

Sunday Worship Service

Reusable Bulletin

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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Prelude

Please Stand

Entrance Hymn

Invocation

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

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.

Confession and Absolution

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

[C] **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

[P] Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

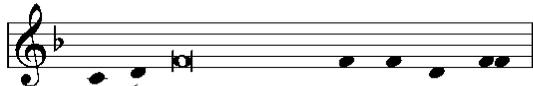
[C] **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution

[P] Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

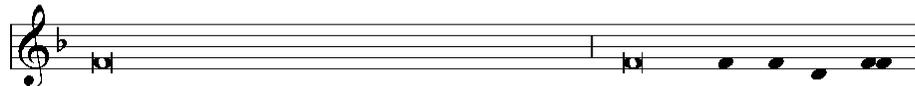
Kyrie *LSB 152*



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



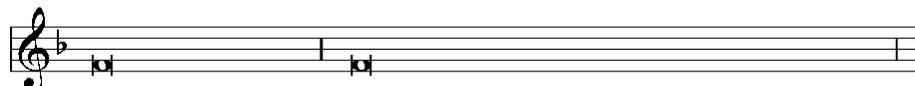
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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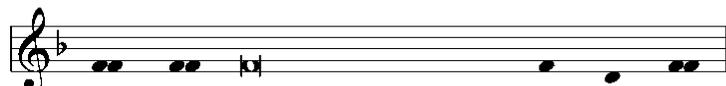
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



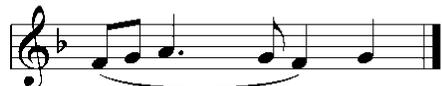
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A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This is the Feast *LSB page 155*

Refrain

[C] 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
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Let us pray, Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

Please be Seated

[R] The First Reading

[R] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

[R] The Epistle Reading

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[C] Thanks be to God.

Epistle Anthem

Please Stand

Alleluia: LSB 156

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.

Holy Gospel

[P] The Holy Gospel

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be Seated

Children's Message

Please Stand

Sermon Hymn

Please be Seated

Sermon

Please Stand

[R] Together we confess The Apostles' Creed

[C] I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated

The Offering

Voluntary

Please Stand

Offertory

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

[P] Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. [C] **Amen.**

Preface *LSB 160*



P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[P] It is good, right, and salutary, that we should give thanks to You, O' Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will, and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You, and singing:

Sanctus *LSB 161*



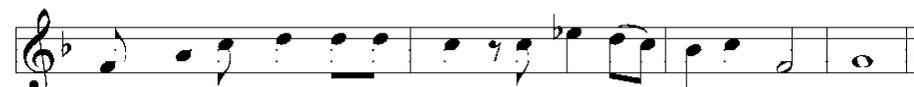
G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



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.

[P] Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. We praise You for Your love for us and for all people in sending Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Himself and to suffer death on the cross for our forgiveness. We pray to You Lord, to send Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon Your gifts, of bread and wine, that they may be a communion in the Body and Blood of your Son.

The Words of Our Lord

[P] Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
[C] **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

[P] O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

[C] **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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei LSB 163



☐ 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.

Please be Seated

Communion can be received from Pastor, or self-serve on tray with sealed elements.

Today we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during our Worship Service. This is considered an intimate fellowship with our Lord as we “discern” Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, in giving us his body and blood, for the forgiveness of our sins. We invite you to participate in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion if: You are a Christian, have been baptized and instructed in the teachings of the Christian Faith, and believe that the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus is present in the bread and wine you receive at this Altar. If you do not believe or understand this, please meet with Pastor Francis following church services, and come to the Altar during Communion, crossing your arms over your chest to receive Christ’s blessing.

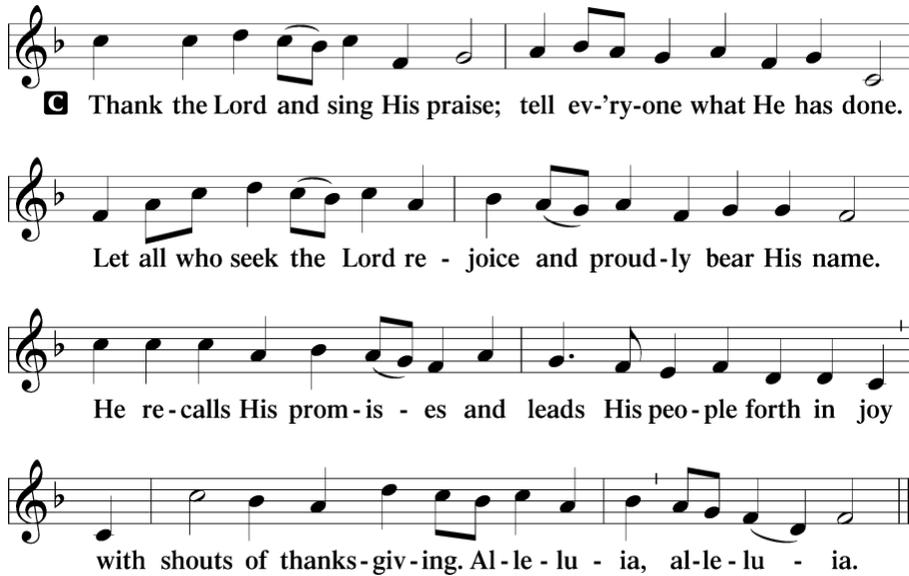
Music During the Distribution

Please Stand

[P] May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you.

[C] Amen.

Thank the Lord LSB 164



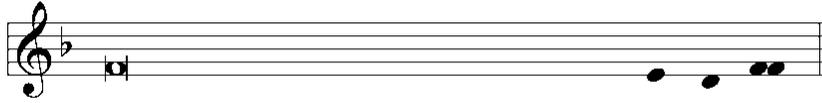
☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

[P] Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

Benediction *LSB 166*



[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



[C] A - - men.

Closing Hymn

Sending: [P] Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
[C] **Thanks Be to God!**

Postlude: *Scott Trexler, Minister of Music*



Pastor Francis Rigobert would like to provide for your Pastoral needs and looks forward to meeting with you. To schedule a visit and speak with Pastor Francis directly, you may contact him by telephone or text at 845-642-9048, or email pastorfrancis@zionlcnyc.org

Since 1872, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church has been blessed by God and the support made possible from your prayers, our Pastor, music ministry, our faithful members and guests who offer their gifts in Worship to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Schenectady, NY.

As we continue our ministry of faith, hope and love for God and His people, please consider an offering to support of Zion's ministry, our missions and/or volunteering your time and talents.

1. Online: portal.zion.lc/realm to "Get An Invitation" then to "Access Realm"
2. Mail: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, PO Box 915 Schenectady NY 12301-0915
3. At Worship Service.

If you wish to provide your time and talents to further our ministry at Zion please contact our Church Office by telephone at 518.374.1811, or email elders@zionlcnyc.org

Thank you for participating in our service to our Lord, our community, and God's people throughout the world. May you feel Jesus Christ's presence in your life each, and every day.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022

Readings

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EPISTLE READING: HEBREWS 11:1-16

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HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 12:22-34

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

[C] **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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Prayers of the Church

[R] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Loving God, provide healing to the sick and give comfort to the suffering. Bless the physicians and healthcare workers, to be guided by You to care for the sick. We also pray for our personal concerns, for our loved ones, and for all those experiencing illness, pain, and uncertainty in their lives.

We especially pray for Carolyn Gabriel, Yvonne Ziehm, Helene Wetzel, Christina Knee, Lauren Berrian, John Haun, Robert Brandt, Dr. Luther Gutknecht, Virginia Dollar, Loretta and Floyd Moore, Shirley Dorstek, Arlene Ida, Rev. Dr. John Loum and Robert Ellsworth, Sr. We also pray for those who are written in Zion's Prayer Book of Intercession.

Almighty Father, be with Your people as they face health issues. Bless them with healing, only You can give. Increase their faith with the constant assurance of Your love through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(A moment of silence for prayer and reflection)

Gracious God, strengthen us with the power of Your Holy Spirit and grant us Your peace. May we one day share in the joys of all Your saints who live eternally in Your kingdom.

Lord, in Your mercy. **[C] hear our prayer.**

[R] Loving God, keep our country and all nations in Your care. Bless the leaders who serve us so that we may live together in peace. Grant that President Biden and all government officials seek Your guidance when making decisions to protect the rights of all the people they serve, by finding peaceful solutions in times of despair. We pray for peace for the people of Ukraine and for those who have been displaced from their homeland. May the nations of the world come to the aid of the innocent and end all wars.

Lord in Your mercy, **[C] hear our prayer.**

[R] Almighty God, merciful Father, we pray for Your blessing on the victims of recent flooding in Kentucky. Bring healing to the injured and console the bereaved. Let not the hearts of Your people despair nor our faith fail us; bring hope and healing that they may find relief and restoration; through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Lord in Your mercy, **[C] hear our prayer.**

[R] Heavenly Father, protect our church family, near and far, especially those who serve to protect our freedoms serving as peacekeepers locally, and in the military: Andrew, Ian, Patrick, Genny, Paul, and Cassandra. May they always feel Your presence in their lives, keep them safe in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy. **[C] hear our prayer.**



BULLETIN INSERT

Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings & Hymns

Entrance Hymn: Printed

Sermon Hymn: #664

Closing Hymn: Printed

Collect: Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Serving you Today

Pastor Francis S.B. Rigobert
Scott Trexler

Pastor
Organist

Ushers

5:00 Gary Dansfield
10:00 Kearney Sagehorn, Bill Sandwick

Readers

Cindy Methe, Roger Kopa

Communion Assistants

Lane and Cathy Pelletier

Altar Guid

Ruth LaBrie, Robin Olander

Music & Anthems

Prelude

"Prelude in E-Flat Major" J.S. Bach

Epistle Solo

"The Gift of Love" American Folk Tune arr. Hal Hopson
Ede Bengtson and Melodee Kopa, Sopranos

Voluntary

"Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness" S. Karg-Elert

Distribution

Hymn #702 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Postlude

"Rigaudon" Andre Campra

Announcements

Zion's Youth 50th Reunion Reception - In celebration of Zion Youth coming back together after 50 years, the congregation is invited to a

reception Today, August 7th after worship in the Parish Hall. In addition, Pastor Duane and Sue Feldmann will be joining us. They are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Zion is currently without a council president or vice-president. Therefore, all operational matters, questions or help should be sent both to the church office and Pastor Francis.

Pastor Francis: pastorfrancis@zionlcny.org. Janet: janet@zionlcny.org. If you have any questions, please call the office. Thank you.

New Zion Business Manager Position - Zion is now accepting resumes for Business Manager. This is a finance and technology role: 20 hours in person a week - Monday-Thursday. Salary commensurate with experience. For more details and to apply, please go to zip recruiter online. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Francis.

Youth & Family Life Coordinator Position - Zion is looking to hire a person to work with Pastor and Deacons of Youth, Education and Family Life. 15-20 hours per week, at a competitive salary. Those interested please call, text or email Pastor Francis at 845-642-9048 or pastorfrancis@zionlcny.org.

There will be a link at zion.lc with a full job description and more information.

Food Drive -

Details for the August food drive will be announced in a couple of weeks.

A Mission Memory - In 1975 Zion took on the need for resettlement of a Vietnamese family who were forced to flee from communist takeover. The family members were an elderly father, his two adult sons and a deceased brother’s widow. They were Boat People. Zion sponsored the family, provided them with housing, food, furniture, clothing, etc. and helped them to adapt to their new home and way of life.

Since that time, they have become independent and are still grateful to Zion for sponsoring them and providing them with “the tools” they needed to successfully assimilate here in the USA. They now reside and work in Albany and New York City.

This memory is shared by *Marlene King*, who served as Deacon of Social Ministry in 1975. The family occasionally keeps in touch with her.

All ladies are invited to The LWML 2022 Women's Fall Retreat October 14th – 16th at the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center in Mount Bethel, PA along the Delaware River. Registration begins Sept. 1st
Theme: "*Channels of Peace*" with Pastor Justin Vetrano and his wife, Neina
We will be taking the Zion Church Van.
See the LWM Bulletin Board for Registration Sheets and more information.
Contact LaNette Sagehorn with any questions: lsagehorn@nycap.rr.com or 518-225-6961.

Wednesday Outdoor Praise and Worship

Every Wednesday we have an outdoor worship and praise service from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM at Zion's parking lot. In case of inclement weather, we will gather inside. This is a fellowship where we sing and pray and share testimonies of how good our God has been to us and our family.

Cancellations- If you are unsure as to whether or not Zion will be having the Eucharist, you can check the following ways:

- 1.Call Zion
- 2.Check online at Zion.lc
- 3.Check Zion's Facebook page.

Prayers of the Church

[R] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Loving God, provide healing to the sick and give comfort to the suffering. Bless the physicians and healthcare workers, to be guided by You to care for the sick.

We also pray for our personal concerns, for our loved ones, and for all those experiencing illness, pain, and uncertainty in their lives.

We especially pray for Carolyn Gabriel, Yvonne Ziehm, Helene Wetzell, Christina Knee, Lauren Berrian, John Haun, Robert Brandt, Dr. Luther Gutknecht, Virginia Dollar, Loretta and Floyd Moore, Shirley Dorstek, Arlene Ida, Rev. Dr. John Loum and Robert Ellsworth, Sr. We also pray for those who are written in Zion's Prayer Book of Intercession.

Almighty Father, be with Your people as they face health issues. Bless them with healing, only You can give. Increase their faith with the constant assurance of Your love through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(A moment of silence for prayer and reflection)

Gracious God, strengthen us with the power of Your Holy Spirit and grant us Your peace. May we one day share in the joys of all Your saints who live eternally in Your kingdom.

Lord, in Your mercy. **[C] hear our prayer.**

[R] Loving God, keep our country and all nations in Your care. Bless the leaders who serve us so that we may live together in peace. Grant that President Biden and all government officials seek Your guidance when making decisions to protect the rights of all the people they serve, by finding peaceful solutions in times of despair. We pray for peace for the people of Ukraine and for those who have been displaced from their homeland. May the nations of the world come to the aid of the innocent and end all wars.

Lord in Your mercy, **[C] hear our prayer.**

[R] Almighty God, merciful Father, we pray for Your blessing on the victims of recent flooding in Kentucky. Bring healing to the injured and console the bereaved. Let not the hearts of Your people despair nor our faith fail us; bring hope and healing that they may find relief and restoration; through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Lord in Your mercy, **[C] hear our prayer.**

[R] Heavenly Father, protect our church family, near and far, especially those who serve to protect our freedoms serving as peacekeepers locally, and in the military: Andrew, Ian, Patrick, Genny, Paul, and Cassandra. May they always feel Your presence in their lives, keep them safe in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy. **[C] hear our prayer.**

