

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

Please respect this time before worship for those who want to pray quietly in the sanctuary. Once the prelude begins, please use that time to listen to the music and prepare for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#722

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward
creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the
outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within
ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I
am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and
occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is
giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command
you nor take away anything from it, but keep the
commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging
you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your
wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear
all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and
discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so
near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And
what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as
this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care
and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things
that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all
the days of your life; make them known to your children and
your children's children.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

A reading from James.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, Word of Life. **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 READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY#772

“O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

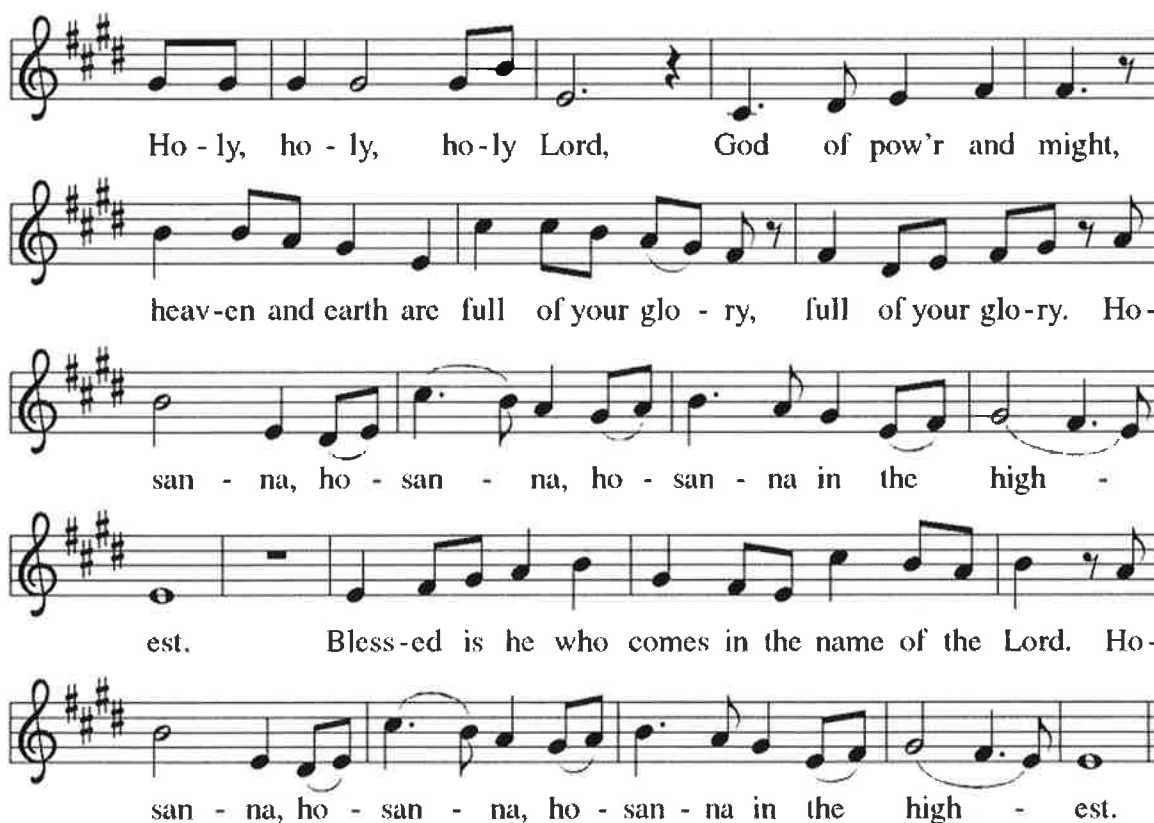
Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up 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



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

THE 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.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#464 "Bread of life, our Host and Meal"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful
bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN#685

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Announcements!

Altar flowers given by Clarice Belling in memory of James's parents, Helen and Elmer Belling.

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 15th. Now is the time to sign up your Sunday School aged student. Sunday school is for children 3 years of age by September 1st through 5th grade. We're also looking for volunteers to assist with Sunday School this year. This is a low commitment opportunity that has a big impact on our students! You can volunteer once to more often. To sign up your children or volunteer, please go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/jt6t2BsHnB>. We look forward to Sunday School starting this September! Remember to bring your backpacks to be blessed on Sept. 15th.

Stewardship Starts with Thanksgiving "Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" (Psalm 95:2). This week, take a moment to thank God for the many blessings in your life and consider how you can use those blessings to serve others.

The office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. Between September 3rd and December 13th, the office will have the following hours:

Monday-Tuesday: 9:30am-2:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday-Friday: 9:30am-2:00pm

For the ones that receive the messenger by mail, your envelope with the September messenger in it is in the back of the sanctuary. Please help keep costs down by getting your envelope so we don't have to send it in the mail. There are extra copies of the messenger on the table in the back of the sanctuary also.

Linwood Community will have a talk on Suicide Prevention: It's a Family Affair. It will be on Thursday, September 5, at 2 PM. In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month, Linwood Community has arranged for Megan Z of NAMI FOX VALLEY (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to share valuable insights, resources, and strategies to help individuals recognize warning signs and offer effective support. Older adults face challenges that can elevate the risk of suicide, including declines in physical and cognitive health, bereavement, loneliness, and changes in mental health.

Lynn will have gift cards for purchase today after the service. They are \$10 McDonalds, \$25 Festival, \$25 Piggly Wiggly, \$10 Kwik Trip & \$25 Kwik Trip. Order forms are in the narthex with all the gift cards you can order. Her information is on the order form so you can take them home & decide what you want to order. Zion does benefit from your gift card purchases.

Come join the Lunch Social group which meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:30pm. There will be a sign up in the narthex which will let you know where we are going. You can sign up on the sheet so we know how many are coming. Hope to see some new faces join us. No age limit.

On our website, zionappleton.org, we have links to different articles about churches like ELCA Global Mission, Seeds of the parish & Concordia. We also have the messenger past & present & the bulletin past & present. Please take a look at all the information we have about Zion.

This weekend Lynn will be starting to paint around the windows of the parsonage. It includes scraping, caulking & painting. If anyone doesn't have anything to do this weekend you can join her. It will depend on the weather but she is looking at Sunday after church and/or Monday. Any help is appreciated.

Special Worship Music and Celebrations at ZION.

September 15: Bluegrass Music --- Rally Sunday

October 27: Jass Music --- Welcome Sunday

November 3: Bagpipe and Cello Music --- All Saints Sunday

December 24: String Quarter (4 pm) and Organ (7 pm)

January 4: Epiphany Walk and Brunch

The Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Locker provides access to medical equipment without charge to the residents of the Fox Valley communities. They are always in need of new or used medical equipment. If you have any unused or unwanted medical equipment that is in good condition, please consider donating it to them. Hearing aid batteries can be donated at the locker, and people can come in when the locker is open and request free hearing aid batteries. Currently, there are 13, 312 and some 675 batteries. They have a volunteer that is willing to drop off batteries at the church. For more information, please visit their website: <https://sites.google.com/view/fvlml/home>

Each year Appleton Noon Lions Club sponsors a FREE event of interest for senior citizens, people with disabilities, their families and care-givers. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Located at-Xtreme Air (formerly Players Choice) County Rd JJ, Appleton. The event is called Senior Living Expo-- Celebrating Life after 50. Older adults, their families, caregivers and all interested are invited to attend. Interactive Tradeshow with 60+ Exhibit Booths and many prizes. Free Admission. No advance registration. Free Seminars and Health Screenings All proceeds go to charitable organizations.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

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| Monday, September 9, 2024 | Submissions due for October's calendar |
| Sunday, September 1 Deut 4:1-2, 6-9; Ps 15 James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Worship Service 9:00 am followed by Coffee Hour | Lectionary 22 (Pentecost 15) Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Tricia Kasten Musicians: Cheryl and Jon Meyer Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt |
| Monday, September 2 | Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day |
| Wednesday, September 4 | Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm |
| Sunday, September 8 Isa 35:4-7a; Ps 146 James 2:1-10 [11-13]; Mark 7:24-37 Worship Service 9:00 am Followed by Coffee Hour | Lectionary 23 (Pentecost 16) Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck Musician: Jim Schley Opens and Closes: Jim Schley |

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;

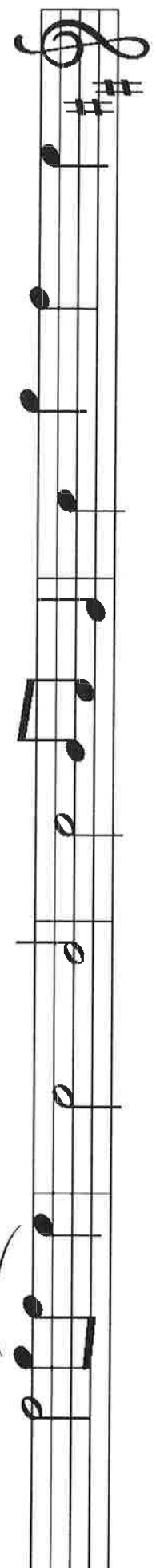


Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.


Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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