Zion St. John Lutheran Church
Being the Body of Christ
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November 1, 2026 9:00 am All Saints' Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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 HYMN *For All the Saints* #422

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC *Coming Home* ZSJ Chancel Choir

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one
could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm
branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne
and worshiped God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these,
robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir,
you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship
him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the
throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the
center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to

springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
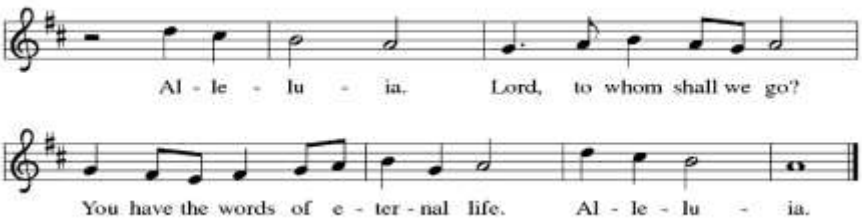
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called
children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not
know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when
he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all
who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after
he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught
them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blest Are They* #728

Stand
NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen**
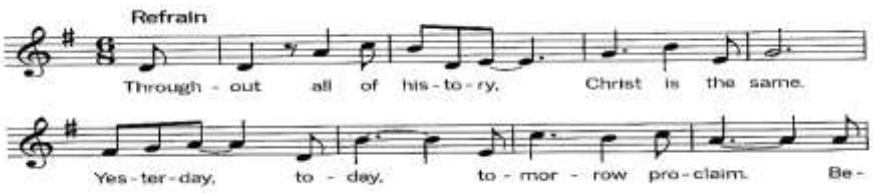
BELL TOLLING *We are Surrounded* ZSJ Chancel Choir
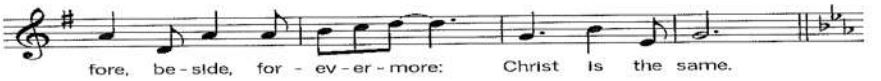
THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

Sit
OFFERING *By All Your Saints, Vs 1, 2 & Last* #421

Stand
OFFERTORY *Christ is the Same*

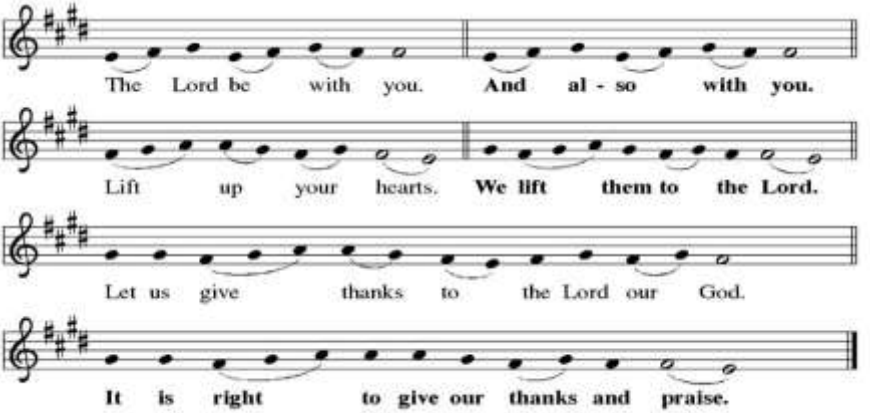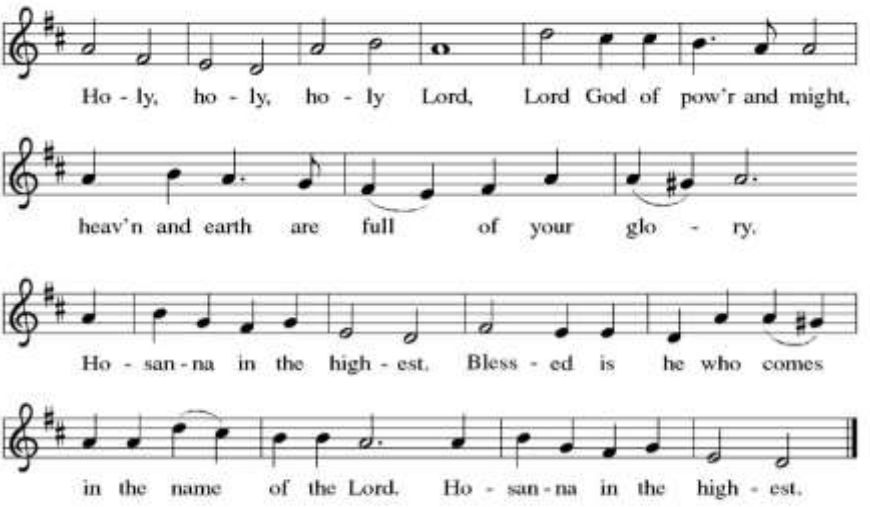




OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray**. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE/ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER
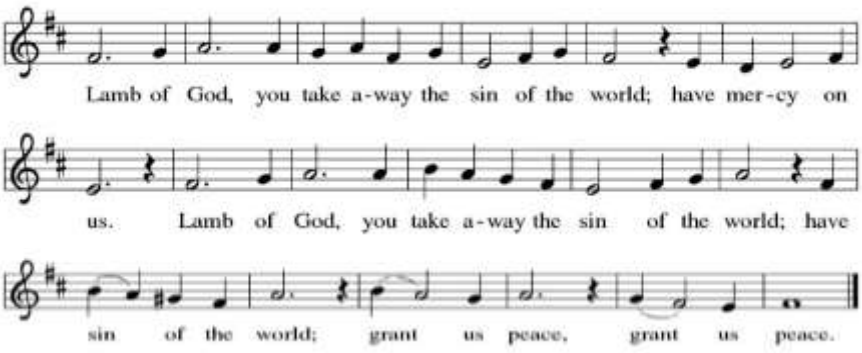
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

LAMB OF GOD



Sit
COMMUNION *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* #424

Stand
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN *Shall We Gather at the River* #423

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…Cindy H Lector…Alice G
Greeters/ Fellowship...Brad & Kim M
Acolyte…Sutton W Crucifer…Renner H
Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

Our Time…

October 25…84 LSV…27

And Our Possessions…

October 25…$3,053.00

...signs of your gracious love