

Zion St. John Lutheran Church

*Being the Body of Christ*

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September 28, 2025 9:00 am 16th Sunday of Pentecost

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*Welcome In*

ZSJ Praise Team

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**150 VIDEO**

*Stand*

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage 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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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**

**OPENING SONG**

*Forever*

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise

2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise [2x]

**Refrain:** Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

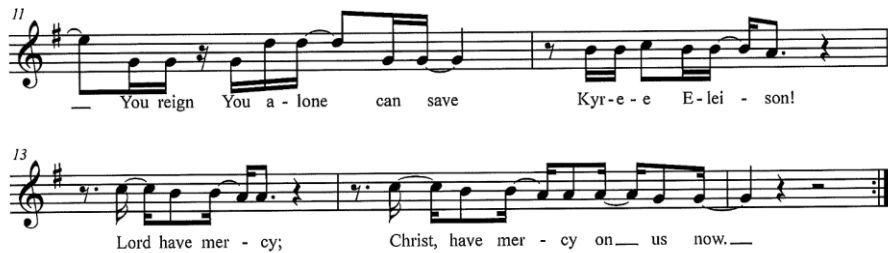
3. From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise [2x] **Refrain (2x)**

**GREETING**

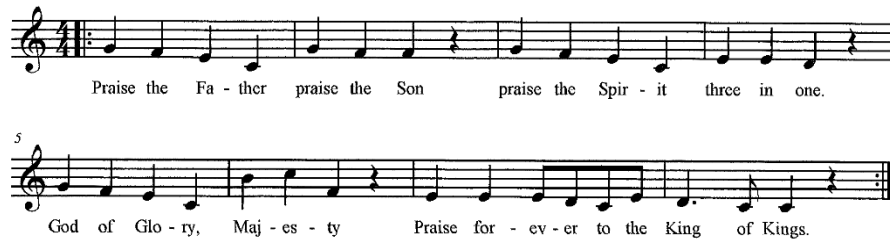
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

The musical score for the Kyrie is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics 'P: Lord have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, hear our cry and heal our land. Let' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Kind-ness lead us to re - pent-ance; bring us back a - gain. C: for Your name'. The third staff concludes the piece with the lyrics 'is great. and Your heart is grace Kyr - i - e E - lei son! O - ver all'. The music is written in a clear, legible font, and the lyrics are aligned with the notes.



## HYMN OF PRAISE



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

*Sit*

**FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

- <sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
- <sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall,
- <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
- <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich

fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

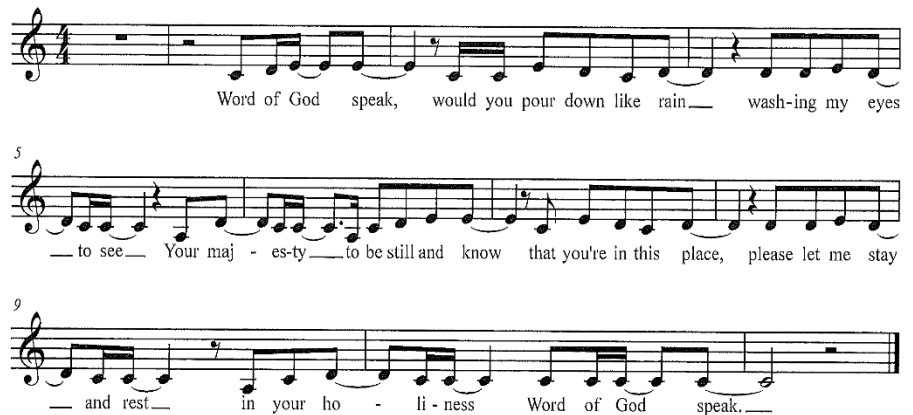
<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the sixteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

### SONG OF THE DAY *Living Hope*

1. How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness, your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope
2. Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The king of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

**Refrain:** Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope **(repeat)**

3. Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, Yours is the victory! **Refrain**

*Stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## THE PRAYERS

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each petition:* God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit*

**OFFERING**     *Holy Forever*

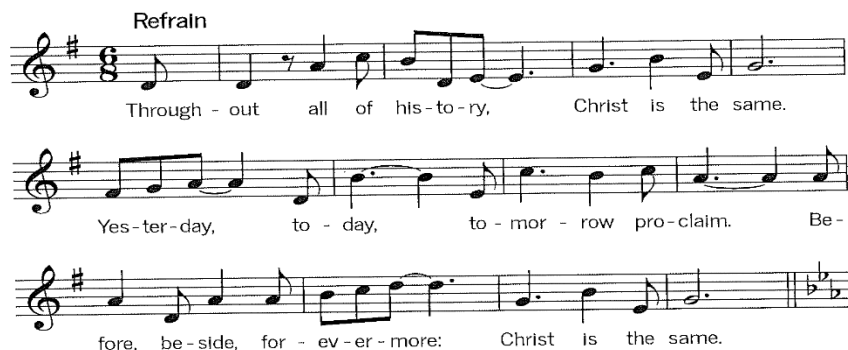
1. A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

**Refrain:**     And the angels cry holy! All creation cries holy!  
You are lifted high, holy! Holy forever!

2. If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen. **Refrain**
3. Hear Your people sing holy! To the King of kings, holy!  
You will always be holy! Holy forever!
4. Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all. (2x) **Refrain, vs 3**

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**OFFERTORY**     *Christ is the Same*



**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

**BLESSING** (2x, praise team, then all; SS children are welcome to join)

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

Make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, Amen, Amen

**SENDING SONG**     *For All You've Done*

1. My Savior, Redeemer, lifted me from the miry clay  
Almighty forever, I will never be the same.  
'Cause You came near from the everlasting  
To the world we live, the Father's only Son  
**Refrain:** And You lived, You died  
You rose again on high, You opened the way  
For the world to live again,  
Hallelujah for all You've done. **2x**
2. 'Cause You came near from the everlasting to the world we live  
The Father's only Son. (2x) **Refrain 2x**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **Stewardship**

**...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us**

#### **Our Selves...**

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...ZSJ Praise Team   Lector...Nancy R

Greeters/ Fellowship...Megan & Joel E

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred Re

#### **Our Time...**

Sept 21...51   LSV...20   SS...19

#### **And Our Possessions...**

Sept 21...\$3,545.00   SS...\$3.00

**...signs of your gracious love**