



19th Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 19, 2025
10 a.m. *Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church*

Welcome Friends and Guests: Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Serving this Sunday:

Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Jo Moss & Steve Hanson

Musicians – Connie Pallone & Becky McNeil

Ushers – Steve & Carol Hanson

Communion – Kathy Humphrey & Julie Morris

Worship: In boundless diversity, we all are made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please sign our guest book and feel free to learn more about us. *Come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.*

Communion: We celebrate open communion. This is Christ's table, all are welcome. You may come forward for the sacraments or cross your arms across your chest for a blessing. Our bread is gluten free and both wine and white grape juice (center of communion tray) are available.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship. All are welcome.

Other Information: Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary; our ushers can direct you. For pastoral care, call Pastor Lisa at 719-846-7785 or send an email: zionsluth@gmail.com. Additional information about Zion's can be found on our website at zionsluth.org.



Zion's Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community.

~Gathering~
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering of Prayers & Call to Worship

We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.

We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again.

We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land.

We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Creator God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also, with you.

Gathering Hymn: #519 Open Your Ears O Faithful People

Confession & Forgiveness

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God..., Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Creator God, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Kyrie

Refrain



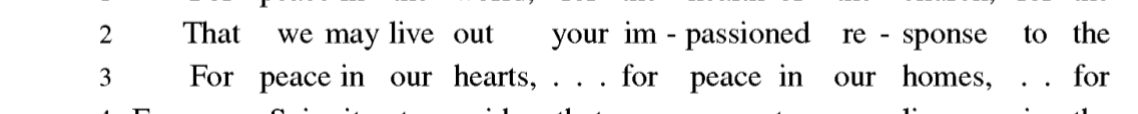
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev'-ry day.



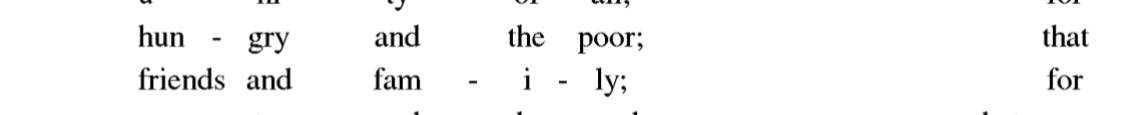
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the



2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the



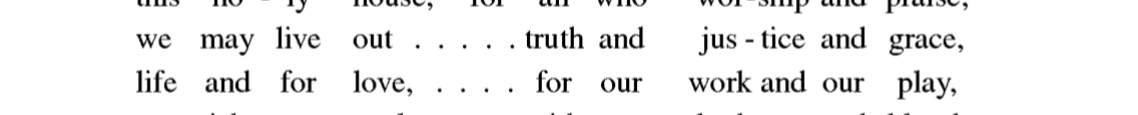
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for



4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



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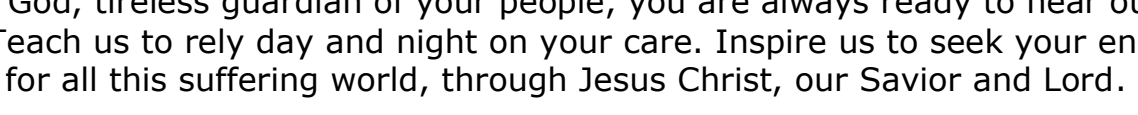
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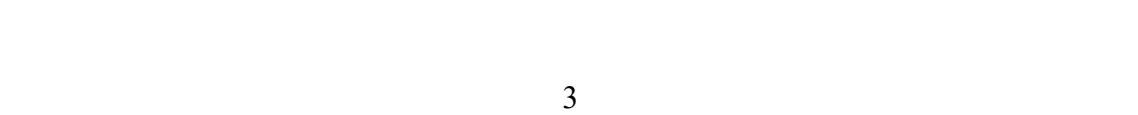
friends and fam-i-ly; for



wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,



we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,



life and for love, for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

~Word~

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."

²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching.

³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke chapter 18. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you; he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message: Mary McKenna

Sermon: Pastor Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: #1078 There is a Longing in Our Hearts

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 the People

We pray for the church universal: O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation: O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for peace: O God, we hope and pray for wisdom and discernment for all people, that humanity may reject violence as a means of gaining attention or power. May compassion, understanding, and justice prevail over brutality and fear. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. Today, we pray for... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for Zion's Lutheran: O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed: O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The spirit-filled peace of Christ be with you always! **And, also with you.**

~Meal~

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered for missions of the church. You can give using check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at:

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/1334741

Offertory: #840 Now Thank We All Our God, vs. 2

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

God's love is wide. God's table is big. No one is excluded.

Taste and see that the Lord is Good.

Our bread is gluten free & both wine and white grape juice are available.

God comes to us in worship and song. God also comes to us in silence and stillness. Please use the time before and after you commune for silent contemplation.

Communion Hymn: #523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Communion Hymn: #744 Lord Be Glorified

Song of Thanksgiving



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Sending~

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements & Special Blessings

Benediction

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.**

Sending Hymn: #538 The Lord Now Sends us Forth

Dismissal

Go in peace, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

~Announcements~

- **Flowers:** Today's flowers are from John & Lisa Rygiel in celebration of Lisa's birthday.
- **Fellowship:** Join us after worship Sunday for food and fellowship. All are welcome!
- **The Way Ministry:** At 1 p.m. each Sunday, Zion's welcomes the Way ministry to our fenced lower yard as they offer food and worship to the unhoused and others in need.
- **Children's Choir:** Children's Choir is at 3 p.m. each Sunday, through Nov. 30, in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note that this is an hour later than originally announced.)
- **Yoga:** At 5:30 p.m. each Friday, join Cora Gardiner for yoga in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Weekly Christian Education Studies:** Our next study sessions are at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, (repeated at 12:30 on Saturday, Oct. 25), Pastor Lisa is leading a Study entitled *By What Authority: Rethinking Early Christian History*.
- **5-Loaves:** Our next meal deliveries are Saturday, Oct. 26, if you are available to help with preparations or deliveries, please let Terri Watson, Jo Moss, or Norine Hazen know.
- **Thanksgiving:** Zion's will serve its traditional community dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Everyone who receives 5-Loaves meals will get a Thanksgiving meal automatically. People who do not want a Thanksgiving meal, or who need extra meals that day, may let us know by calling Zion's Lutheran at (719) 846-7785 or send an email to 5loaveszions@gmail.com. If you know someone who should be added to the Thanksgiving and/or 5-Loaves lists, please let Jo Moss or Norine Hazen know.
- **Congregational Meeting Announcement:** A special congregational meeting is called for Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, to approve the Church Council request to withdraw additional funds from Zion's Lutheran's trust fund. This is needed to cover expenses for November, December, and January. It also will help to cover capital improvements such as the new handrails as well as mitigation and safety upgrades that our insurance company is requiring be completed by the end of the year.

In addition, Zion's monthly expenses have risen substantially this year, in particular utilities and our church insurance premiums.

The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. During discussion, all points of view, whether for, against or neutral, will be provided an opportunity to be heard. As defined in our constitution (Chapter 8), voting members are confirmed members of Zion's who, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have a contribution of record.

If you wish to attend the meeting via Zoom the link follows:

Topic: Congregational Meeting

Time: Nov 2, 2025, 11:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85653526926?pwd=OXqTwOGea6L0STPlpaKg4huwUnSy.1>

Meeting ID: 856 5352 6926 -- Passcode: 795951

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Call to Worship: *Written by Derek Weber, March 2025* and posted by Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/choosing-faith/nineteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/nineteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-liturgical-resources>.

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