



**“FOR HE IS NOT
THE GOD OF THE DEAD
BUT OF THE LIVING,
FOR ALL LIVE TO HIM.”**

LUKE 20:38, NKJV

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve

**you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

HYMN

Jerusalem, My Happy Home RED ELW #628
(Vs. 1, 2 & 5)

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?**
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
no grief, no care, no toil.**
- 5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!**

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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

Kyrie Eleison RED ELW page #184

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Refrain)

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Refrain)

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Refrain)

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Refrain)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Let Us Break Bread Together RED ELW #471

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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: Haggai 1:15b—2:9

Haggai called on the exiles who had returned from Babylon to rebuild the temple. The rebuilt temple, however, pales in comparison with the first temple, built by Solomon. Haggai's message of encouragement and promise of future splendor gives hope to the people and to their leaders.

^{15b} In the second year of King Darius, ^{2:1} in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ² “Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: ³ Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴ Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ² **Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.
- ⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**
- ⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**
- ²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- ²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not 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. ³ Let 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. ⁴ He 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. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But 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. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So 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.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE RISE FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia RED ELW page 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and 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. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In 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.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! RED ELW #619
(Vs. 1, 5 & 7)

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

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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 INTERCESSION

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.

THE PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

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OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful RED ELW #182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT 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.**

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

RED ELW page 207

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord, Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in 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 sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish,

a taste of life eternal.

COMMUNION

(Zion practices an open table. God welcomes everyone to come forward. Young children may receive bread and a blessing. If you prefer not to receive, fold your hands and receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please ask your servers. Come to the Lord's table and share in the feast!)

LAMB OF GOD

RED ELW page 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✝
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance RED ELW #638
(Vs. 1 & 3)

- 1 **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

- 3 **Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Weekly Announcements



Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers: Dilshad & Sonya Perani, Gary Revier, Deb Otto and Marlene Fure

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

Hunger Jar for the month of November is designated to Feed My Starving Children

Nativity Set Stroll

The Board of Stewardship will be setting up the nativity sets on Thursday, December 4 starting at 3:00.

You can set up your nativity set(s) or we can do it for you. Please bring them to the church basement on Wednesday or by 3:00 on Thursday.

You can pick up your nativity set(s) after 1:00 on Sunday, December 7th.

Nativity Set Stroll will be held in the Zion church basement during Arli-Dazzle on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 to 5:00 and also on Sunday, December 7th from 10:00 to 1:00. There will be a light lunch on Saturday and coffee and treats Sunday. A free will donation is requested - proceeds going to the Zion Parking Lot Fund.

Roses—The roses are asking for leaves for their winter nap. Please fill the wire surrounding the roses.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Choir will be practicing on Wednesday, November 12 and Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00p at the United Methodist Church. All are welcome!

ZCW Thankoffering—On November 16th, the church worship service will include Thankoffering as one of the components of worship. Thankoffering envelopes were placed in all mailboxes after services on November 2nd. This envelope with your donation may be placed in the specially marked basket in the narthex, may be mailed to the church office or may be dropped off at the church office and slid under the secretary door on or before December 1, 2025.

Christmas Poinsettia orders are due into the church office by Sunday, November 23.

Adopt-A-Family and Minnesota Valley Action Council—This is the second year we have decided to support the Adopt-A-Family project. If you would like to participate, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for you to write your name. If you would like to help with this program, we will be asking you to purchase a gift costing around \$25 for someone that you will select later. Sign up will be through Sunday, November 23. When I have the list of the names, I will contact MVAC and they will select enough families with the same number of names as we have signed up. Starting on Sunday, November 30, you can draw a name off of the list provided by MVAC. You will be given the age and a couple of ideas what that person would like as a present. This is all done anonymously. The wrapped presents with the first name of the person should be brought to church by Wednesday, December 10. Thank you very much for participating in this program. It's a good way to spread our Christian love at Christmas, if you have any questions or unable to sign up today, you can call Mary Lietz at 612-756-1871.

SERVICE PROJECT for Synod Jr High Youth Gathering November 21-22

Zion youth will be heading to the Willmar Conference Center for this overnight event. Participating churches are invited to support teens who are experiencing homelessness by collect items for hygiene kits for the Fostering Youth Transitions resource center. Fostering Youth Transitions is a Willmar area service organization preparing youth for independence by provides guidance and support to youth up to age 23 who have been out of home placement (ie. foster care, group homes, juvenile justice placements or change of custody) and are preparing to find their own living situation. We will be collecting the following items to create hygiene kits for the resource center:

- **Full-sized Deodorant**
- **Full-sized Body-Wash/ Soap**
- **Tooth brush**
- **Lotion**
- **Full-sized Toothpaste**
- **Hair brush or Comb**
- **Razors/ shaving cream**

Please bring your items to church by Sunday 11/ 16.

Thank you for your support!

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November 9

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November 16

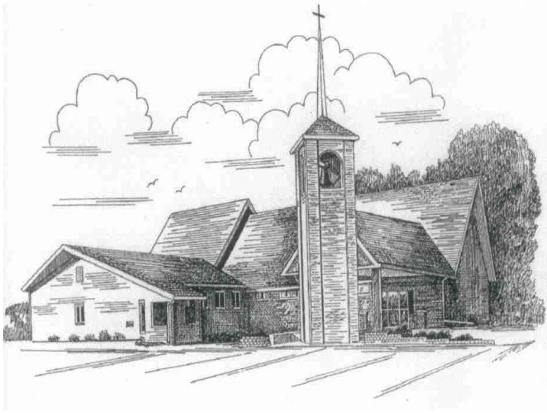
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Hours for the week of November 9
Wednesday, November 12—2p-8p
Or by appointment

Stacy's Office Hours
Monday—Thursday, 2:30p-5:00p



Zion Lutheran Church ELCA

This Week at Zion:

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| Sunday, November 9 | 8:15a 9:00a 10:00a | Zion Choir Rehearsal Worship w/Holy Communion Sunday School |
| Wednesday, November 12 | 7:00p 7:00p | Church Council Ecumenical Choir Practice @ Methodist Church |
| Thursday, November 13 | 10:00a 11:00a 6:30p | Adult Bible Study Prayer Shawl Anniversary Committee |
| Sunday, November 16 | 8:15a 9:00a 10:00a | Zion Choir Rehearsal Worship ZCW Thankoffering Sunday School |

LSS Meals on Wheels Monday—Friday 9:00a—12:00p

