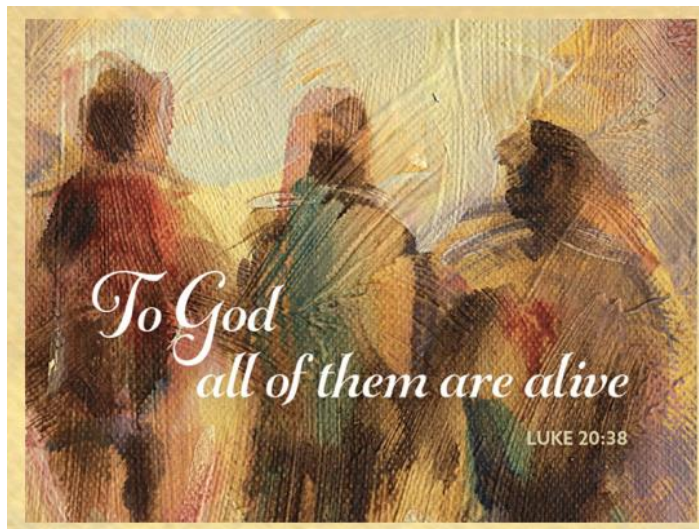




22nd Sunday After Pentecost -- Nov. 9, 2025 10 a.m. *Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church*

Welcome Friends and Guests: We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

Serving this Sunday:

Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Jo Moss & Coralie Lashbrook
Musicians – Connie Pallone & Becky McNeil
Ushers – Mary McKenna & Cherie Holder
Communion – Mark & Jo Moss

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 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 gather as God's beloved children –

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with each other –

Let us worship God.

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: #630 In Heaven Above

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation...into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy...Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Kyrie

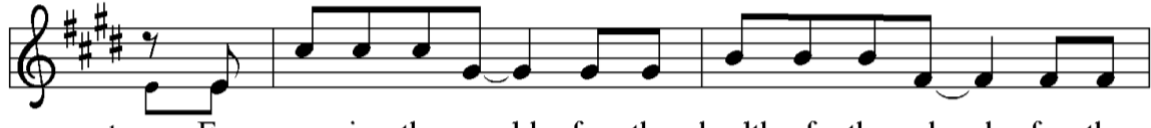
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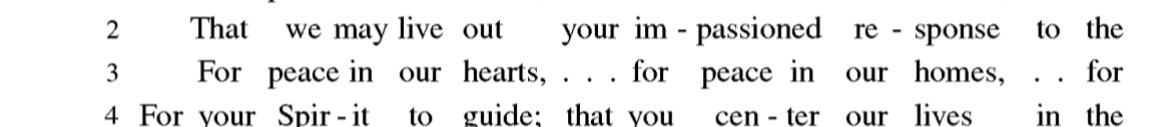
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



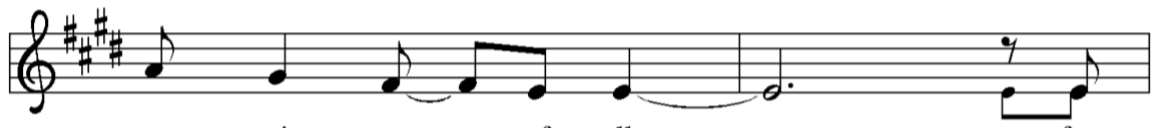
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



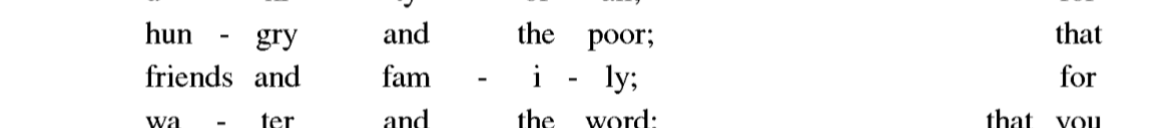
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the



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



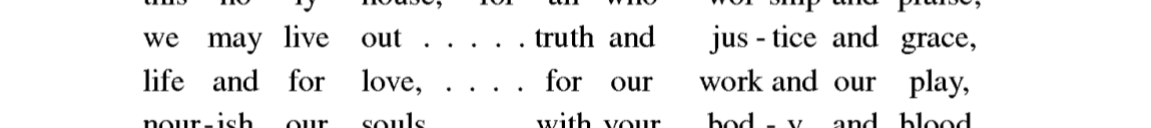
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for



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



u-ni-ty of all; for



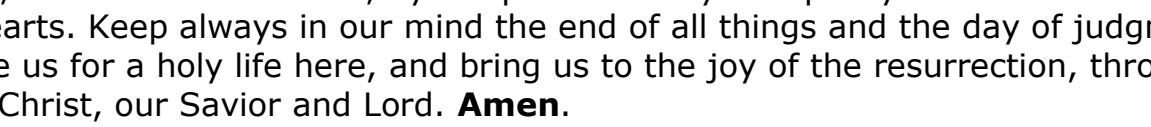
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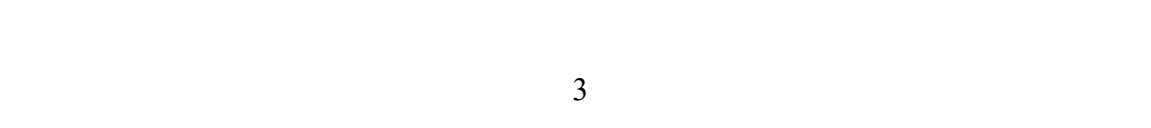
friends and fam-i-ly; for



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 God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

~Word~

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

First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

- ²³“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
- ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
- ²⁵For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
- ²⁶and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
- ^{27a}whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 17:1-9

- ¹Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ²**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- ³Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴**I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
- ⁵My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- ⁷Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
- ⁸**Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- ⁹from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

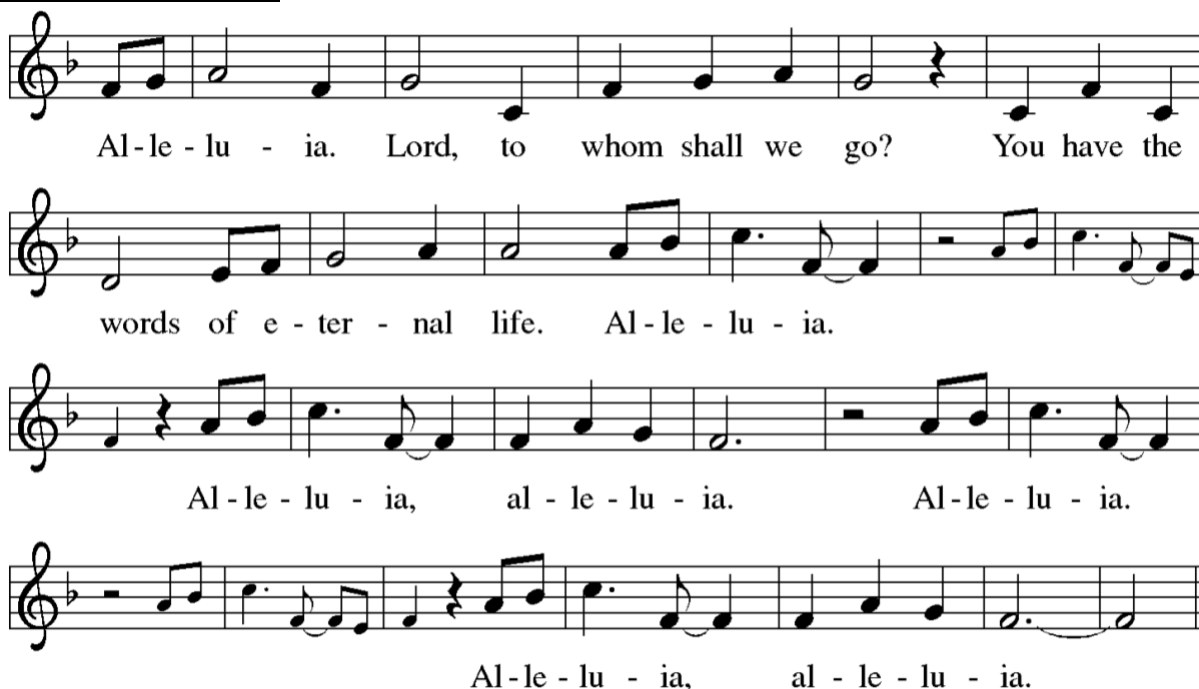
- ¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke chapter 20.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

Children's Message: Mary McKenna

Sermon: Pastor Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: #619 I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

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

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war and military occupation in our country and throughout the world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body Especially today we pray for...Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Be with this who celebrate your grace.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and lay leaders, teachers, and musicians, church council, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741

Offertory: #1032 Lift Up Your Head, 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, 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, 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:

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...Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, 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

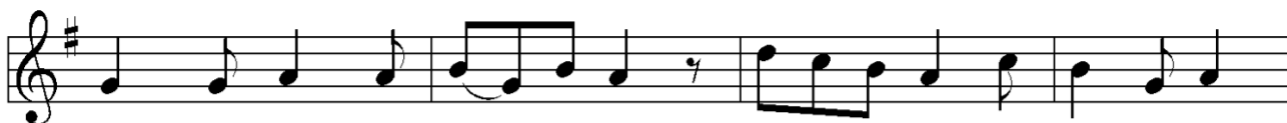
*God's love is wide. God's table is big. No one is excluded.
Taste and see that the Lord is Good.*

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: #623 Rock of Ages

Communion Hymn: #613 Holy Wings

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

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

Announcements & Special Blessings

Benediction

Now, go out into the world as God's people!

We will not be afraid to trust in God's future.

Now, go out as followers of Jesus!

We will not falter in bringing justice and hope to all.

Now, go out as those gifted by the Spirit!

We will not fear, but will journey into the days ahead.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #770 Give Me Jesus

Dismissal

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

~Announcements~

Flowers: Given by Brittany Cook in memory of her father Warren Cook.

- **Fellowship Time:** Join us after worship for coffee and conversation. 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.
- **Yoga:** At 5:30 p.m. Friday, join Cora Gardiner for yoga in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Weekly Christian Education Studies:** Our study entitled *By What Authority: Rethinking Early Christian History* will not meet this coming week but will resume on Nov. 20.
- **Thanksgiving:** Our annual community Thanksgiving Dinner is just around the corner. We need help with food preparation, packaging, serving, delivery, set-up, and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Food purchases are underway. We also are identifying delivery drivers, kitchen help, servers, and people to set up and clean up, among other tasks. Monetary donations also are welcome. If you have questions, contact Norine Hazen. We are cancelling Turkey Fryday on Nov. 22.
- **Winter Coat Drive:** Again, Zion's will partner with The Way to provide coats, socks, mittens, knit hats, scarves, blankets, etc. to those who need them most. During November, you can bring new or lightly used items to the Fellowship Hall. Place the donations on the stage and they will be collected and given to Pastor Clay & Mary Mason to redistribute to those in need of additional winter warmth.
- **Toys for Tots:** Terri Watson again will be the Marine Corp representative for Toys for Tots in Las Animas County. She has placed a collection box in the Fellowship Hall for new, unwrapped toys. Monetary donations also are welcome. The donations deadline is Dec. 8.
- **Donate to Hungry Families:** Las Animas Department of Human Services and the South Central Council of Governments are accepting donations to provide SNAP beneficiaries with grocery store vouchers. Vouchers and cash are the most efficient way to provide food to families. Please consider donating! If you need to access these benefits, use the QR code at right.
- **Your Hands Needed:** At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, hands and vehicles are needed to remove the remaining contents of Peggy Gustafson's home and bring them to the church. We will be having a celebration of life service for Peggy at 11 a.m. on Nov. 29 with a luncheon in the fellowship hall to follow.



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