THE 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30 AM, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2026

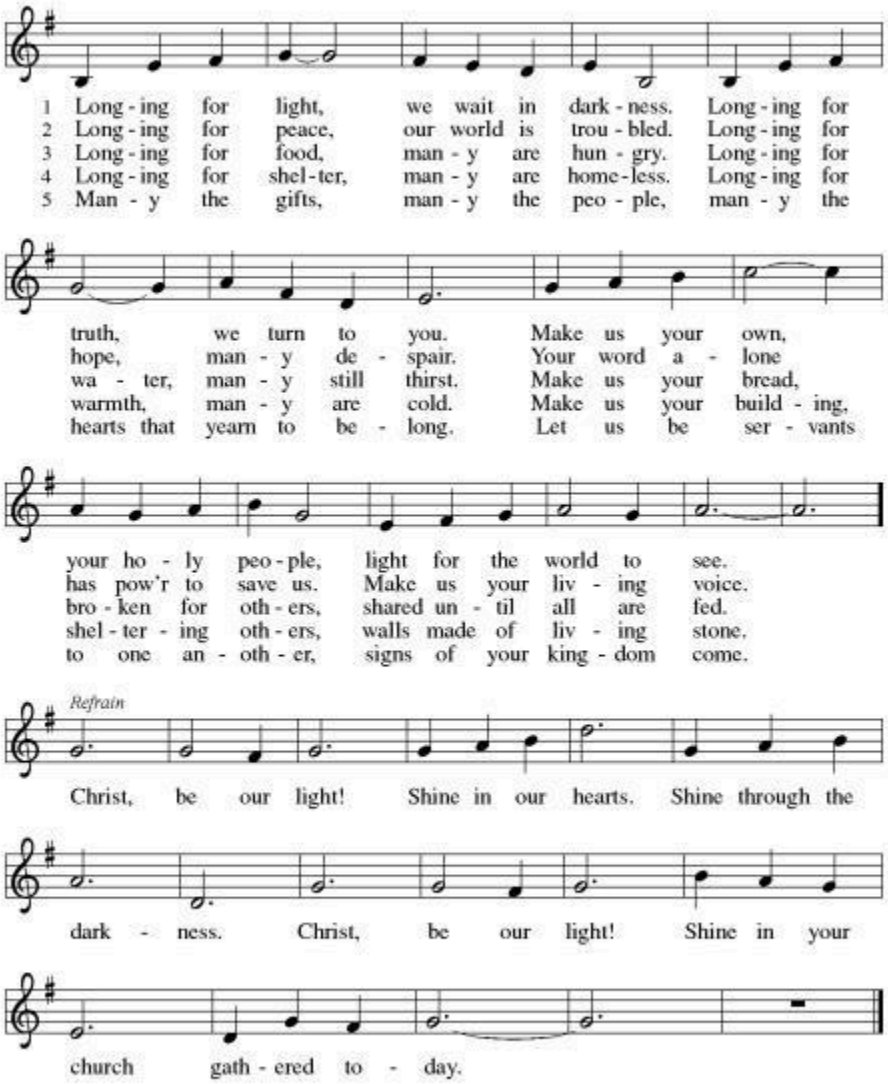
Prelude Scott Schroeder

Welcome & Announcements

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

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Processional Hymn "Christ, Be Our Light" Hymnal 715



Thanksgiving for Baptism
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**.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

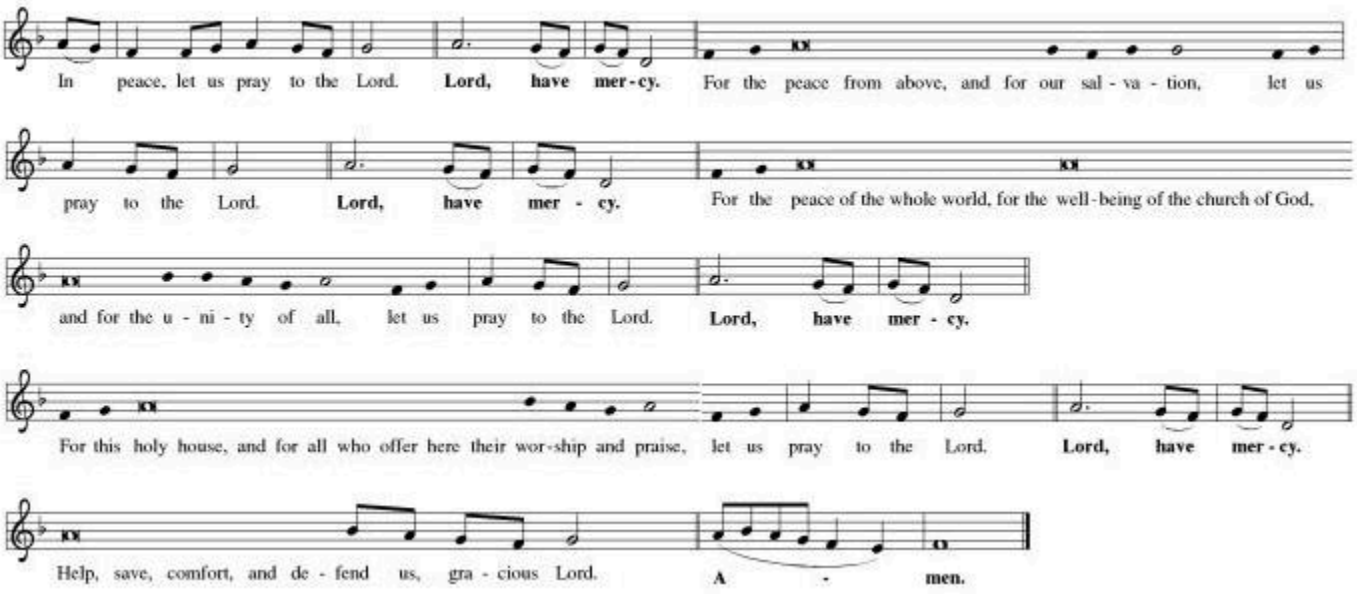
Assistant: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

<u>Kyrie (led by cantor)</u> (ELW page 120)



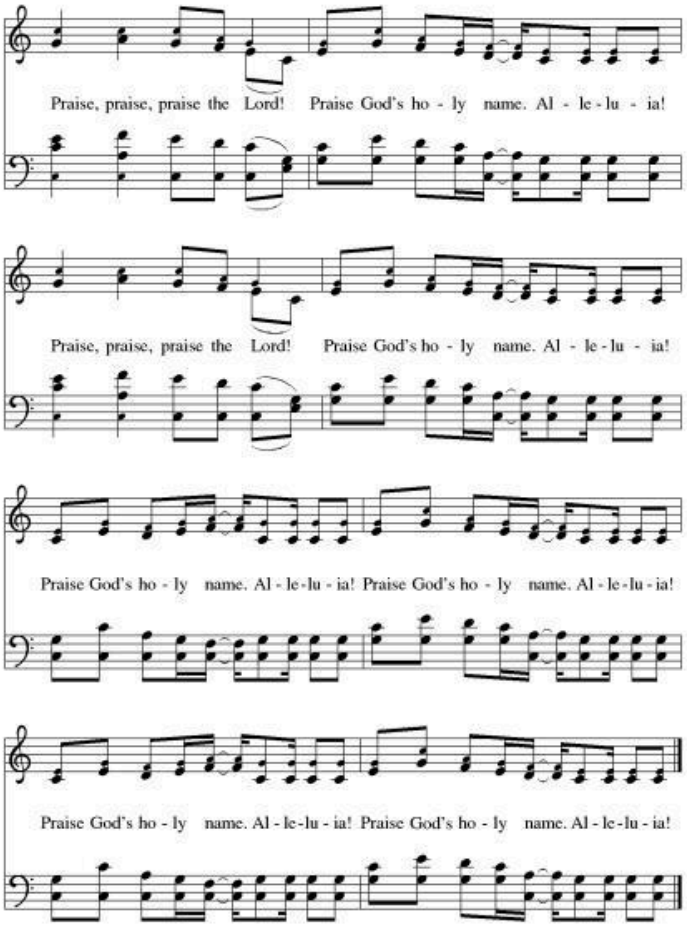
<u>Sharing of the Peace</u>

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.

Hymn of Praise "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord" (2x) Hymn 875

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name, Alleluia! (4x)



Prayer of the Day

Assistant: Righteous God, **our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Sovereign Lord,
for the day of the Lord is near.
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.'
13 Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.
Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine."
14 The great day of the Lord is near—
near and coming quickly.
The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter;
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.
15 That day will be a day of wrath—
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness—
16 a day of trumpet and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the corner towers.
17 "I will bring such distress on all people
that they will grope about like those who are blind,
because they have sinned against the Lord.
Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their entrails like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath."
In the fire of his jealousy
the whole earth will be consumed,
for he will make a sudden end
of all who live on the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

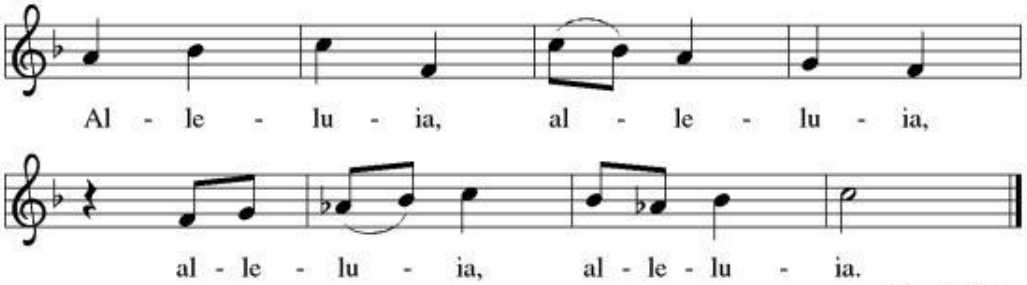
1 God, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
2 Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn people back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
4 A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
6 In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
7 We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
12 Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety,"
destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all
children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let
us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night,
and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith
and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath
but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or
asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in
fact you are doing.

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

Gospel Acclamation (ELW page 124)



Matthew 25:14-30

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

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.
15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability.
Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money
to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man
who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 “After a long
time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received
five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I
have gained five more.’ 21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful
with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ 22 “The
man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have
gained two more.’ 23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a
few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ 24 “Then the
man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting
where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out
and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ 26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy
servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?
27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would
have received it back with interest. 28 “‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten
bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even
what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

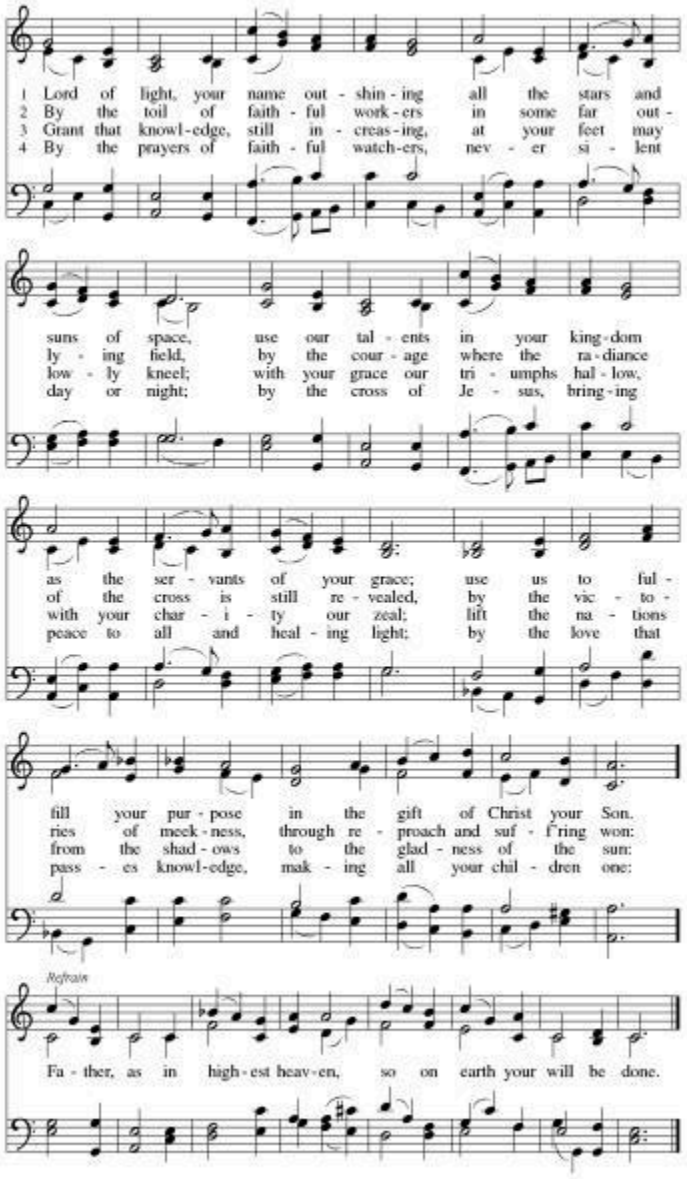
The Gospel of the Living One. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Sermon Pastor Matthew Bode

Hymn "Lord of Light" Hymn 688



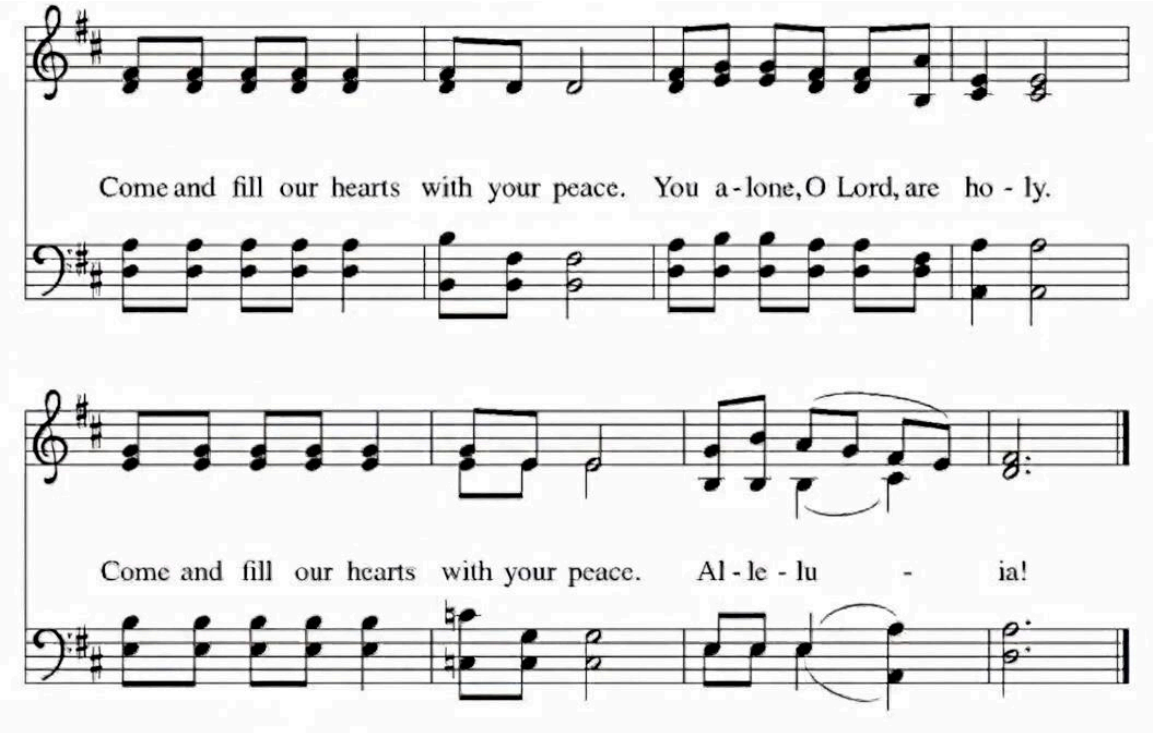
Apostles' Creed

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

Come and Fill Our Hearts (ELW 528)



You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing, especially those we bring to you now... To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

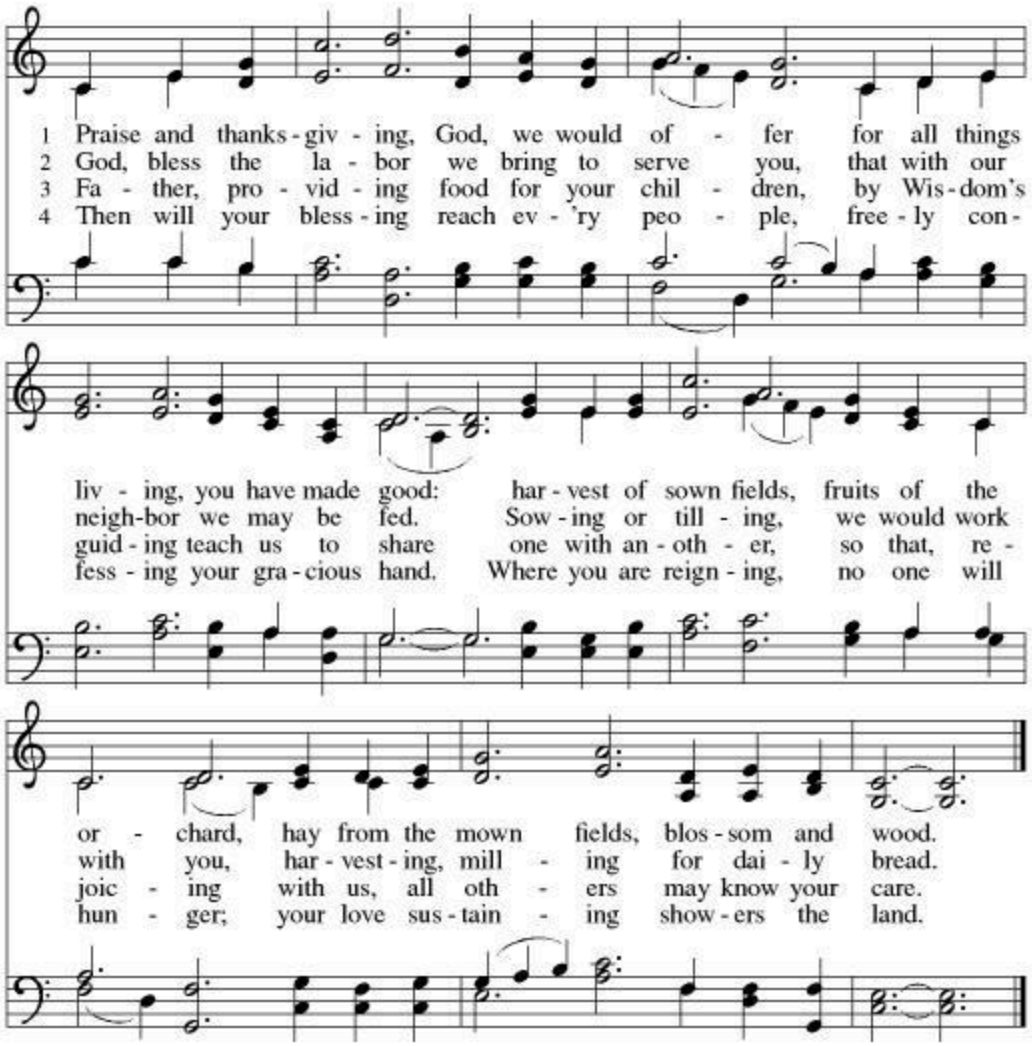
The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Pastor: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen**.

Offertory: "Praise and Thanksgiving" - verse 1 Hymn 689

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good;
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.



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.**

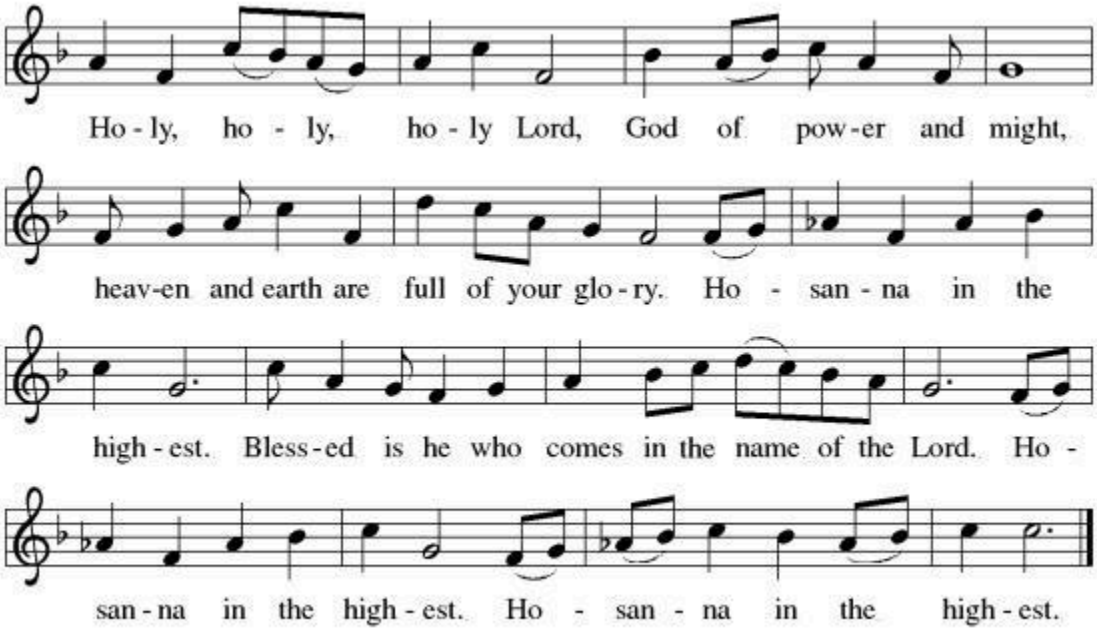
Ways to give -

- *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:



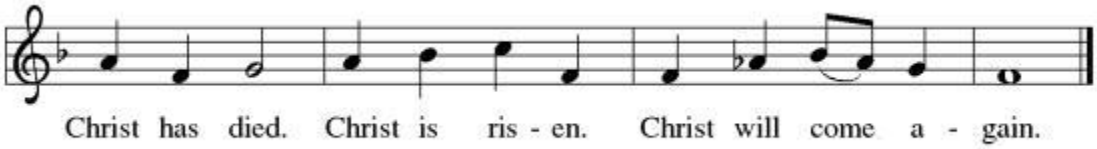
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

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.

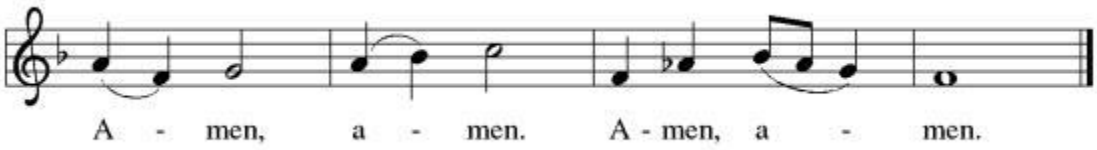
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes.



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:

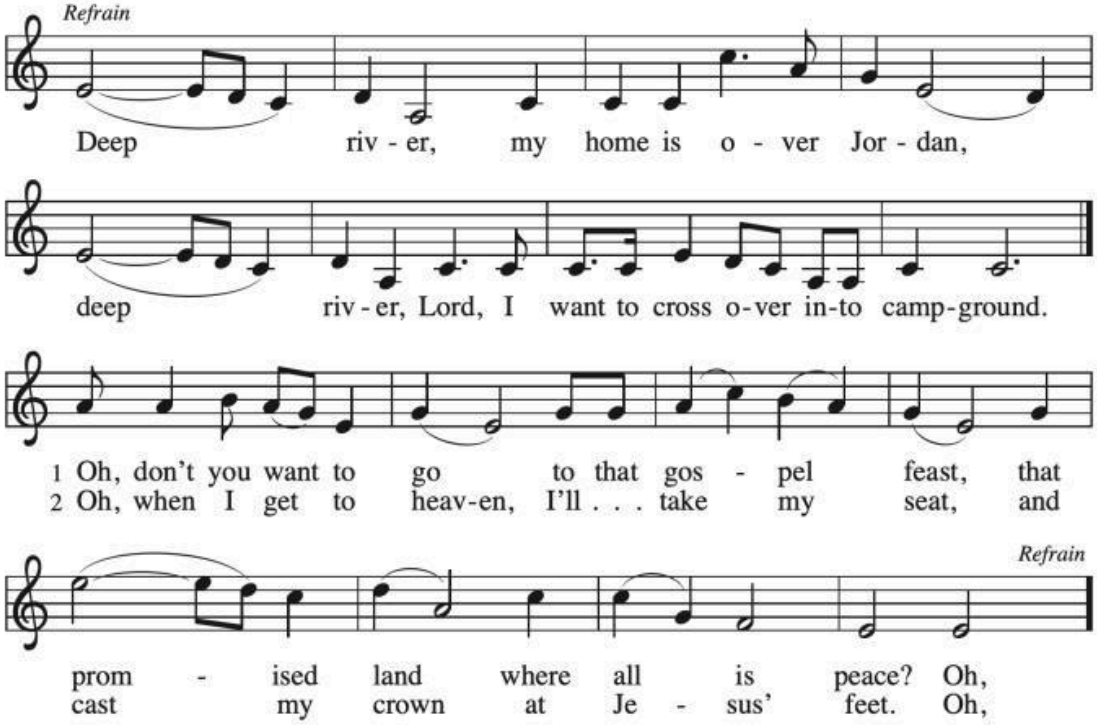
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours,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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

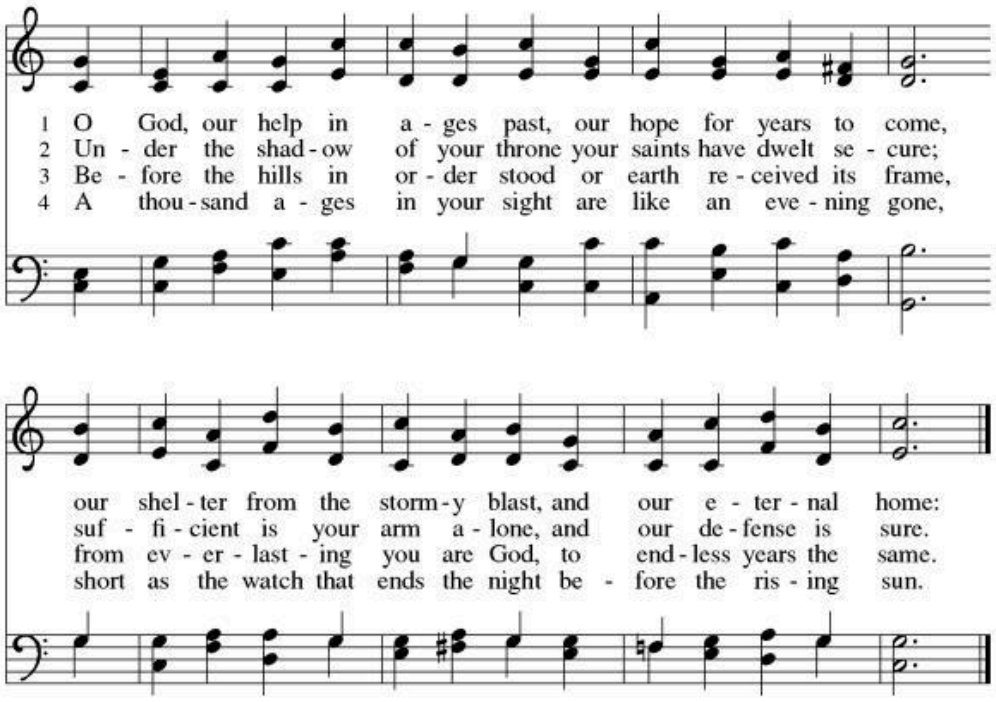
Distribution

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 "Deep River" (ACS 951)



"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hymn 632

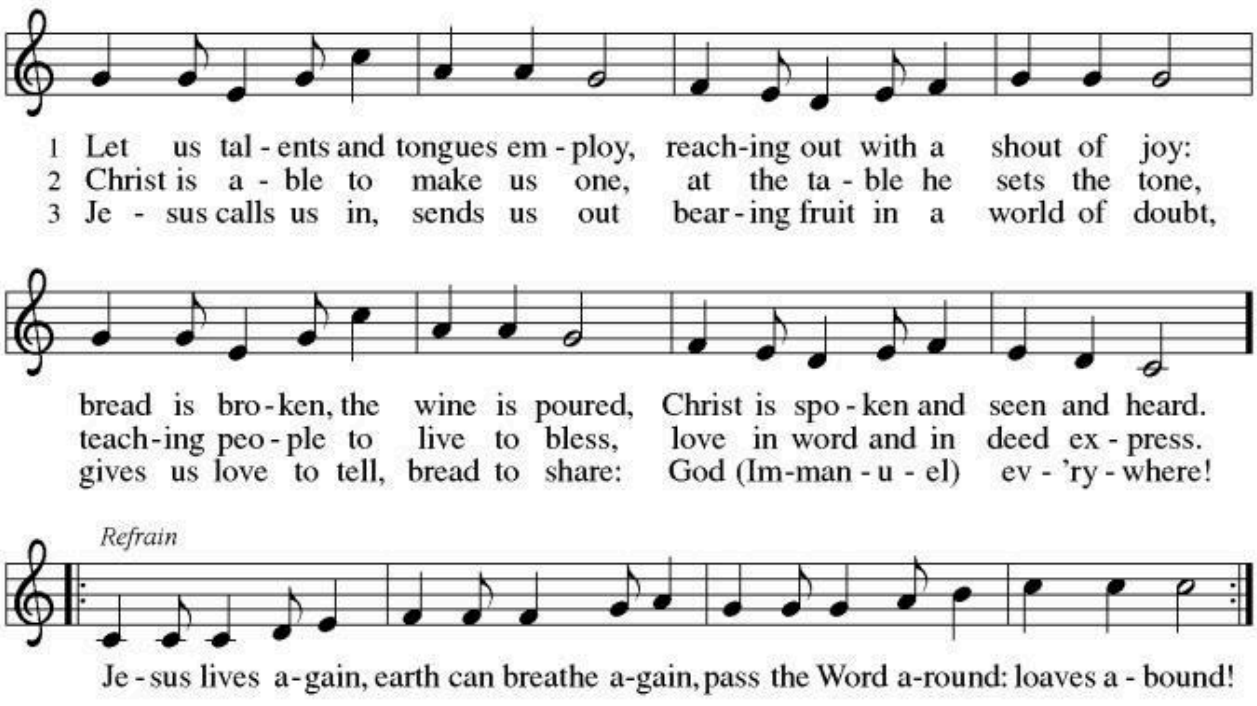


5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

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**.

Recessional Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Hymn 674



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**.

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

Postlude Scott Schroeder

Today's Worship Leaders:
Assistant Minister: Stacey Jamison
Lector: Stephanie Melnick
Cantor: Sarah Leineke
Cross Bearer: Ethan Schroeder
Juniors Teachers: Cecelia Mac-Smith/Eric Podolsky

Staff:
The Rev. Matthew Bode, Pastor
Office Manager: Stacey Jamison
Custodian: Anthony Bailey
Chancel and Bell Choir Director: Roger Smith
Organist: Scott Schroeder
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