

THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE  
10:30 AM, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

Prelude

Scott Schroeder

Welcome & Announcements

The Box

(Juniors ministries will resume in the fall)

Processional Hymn

“Gather Us In”

Hymnal 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
years for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing.



brought here to you in the light of this day,  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meck and so low - ly,  
bread that is yon; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name,  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true,  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Welcome

Pastor: 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

Vicar: 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.**

Pastor: 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 for the Kyrie is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, and the piano part provides harmonic support. The score includes repeat signs and first/second endings.

**System 1:**  
[A] In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. [A] For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the  
[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

**System 2:**  
Lord. [A] For the peace of the whole world, the well-be-ing of the Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

**System 3:**  
Lord. [A] For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
[C] Lord, have mer - cy. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

**System 4:**  
[A] Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.  
[C] 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.*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Assistant: Beloved and sovereign God, **through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your reign of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### **1 Kings 3:5-12**

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

<sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

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

### **Psalm 119:129-136**

<sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

<sup>130</sup> **The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup> With open mouth I pant,  
because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup> **Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your custom toward those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup> Keep my steps steady according to your promise,  
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup> **Redeem me from human oppression,  
that I may keep your precepts.**

<sup>135</sup> Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup> **My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.**

### **Romans 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**

(WOV page 17)



## **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48**

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

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” <sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” <sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Special Music**

“In Christ Alone”

Emilie Snyder

### **Sermon**

Pastor Matthew Bode

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A7 D F#m

righteousness, and all these things shall be  
you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
every word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

added unto you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
opened unto you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

### 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. Minister: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

### *Let My Prayer Rise Up (refrain only)*

(ELW 232)



God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

### *Let My Prayer Rise Up*

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We pray especially for those on our hearts today... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

### *Let My Prayer Rise Up*

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

### *Let My Prayer Rise Up*

Pastor: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**



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:**

Pastor: 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](http://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 good and right that in all times and places we give thanks for the Spirit and as one people we sing:





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 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.

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 our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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

#### "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hymn 705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days,  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

# "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Hymn 775



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,

tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has  
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al

faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;

no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.  
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

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

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
 2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
 asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

**Charge & Benediction**

Pastor: 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: Jim Littrell

Lector: Cat Spayde

Cantor: Kristin Kreiss

**Staff:**

The Rev. Matthew Bode, Pastor

Intern: Vicar Kelle Shepherd-Bhavsar

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