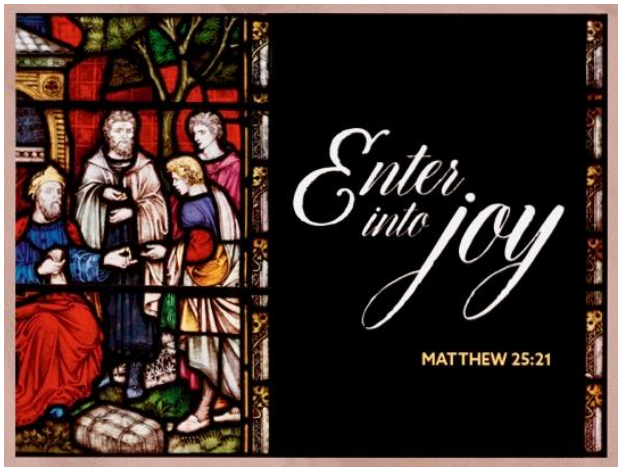


25th Sunday after Pentecost – November 15, 2026
10 a.m. Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church

Welcome Friends and Guests: Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Serving this Sunday:

Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Jo Moss & Carol Hanson
Musicians – Connie Pallone & Sharon Sorenson
Ushers – Steve Hanson & Mark Moss
Communion – Carol Hanson & Julie Morris

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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 in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversations 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

Family of God we gather this day to celebrate life – **The life we have been given by God,**

The life we share with one another in community, **The life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

Let us be grateful for the joy of life, **And let us worship God.**

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.**

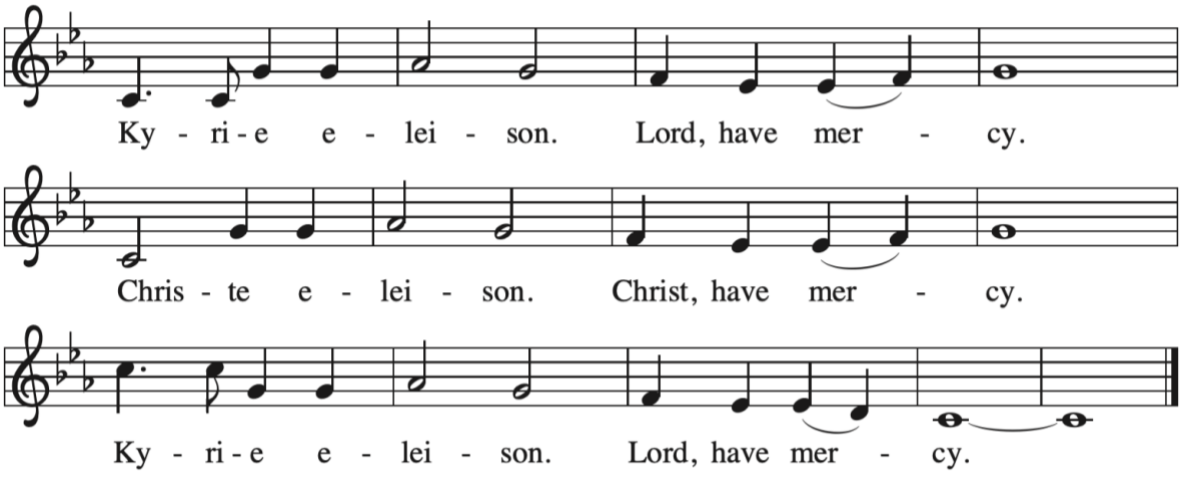
As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. **Blessed be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

Gathering Hymn: #715 (cranberry hymnal) Christ, Be Our Light

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

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 and Lord. **Amen**.

~Word~

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

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."

13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there.

15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh 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 passion the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

God's Word invites us into life. **Thanks be to God!**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1-8, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;

5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

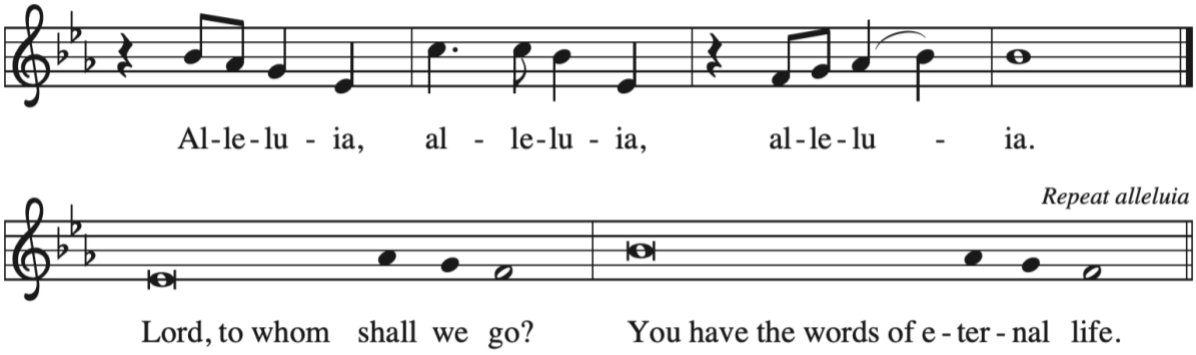
[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything
written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as
labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

[4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all
children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall
asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those
who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the
breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

[9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one
another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 25. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted
his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his
ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with
them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more
talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
[20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master,
you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well
done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward,
saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said
to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in
charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent
also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and
gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here
you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap
where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with
the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest.

[28] So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Sermon: Pastor Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: #597 (cranberry hymnal) My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, fellowship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

As the nights grow longer, 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, make us careful stewards of the environment. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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, comfort those who fear, and receive our celebrations for your mercy and care. Today we lift prays for those we name in our hearts and those we speak aloud…God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteers, and our Thanksgiving Dinner teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

~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: #689 (cranberry hymnal) Praise and Thanksgiving v. 3

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth…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…join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker…And so, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, inspire your people for service, and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace. We praise you, all-holy God, the Creator, the Son, the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

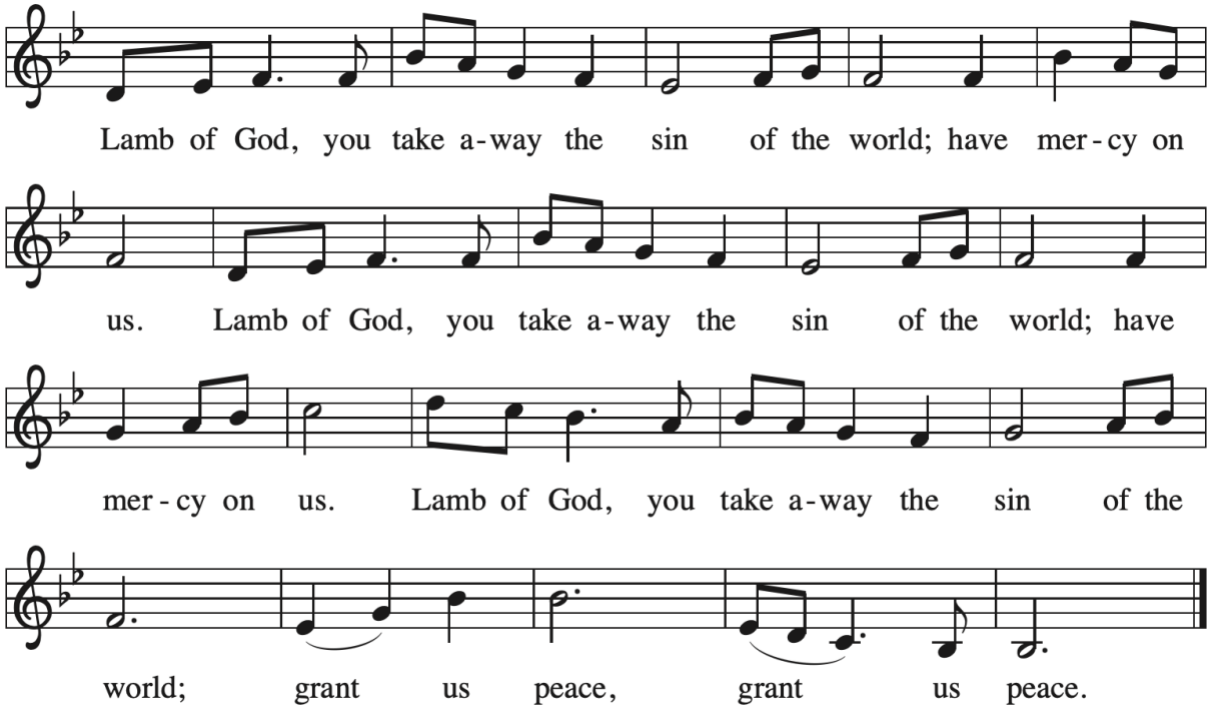
Lord's Prayer

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.
The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.
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 Song: Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: #726 (cranberry hymnal) Light Dawns on a Weary World
Communion Hymn: #728 (cranberry hymnal) Blest Are They

Communion Song: Thank the Lord & Sing His Praise

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

Family of God, go from this place in the blessing of God who calls us into relationship with God and one another, who equips us to use what we have to bless others, and inspires us to value relationship over production and the flourishing of all over the wealth of a few ☩ **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #674 (cranberry hymnal) Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Dismissal

Go in peace, the kingdom of God is at hand.
Thanks be to God.

~Announcements~

- **Fellowship:** Join us after worship Sunday for our coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.
- **Zion's Book Club:** Our Adult Study continues at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Our next study is on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our discussion of the book, "What if Jesus was Serious about Prayer".
- **We're Getting Ready for Thanksgiving:** We are getting close to time to start preparing foods for Thanksgiving Dinner. If you can support preparations, let please let Norine Hazen or the person listed below know. We have plenty of gravy but still need other side dishes including sweet potatoes (Cheryl Leef), potatoes (Sandy Cole), Cranberries (Lisa Rygiel), green beans (need volunteer coordinator), and Pies (Norine Hazen). If you know someone who needs meals delivered, share that information with Jo Moss.
- **Hygiene Kit Request:** Keep Trinidad Safe has asked if Zion's would provide additional Hygiene Kits for the unhoused and others in need. The ones that Zion's donated as part of our God's Work Our Hands project have been distributed and there is need for more. Pr. Lisa will be coordinating our next round of kits. We will assemble the kits during fellowship on Nov. 22. If you can help, let her know.
- **Singing at the Legacy:** The residents of The Legacy were delighted by our last sing along and have asked us to come and sing with them again. We have been scheduled for Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. Come along and sing with us!
- **Santa Gift Tree for Seniors:** First National Bank, Trinidad, again is sponsoring the senior citizen Letters to Santa Gift Tree. Requests of up to $25 may include utility bills, food, small gifts, or personal items. For many people, this is the only gift they will receive this season. For many years, Zion's has supported this program and will do so again. We will have 12 to 15 gift letters available at worship on Sunday, Nov. 29. If you would like to help with this project, please let Jo Moss know.
- **We're Here for You:** For pastoral care, Pr. Lisa has office hours 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.

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