



20th Sunday After Pentecost – October 11, 2026 10 a.m. Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church

Welcome Friends and Guests: In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Serving this Sunday:

Worship – Prs. John & Charlotte Strecker-Baseler & Carol Hanson

Musicians – Connie Pallone & Mark Nelson

Ushers – Steve Hanson & Mark Moss

Communion – Mary McKenna & Jo Moss



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Worship & Music: 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 come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.

We use both the cranberry Lutheran Book of Worship and the purple *All Creation Sings* hymnals as indicated in the bulletin.

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 tray) are available.

Other: Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall; our ushers can direct you.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship today for our First Sunday Potluck. All are welcome.

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

When we pass through the waters, **God is there with us.**

When we suffer and feel hopeless, **God is there with us.**

When we are joyful and celebratory, **God is there with us.**

Whether we feel triumphant or defeated, **God is there with us, always.**

Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, **God with us.**

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart, give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. ✠ Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

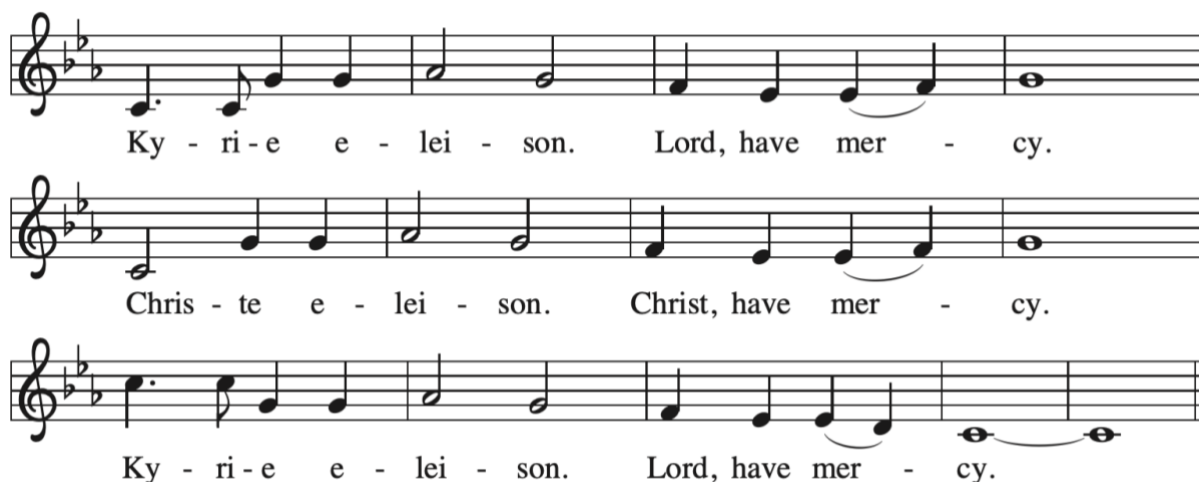
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: #486 (cranberry hymnal) God Extends an Invitation: Nuestro Padre nos invita

Greeting

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

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

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

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

~Word~

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

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

God’s Word invites us into life.

Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

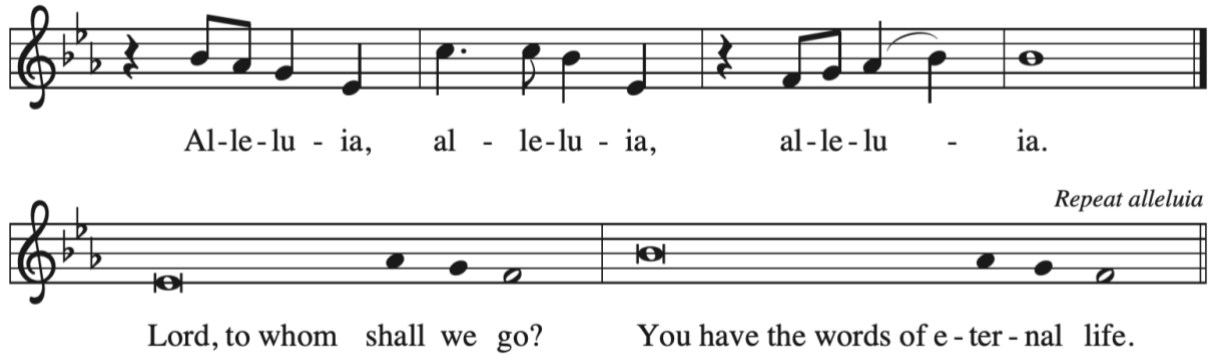
² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Gospel Acclamation



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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 22. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’

¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Sermon: Pastor John Strecker-Baseler

Hymn of the Day: #523 (cranberry hymnal) Let Us Go Now to the Banquet: Vamos todos al banquete

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

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters (*regions in crisis may be named*) and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering and hear our prayers of gratitude. Especially today we raise prayers for...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to continue to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; 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 by check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at:

<https://www.zionsluth.org/give>

Offertory: #1056 (purple hymnal) *God Bless to Us Our Bread: Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan*

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

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...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Thanksgiving at the Table

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth...The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.... The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth...Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds...again: The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and Amen. **Amen, and 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. Our bread is gluten free and both wine and white grape juice are available. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion Song: Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: #964 (purple hymnal) Here Would I Feast

Communion Hymn: #491 (cranberry hymnal) Come Let Us Eat

Communion Song: Thank the Lord & Sing His Praise



☐ 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 thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

~Sending~

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

Announcements & Special Blessings

Benediction

Beloved, as you go from this place, may the peace of God that surpasses all understanding surround you, centering your minds on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise and empowering you to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus ✝ Amen.

Sending Hymn: #984 (purple hymnal) May the God of Hope Go with Us: Dios de la esperanza

Dismissal

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

~Announcements~

- + **Fellowship:** Join us after worship for coffee & conversation in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.
- + **Church Telephone Outage:** The Zion's telephone system is down due to an infrastructure problem. We are waiting for the system to be repaired. In the interim, please send communication through our email: ZionsLuth@gmail.com, or contact one of our church council members. We will provide updates as they become available.
- + **Thank You:** We are grateful to Pastors John & Charlotte Strecker-Baseler for presiding at worship today. Pr. Lisa & John are out of town to attend John's sister's memorial.
- + **Church Council:** The Zion's Church Council will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13. This represents a new monthly council schedule that allows the council to meet upstairs, which is more accessible.
- + **We're Getting Ready for Thanksgiving:** As part of Thanksgiving preparations, a core team is being set up to support Norine Hazen in this year's community dinner, as we expect to provide almost 1,000 meals this year. The team's first meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, in the Fellowship Hall to coordinate tasks. Anyone who would like to help with this year's meal planning is encouraged to attend. We will provide pizza for lunch.
- + **Zion's Book Club:** Our Adult Study is at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Our next study is Tuesday, Oct. 20 in the Fellowship Hall as we discuss "What if Jesus was Serious about Prayer". We will not meet Oct. 13, as Pr. Lisa is out of town.
- + **Dinner & A Movie:** Mark your calendar for a special event at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, when Zion's will screen the movie *The Shack*. We will also have dinner and discussion. The Oct. 28 date allows people who wish to do so to read or listen to the book prior to the screening. If you need a copy of the book, let us know as many members have copies or downloads to share.
- + **We're Here for You:** For pastoral care, Pr. Lisa office hours are from 9 – 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and by appointment. Call Zion's at 719-846-7785 or send an email to zionsluth@gmail.com.

Serving on the 21st Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 18

Worship: Pr. Lisa Rygiel, Mike McNeil & Cheryl Leef

Music: Connie Pallone & Sharon Sorenson

Usher: Jody Alford & Cheryl Leef

Communion: John & Lisa Rygiel

~Prayers~

¹³ May 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. – Romans 15:13

Creator God, you Son Jesus taught us that where our treasure is there our hearts will be also. Teach us to love people more than money, relationships more than things, and you above all, that the way we live will reflect what we truly value and believe.

We pray for peace and reconciliation among the nations. Mighty Jesus, living Word, soothe the bodies, souls, and minds of the victims of sexual violence, domestic violence, and all forms of harm. Bring them peace, hope, comfort, and strength. Bring abusers to justice and prevent them from causing further harm. Stir up the heart of your church gathered here and around the world, that we value justice and healing over silence and shame. Show us the way to your righteousness, led by the voices of those who suffer. In Jesus' name we pray. We lift up those who travel, and we pray for Tracy & Leif and the family of their friend Anthony Abodaca, who passed away.

We pray for: Carol Hanson, Jan Ratliff, Keilley O'Hara, Danielle Hix, Suzanne Lintner, Brittany & Cristy, Norine Hazen, Richard Stewart, Debbie Spearman, Ed Blount, Terry & Doris Blalock, Joni Jones, Margaret Gumke, and Sherry Gartside. We pray for Connie Bullock, as well as for three dear people on hospice who are loved by Jenn, for Erin's mother and her sister Brynna Ogletree, Carolyn Broman, and Jill Wilson. We pray for Brittany's mom Ruth, Charlotte's cousin Mark McFall, John & Charlotte's great nephew and Steel Apley.

We lift up those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, including Mike Blackmore who is at a care facility in Santa Fe, NM.

We pray for those facing cancer: Michael, Liza Baseler, Doug Chenot, Zan Rainer, Vicky Carver, Pr. Dickie Valdez, Pr. Clay Mason, Cherie's friend Brandy, Kerry Acker, Pr. Lew Champ, Erin's brother-in-law David and friend Karen O'Neil, Julie Morris' friend Jane, Linda Bounds, Norine's son Randal, Pr. Kevin Olson, and Lynn's friend Rick Barian.

We lift the missions of this church, praying for Pr. Lisa and for ELCA Bishop Curry and Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop Meghan. We lift prayers for the future of Ministerial Alliance in Trinidad, for Wal-reat (missionary in Sudan), the Way ministry, the Minna Hope Foundation in Nigeria, and the prison congregation New Beginnings.

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Benediction: Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026, and posted at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/pressing-on-worship-series/week-4-twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-4-twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-pressing-on-liturgical-resources>.