

THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30 AM, AUGUST 16TH, 2026

Prelude

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Welcome & Announcements

The Box

(Juniors ministries will resume in the fall)

Processional Hymn

"All Are Welcome!"

Hymnal 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions
live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as
hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and
vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -
Refrain
Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:
all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Welcome

Vicar: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Assistant: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Vicar: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie (led by cantor)

(WOV page 12)

The musical score is written for a cantor and a congregation. It consists of seven systems of music, each with a cantor's part on a single staff and a congregational response on a two-staff system (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

[A] In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. [A] For the
[C] Lord, have mer - cy.
peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the
Lord. [A] For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the
[C] Lord, have mer - cy.
Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord. [A] For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
[C] Lord, have mer - cy.
wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
[C] Lord, have mer - cy.
[A] Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
[C] A - men.

Sharing of the Peace

Vicar: The peace of God be with you all. **And also with you!**

At Zion we share the ASL/universal sign for peace, or other non-physical contact to greet one another.

Hymn of Praise

“To God Our Thanks We Give” (2 times)

Hymn 682

Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,

re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 7/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. The music is marked with a '2' over a bracket, indicating a second ending or a repeat. The lyrics are: 'Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga, To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,' and 're - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na. to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.'

Prayer of the Day

Assistant: God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Genesis 45:1-15

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.” ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to

Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Special Music “Simple Gifts” Eric Podolsky & Joyce Stearnes Thompson

Sermon Vicar Kelle Shepherd-Bhavsar

Hymn “Healer of Our Every Ill” Hymn 612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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 to the dead. 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Let My Prayer Rise Up (refrain only)

(ELW 232)



For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let My Prayer Rise Up

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind, especially those we bring to you now... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let My Prayer Rise Up

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let My Prayer Rise Up

Vicar: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Offertory:

(WOV page 21)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer:

Vicar: Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Ways to give -

- Venmo @ZionFerndale (confirmation code 7498)
- Vanco mobile app (code VHLXGH)
- www.zionlutheranmi.org
- Offering plate located in the middle of the center aisle
- Mail to church mailing address



Eucharistic Prayer

Vicar: God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is good and right that in all times and places we give thanks for the Spirit and as one people we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful One, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Savior 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Holy One, remember us in your reign and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Distribution

Zion welcomes and encourages those of all faith backgrounds to communion. We believe that the death and resurrection of Christ makes us all worthy and needing of the sacrament regardless of background, age or any other factor.

Communion Hymns

“All Who Are Thirsty”

(ACS 981)

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,

come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.

There's e - nough for all.

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat-tered	and	grown,



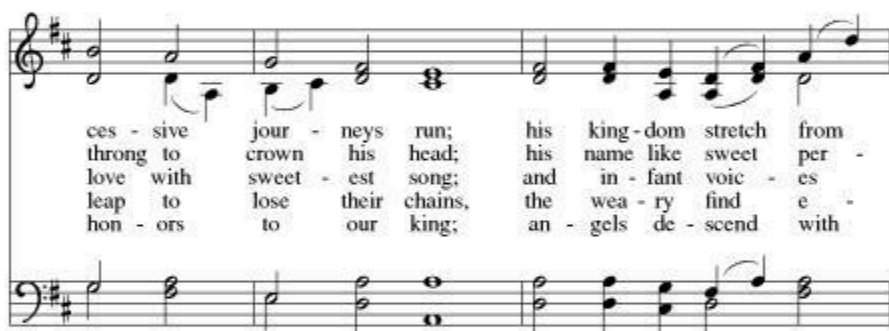
wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Refrain

Vicar: The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - e to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Charge & Benediction

Vicar: May God in the grace of all creation, God in the power of the resurrection, and God in the sustaining Spirit bless you now and forevermore.

Assistant: Go in peace, be good to one another and the world. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Scott Schroeder

Today's Worship Leaders:

Assistant Minister: Stacey Jamison

Lector: Eve Gateman

Cantor: Grace Ward

Staff:

The Rev. Matthew Bode, Pastor

Intern: Vicar Kelle Shepherd-Bhavsar

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Organist: Scott Schroeder

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