prayer Family

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Cleaners

Sept. 20-26: Eric & Brook Olson, Sam & Beka Helm, Duane & Shelli Begemann

FB Live for the Month of September

20th Evan 27th Cindy

Ushers for the Month of September

20th Brian 27th Andrew

Pastor's Study Hours:

Tuesday: 8:30-noon, 1-3:30 pm

Wednesday: 8:30-9 (then Redeemer hours)

Thursday: 8:30-noon, 1-2:30 pm

Friday: (Redeemer hours)

This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today	9:30 am Coffee Hour
	10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
	11:45 am Bible Study and Sunday School
	12:30 pm Private Confession/Absolution
	2:00 pm Confessions Study-Zion
Mon. 21st	Church Cleaning
Wed. 23rd	9:00 am Bible Study
	4:00 pm Confirmation Class @ Redeemer
Sun. 27th	9:30 am Coffee Hour
	10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
	11:45 am Bible Study & Sunday School
	12:30 pm Private Confession/Absolution

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, September 13

Worship Attendance: 39

Catechesis: 8

Category	Received Last Week	Received for September	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 3,620.00	\$ 13,124.83	\$ 102,533.90	\$112,065.88	\$ (9,531.98)
Misc. Income	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.50		\$ 9.00		
Building Fund	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 4,200.00		
Cemetery Fund				\$ 1,800.00		
Memorial Fund						
Vehicle Fund						
ND Missions	\$ 385.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 14,503.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ (3,997.00)
Mission of Month	\$ 260.00	\$ 1,057.76		\$ 6,831.04		
Parking Lot						

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 157,498.00

ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

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Prayer and Petitions

Sept. 20, 2026

Please let Pastor know if you want a request added or removed

Remembering Our Shut-Ins

Donna Olson and Martha Asche at Beverly Ann, Lisbon

Iris Meyer at Forman Villas

Teresa Rodahl and Corrine Haussler at Four Seasons Manor, Forman

Remembering Those Who Serve

Rick Gaden: National Guard

Nate Utecht: US Navy in Washington DC

Chris Mathias, Bob Orn, Sam Helm: Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Mother with child

Alexys McFarland



Issues, Etc.
Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

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From the ND District President: The Estate of the Church is the Estate that the Lord has given to proclaim eternal life in Christ. The Lord has ordered His Church as those who hear the Word and those who preach the Word. (John 10:27; Luke 10:16; Acts 20:28-30; among many others) When one walks into the Divine Service, the primary job of the hearer of the Word is to receive, and the primary job of the preacher is to preach, proclaim, and distribute the Gifts to Christ's Bride. Certainly the hearers offer their thanks and praise, but, like a patron in a restaurant, the primary vocation of the hearer is to receive the Gifts of Word and Sacrament. Luther writes in his work On the Councils and the Church, "Now wherever you find these offices or officeholders, you may know that God's people, the holy Christian people, are there. For the church cannot be without bishops, pastors, and preachers, and conversely, they cannot be without the church; the two must exist together." —Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

The installation service for Pastor Grieve as Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, will be Friday, Sept. 25, 5 p.m. at Redeemer in Lisbon. The service will be followed by dinner.

There will be a **youth bonfire this Saturday, Sept. 26**, from 6-9 p.m. in Ellendale. Please let pastor know if you are interested in attending this youth event!

The Most Dangerous Sin In The World

The most dangerous sin in the world is the sin of not believing that the Bible is the word of God. To not believe in Godly authorship of the Scriptures is to call everything into question that is believed by any Christian. Remember what the serpent said in the Garden of Eden to Eve: Did God actually say...(Genesis 3:1). Not only does that call into question the meaning of what God said, but even more dangerous than that, it calls into question whether God said it at all, and that He meant what He said.

Adam and Eve did indeed die for disobeying God's word and obeying the serpent's word...not physically, but spiritually. They no longer believed God. What do those who do not believe God's word do? Exactly what Adam and Eve did: And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden (Genesis 3:8). They run away from God and try to hide. The sin of "did God actually say" is the most dangerous sin of our day.

That sin is why we have so-called same-sex marriage, so-called women pastors, sexual perversions of many kinds, people who believe in open communion, those who are fine with abortion, and much more. When you do not believe that God is even saying what He Himself is saying, how will you believe that God is serious about what He is saying!? There is only one remedy to the sin of not believing that God is the divine author of the Bible. Repent, believe that He is the author of His own word, and trust that Jesus Christ died even for that sin, and will forgive it unto one's eternal salvation!