

THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30 AM, OCTOBER 18TH, 2026

Prelude

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Welcome & Announcements

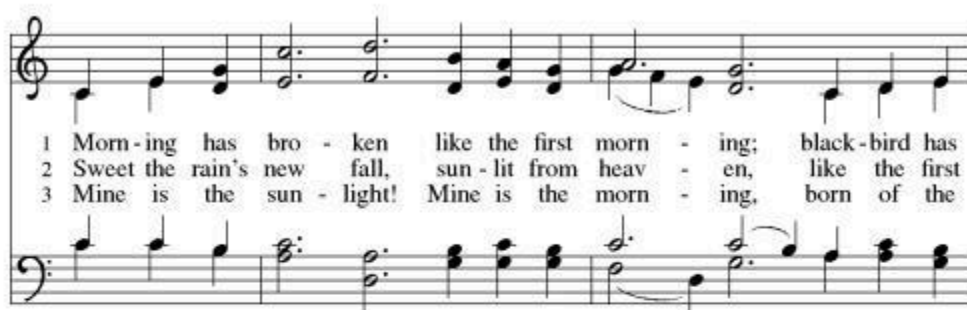
The Box

Juniors Explore leave following
(children ages 4-5 through middle school)

Processional Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

Hymn 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass,
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Opening Litany

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Prayer of St. Francis

Assistant: God, make me an instrument of your peace:

**where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

O divine Creator, grant that I may not so much seek

**to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.**

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Kyrie (led by cantor)

(ELW page 120)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy. For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us
pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: 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.

1 I've got the joy, peace that love of Je - sus, joy, un - der - stand - ing, Je - sus,
 2 I've got the joy, peace that love of Je - sus, joy, un - der - stand - ing, Je - sus,
 3 I've got the joy, peace that love of Je - sus, joy, un - der - stand - ing, Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
 down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
 down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;

I've got the joy, peace that love of Je - sus, joy, un - der - stand - ing, Je - sus,
 I've got the joy, peace that love of Je - sus, joy, un - der - stand - ing, Je - sus,
 I've got the joy, peace that love of Je - sus, joy, un - der - stand - ing, Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
 down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
 down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

Prayer of the Day

Assistant: Sovereign God, **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Proverbs 12:5-10

⁵ The thoughts of the righteous are just; the advice of the wicked is treacherous. ⁶ The words of the wicked are a deadly ambush, but the speech of the upright delivers them. ⁷ The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous will stand. ⁸ One is commended for good sense, but a perverse mind is despised. ⁹ Better to be despised and have produce than to be self-important and lack food. ¹⁰ The righteous know the needs of their animals, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:7–14

- ⁷ Praise God from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ **fire and hail, snow and frost,**
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ **Wild animals and all cattle,**
creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² **Young men and women alike,**
old and young together!
¹³ Let them praise the name of God,
for God's name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ **God has raised up a horn for God's people,**
praise for all God's faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to God.
Praise God!

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(ELW page 124)



Matthew 22:15-22

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

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Special Music

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Vicar Kelle Shepherd-Bhavsar

Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

(WOV 767)

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain



God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings,
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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

Asst: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Come and Fill Our Hearts

(ELW 528)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (ELW 528). It is written for a two-part setting, likely Soprano and Alto, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, we praise you for the majesty of all creation and the diverse creatures entrusted to our care. Look with compassion upon animals that are suffering, lost, or in peril. Protect them from harm, provide skilled and gentle caregivers, and let your merciful intervention preserve their lives as well. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

We lift up to you all animals who endure pain, have strayed from safety, or suffer at human hands. Send your grace to protect them, raise up compassionate advocates to provide for their needs. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all created beings. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering, especially those we bring to you now... To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing for those who continue the work of St. Francis of Assisi to heal our peoples, our pets, and our planet. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Pastor: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Offertory:

“For the Fruit of All Creation” - verse 1
(to the tune of “All Through the Night”)

Hymn 679

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safe keeping, thanks be to God.*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: 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. 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

Pastor: 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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

"Give Thanks"

(TFF 292)

Musical notation for the hymn "Give Thanks". It consists of 10 staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,' let the poor say, 'I am rich,' be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,' let the poor say, 'I am rich,' be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!" The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating the syllables are spread across the notes. A box labeled "Last time" is placed above the final staff.



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

Pastor: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease,
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer-cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray,
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird,
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Charge & Benediction

Pastor: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Vicar: Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders:

Assistant Minister: Tom VanDeGrift

Lector: Hope Hughes

Cantor: Fred Kaiser

Cross Bearer: River Spayde

Juniors Teachers: Danielle Haskins-Nichols/Eric Podolsky

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