

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!
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*Rooted in Faith   \*   Growing in Spirit   \*   Reaching Out to Those in Need*  
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September 3, 2017 VOCATION / SERVICE 8:30 am

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” ELW #597

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 for reflection and self-examination.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
And for his sake.
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire
forgiveness of all your sins,
In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GREETING

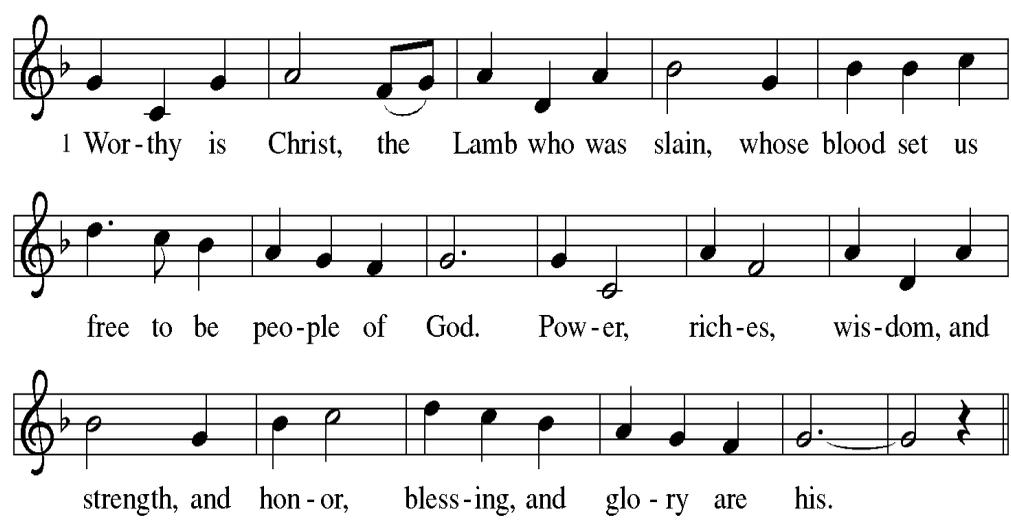
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

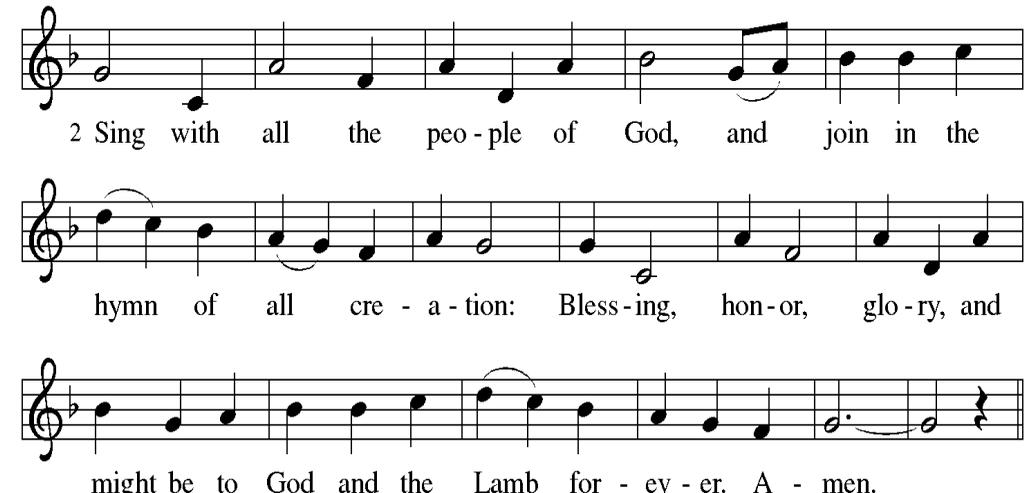


1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

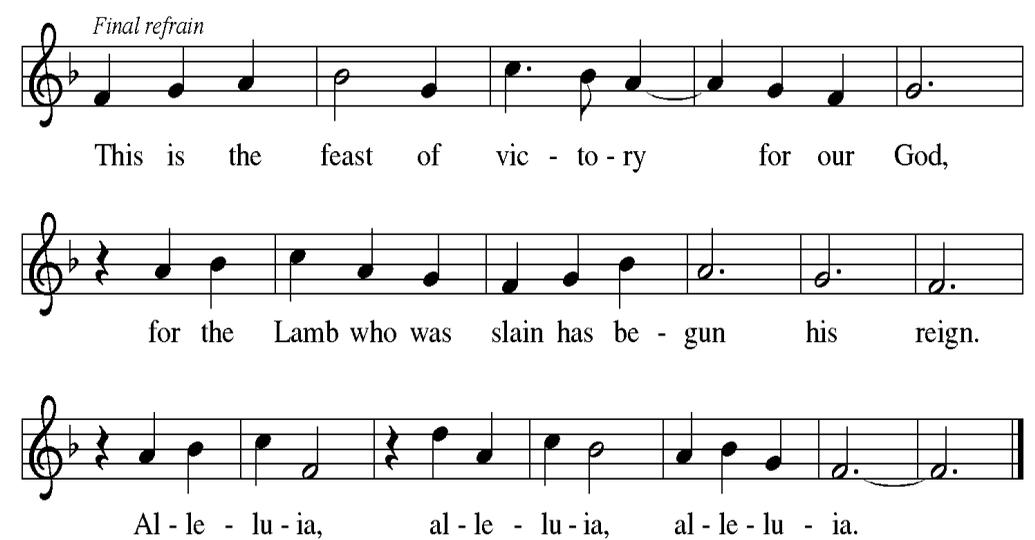


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, both our work and our rest are in you. Empower us to pattern our lives on the Lord Jesus Christ, at morning and evening, at work and at play. Strengthen us all in our vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sue Gates

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:5-7, 11-14a

Pew Bible OT, p. 813

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Pew Bible NT, p. 206

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew chapter 25.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:34-40

Pew Bible NT, p. 29

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Marcia

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We All Are One in Mission”

ELW #576

(please stand on the last verse)

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.** *(please be seated)*

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERING HYMN

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

ELW #754

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG **“We Come to the Hungry Feast”** **ELW #479**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forevermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN **“O God of Mercy, God of Light”** **ELW #714**

POSTLUDE

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LEADING OUR WORSHIP:

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Presiding: Pastor Erin Heidelberger
Pianist: Sue Gates
Lector: Marcie Andersh
Deacon: Monica Tietz –Marcie Andersh
Acolyte: Vanessa Wagemann
Power Point: Wanda Wagemann
Altar Guild Co-Chairs: Sharlene Wanttie – Joan Haak
Sound System: Steve Ottenbacher
Van Driver: Rick Weber
Counters: Gene\Jan Reich
Gladys Melcher – Elsie Geffre
Coffee Hosts: Tom\Marie Bretsch
Fellowship Committee
Ushers: Ron Kost, Rick, Deb, Eric & Christopher Weber

Summer Worship at Zion

September 3, 2017

8:30 AM



Lutheran Vocabulary

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:5-7, 11-14a

Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:34-40

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."