THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30 AM, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026

Prelude "Here I Am To Worship" Water to Wine

Welcome & Announcements

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

Processional Hymn "Come, We That Love the Lord" Hymnal 625



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: O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord!
Why do you long for the day of the Lord?
That day will be darkness, not light.
19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion
only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house
and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.
20 Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light—
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?
21 "I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.
22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
23 Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
24 But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

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

Psalm 70

1 Hasten, O God, to save me;
come quickly, God, to help me.

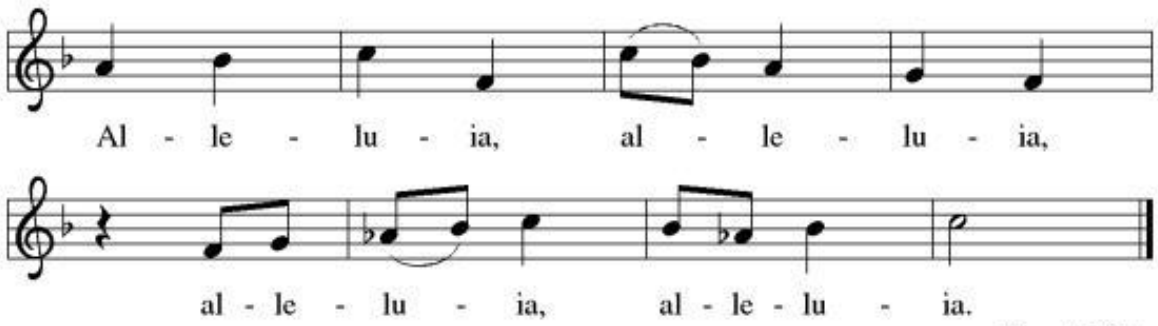
[2] May those who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.
[3] May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
[4] But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
"God is great!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
God, do not delay.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. [14] For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. [15] According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Gospel Acclamation (ELW page 124)



Matthew 25:1-13

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

[1] "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish and five were wise. [3] The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. [4] The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. [5] The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. [6] "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' [7] "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' [9] "'No,' they replied, 'there may not

be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' [10] "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. [11] "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' [12] "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' [13] "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Special Music "Nobody" Water to Wine

Sermon Pastor Matthew Bode

Hymn "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" (ACS 949)



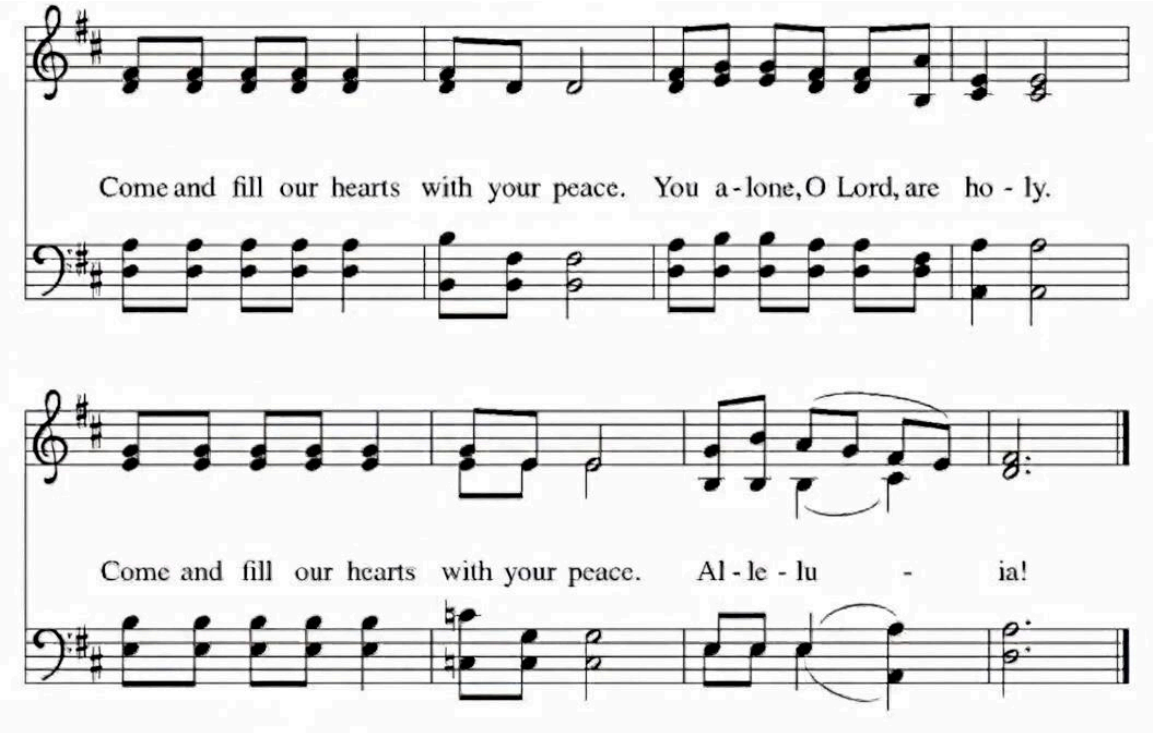
Apostles' Creed

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.

<u>Prayers of Intercession</u>
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 illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for those on our hearts today… To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. To you, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. 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.

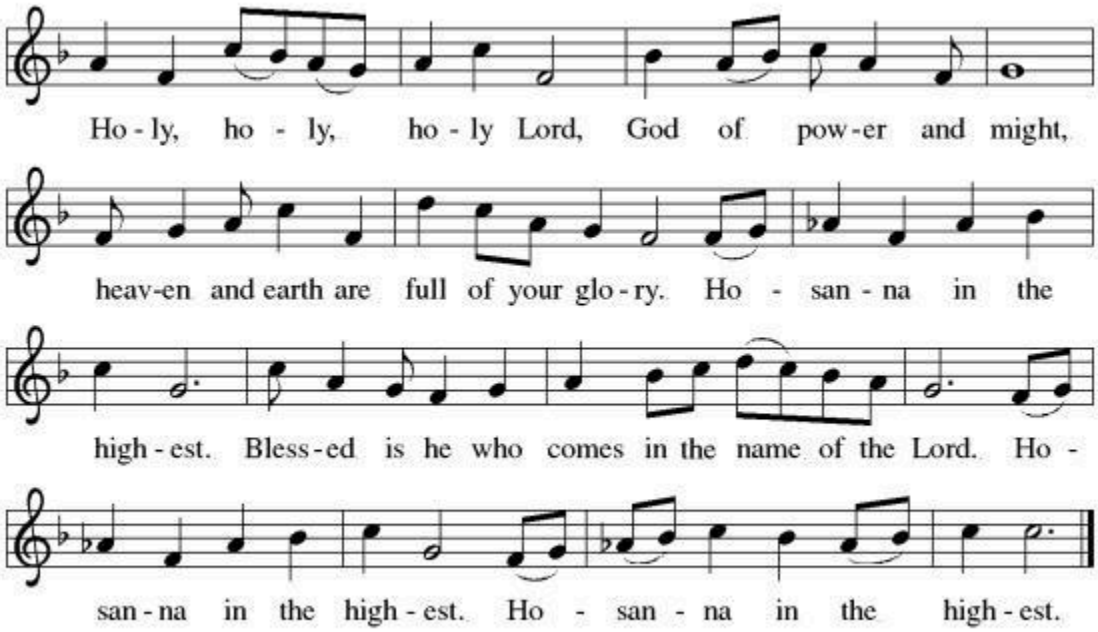


<u>Offertory Prayer</u>:
Pastor: Let us pray. **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our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

<u>Eucharistic Prayer</u>
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.

<u>Distribution</u>

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.

<u>Communion Hymns</u> “Jesus, Messiah” Water to Wine

“When Peace, Like a River” Hymn 785



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 "Soon and Very Soon" Hymn 439



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 "Today Is The Day" Water to Wine

Today's Worship Leaders:
Assistant Minister: Cecelia Mac-Smith
Lector: Neil Koivu
Cantor: Randi Hamilton
Cross Bearer: Ben Strobel
Juniors Teachers: Stephanie Melnick/Eric Podolsky

Today's Musicians:
Vocalists: Fred Kaiser, Nancy McChesney, Margo Snay
Guitar: Jim Knickerbocker
Guitar and Vocals: Ed Suckstorff
Bass Guitar: John McBride
Keyboard: Cecelia Mac-Smith
Drums: Roger Smith

Staff:
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Custodian: Anthony Bailey
Chancel and Bell Choir Director: Roger Smith
Organist: Scott Schroeder
Juniors Music Ministry: Stacey Jamison
Tech Ministry: George Stuteville

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