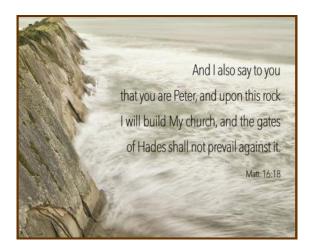
Zion Lutheran Church



August 27th, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- zlcb.org – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

Our Worship

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!



- ${f P}$ In the name of the Father and of the f T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

- 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.

Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 2:6-7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18



- P But we will | bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!
- As for me, I have | set my King on Zion, my | holy hill.
 I will tell of | the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you."

Praise the LORD, all | nations!

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

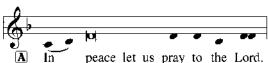
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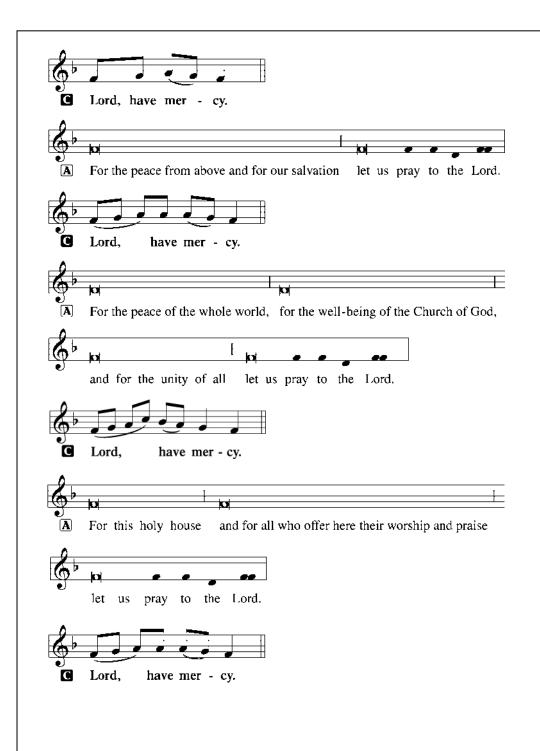
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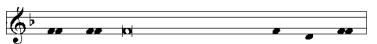
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P But we will | bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Kyrie







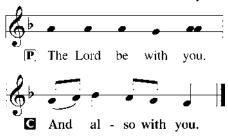
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.







Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading -- Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath: for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading -- Romans 11:33—12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

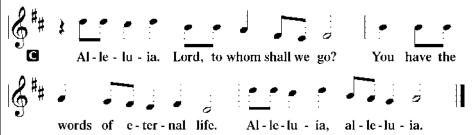
I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,

that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

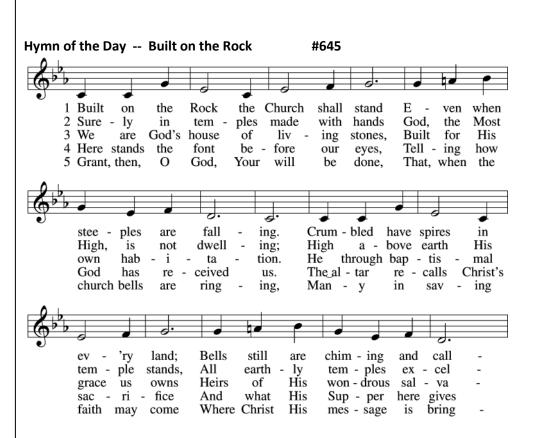


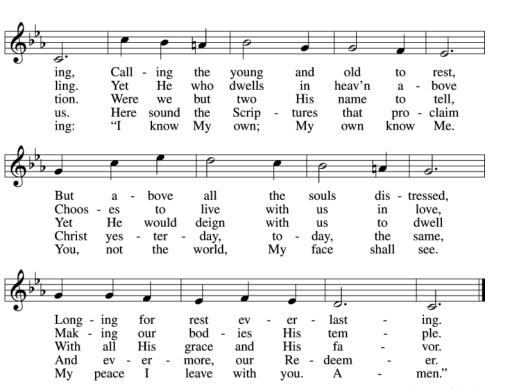
Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are

Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.









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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

C ... Lord have mercy.

Gathering of Offerings

Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrance to the sanctuary.



Service of the Sacrament

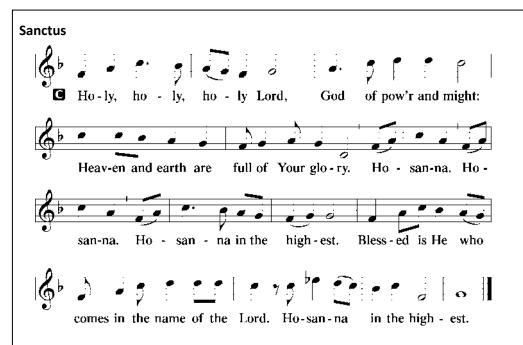


It is right to give Him

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

and praise.

thanks



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also 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 Holood, 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.
- 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

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;

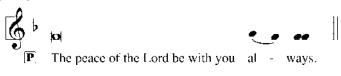
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

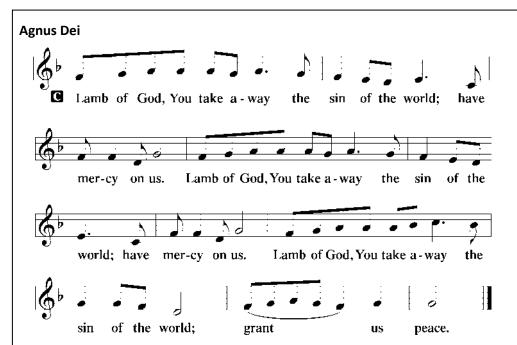
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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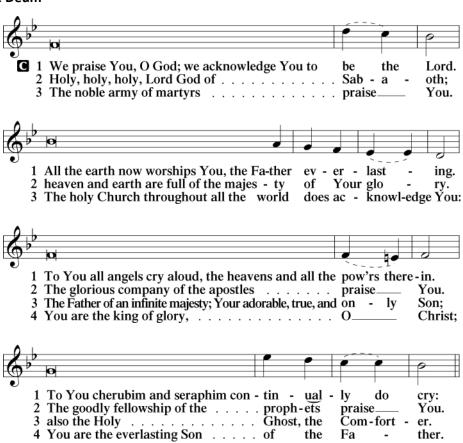
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Distribution Hymns

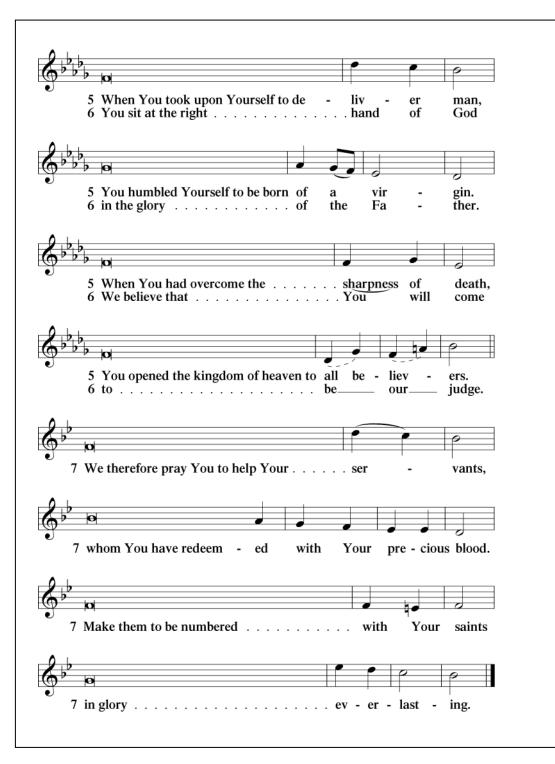
The Gifts Christ Freely Gives	#602
I Know My Faith Is Founded	#587
Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior	#619











Post-Communion Collect



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.



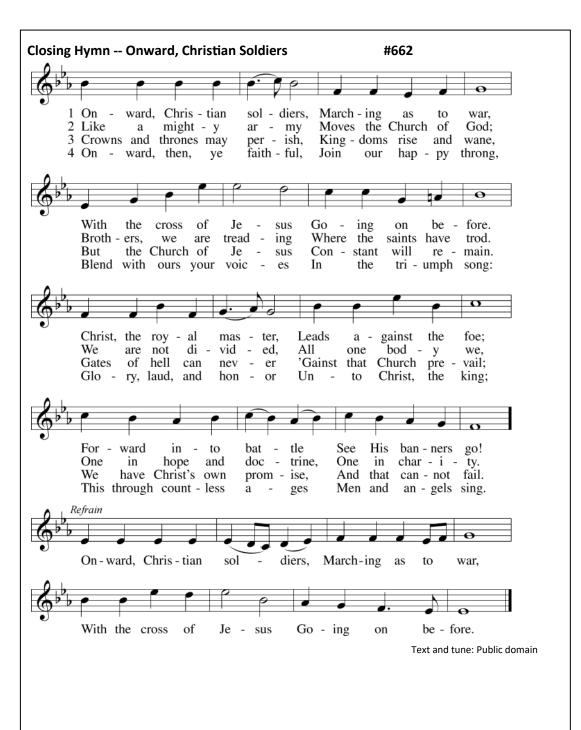
Benediction



[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Closing hymn on next page ...



Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Florence Boehme, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.
- -Healing & Strength for: Tom & Kim Erbrecht, Garry Healy (nephew of Janet Zreliak), Jim Neill, Tim & Kami Fitzgerald, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Baby Micah (premature birth), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jim and Lisa Kress, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

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- -For peace in Ukraine.
- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.

Service Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

Organist: Sandy Quinlan

Elders: Sam Garloff, Mike Wallace (8:00)

Roger Diederich, Bill Bishop (10:30)

Acolytes: Claire Schrag (8:00); Daniel Grimenstein (10:30)

Ushers: Bill, Ken & Will Schrag, Jason Trentini (8:00)

John, Kate, Johnny & Luke Lemonovich (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Wayne & Barb Oechslein in memory of Vic & Jackie Herschaft; and by Jane Kozak in memory of loved ones.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Judy Dames in memory of family.



Rally Day is Sunday, Sept. 17 at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. A new school year is beginning, and it's the perfect time for children, and adults, to Rally back to a great Sunday routine centered on the study of God's Word! Rally

Day is also "move-up" day for some of our SS students advancing to the next class level ... classes are for kids in Pre-K through 6th grades!

A NEW ADULT INFORMATION CLASS is forming in September! Details on the announcement page in the back of this bulletin ...



Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/20) -- 52 (8 am); 94 (10:30 am) Mid-Week Worship Attendance (8/23) -- 7 Plate Offerings (8/20) -- \$3341 Online Offering -- \$4015

Online giving is available on Zion's website at <u>www.zlcb.org/donate</u>



This Week at Zion

SUN 8/27	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Summer SS 10:30 AM Worship
MON 8/28	6:15 PM Faith Bell Choir
TUE 8/29	6:30 PM Grace Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir
WED 8/30	2:00 PM Mid-Week Worship/Bible Study
THU 8/31	
FRI 9/1	
SAT 9/2	
SUN 9/3	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Summer SS 10:30 AM Worship



Anniversary Celebration Weekend

September 9th & 10th

Saturday, Sept. 9th, **5:00-9:00 pm** -- Formal dinner banquet at Valley Brook Country Club. Enjoy great food, fellowship and entertainment



Sunday, Sept. 10th, **10:00** am -- Special Anniversary Worship Service with Rev. John Pingel, President of the Eastern District of the LCMS, as our guest preacher. There will be one combined service on this Sunday with no Bible Study or Sunday School.

Sunday, Sept. 10th, 11:30 am until 4:00 pm -- Carnival on the church



lawn. Join us for Food, Fellowship and Fun! There will be games for kids and adults as well as lots of fun things for everyone to enjoy. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. We are looking forward to a wonderful day of fellowship. We are asking everyone to please bring a dessert to share.





Interested in becoming a member?

Pastor Grimenstein will be starting an Adult Confirmation Class on Thurs., Sept. 14th at 6:00 for those interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith who are considering church membership. The class is also open to current members interested in a "refresher" on the basics of the faith. The class will meet every Thursday from 6:00-6:45 for six weeks and will cover topics ranging from Baptism to the Ten Commandments.

Participants interested in becoming members will be received on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29th!

Please email Zion secretary Susie Bishop <u>secretary@zlcb.org</u> to let her know you're interested in joining the class.



What is the "Offering"?

This is the time during the service when we offer gifts to God with the rest of the congregation. The Offering is concluded with the *Offertory*, which is the song that we sing while these gifts are being presented at the altar.



Why do we give some of our money to the Church?

The money that we give goes to help support all the work of the church. If you think about it, all that we have is a gift from God. When we give an offering, we are saying thanks to God for all of His wonderful gifts. As

Christians, we give to God in response to what He has given to us: life; food; family; and, most important, our Savior Jesus! We don't give because we have to, we give because, in faith, we want to!



Parents: Before the Divine Service, remind your children what giving to the Offering means. Help them to think of all the things that they have and how they are really gifts from God. Encourage them to set aside a certain amount of their own money each week to give.

