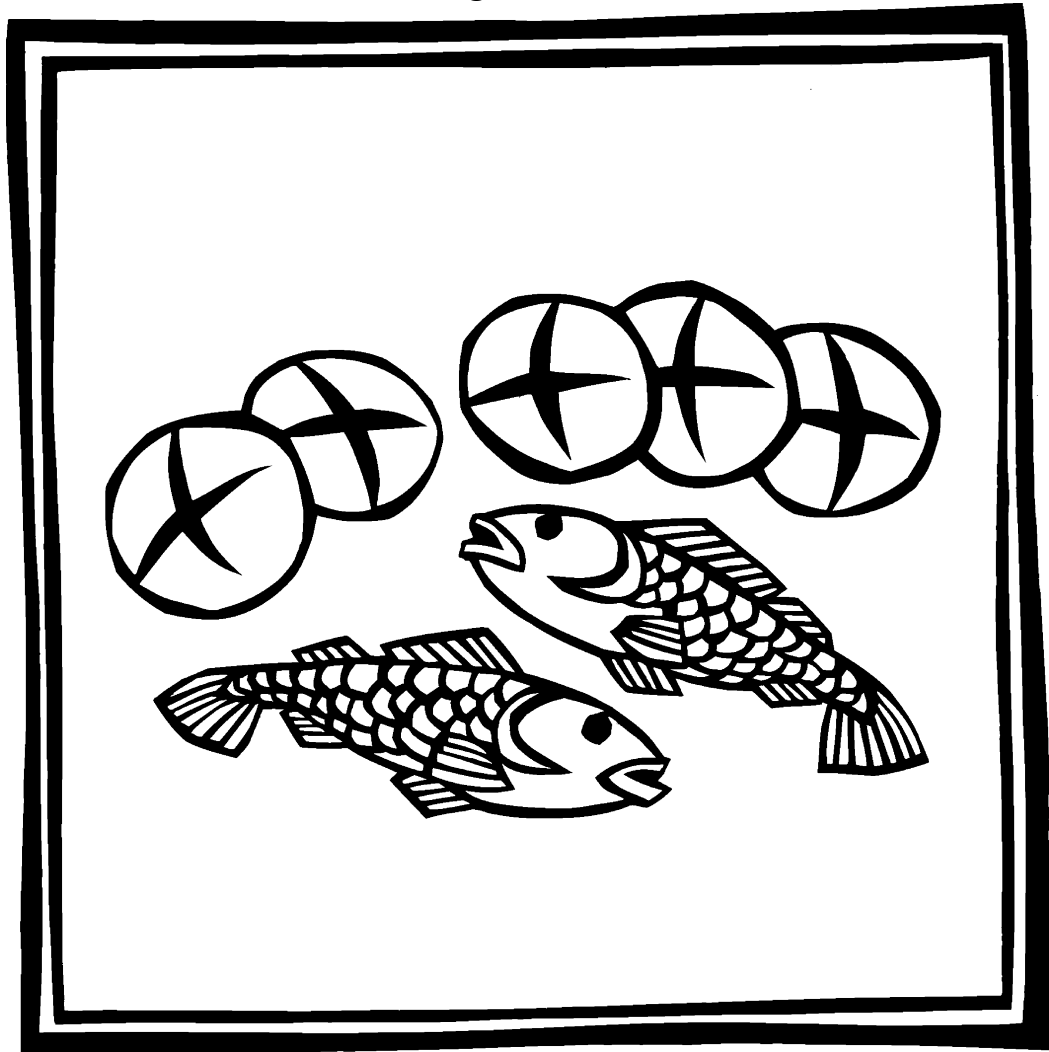


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2, 2026



Welcome to worship today!

As a reminder our worship services are available online: Zion Website:

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Zion Lutheran Church

August 2, 2026 10th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

L Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

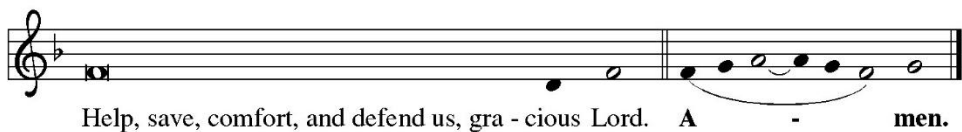
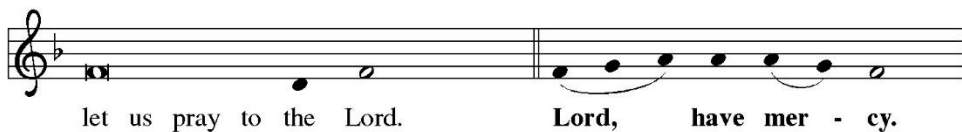
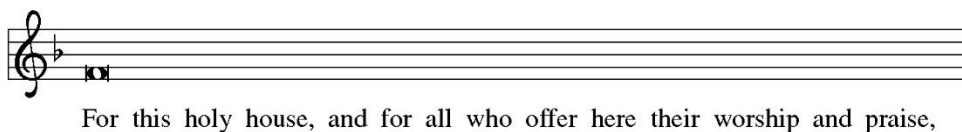
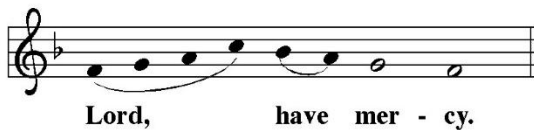
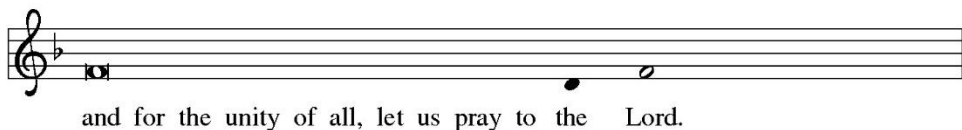
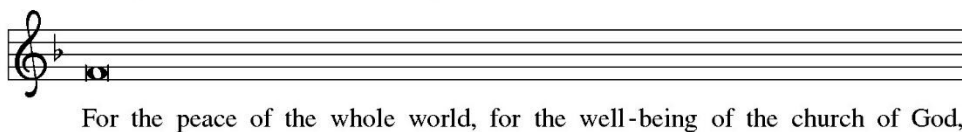
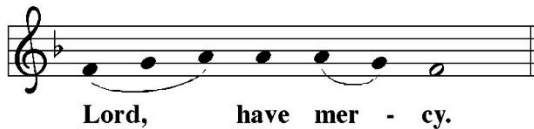
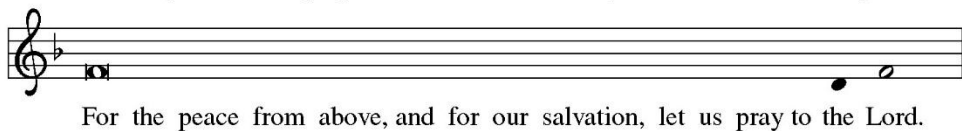
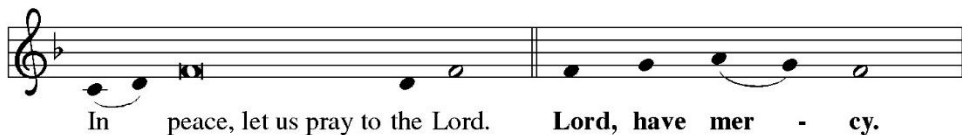
(ELW 461)

GREETING

L 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.**

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p.148)

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. Glorious God,
C **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (Spoken responsively)

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall
and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon [|] you, O LORD,
and you give them their food [|] in due season.**

¹⁶ You open [|] wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every [|] living thing.

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 up-on 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: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)



GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

L The holy gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

(ELW 659)

CREED

L With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**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 THE PEOPLE

L With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(Response to prayers)

L Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

L The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

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. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,

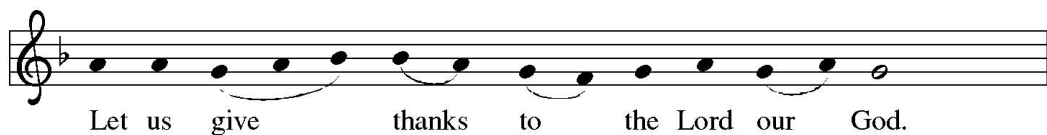
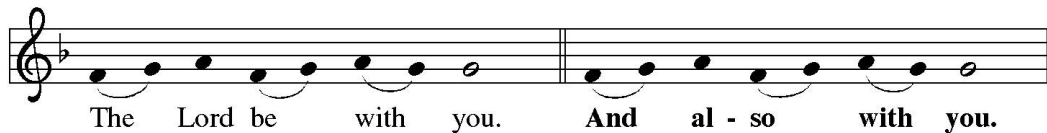
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

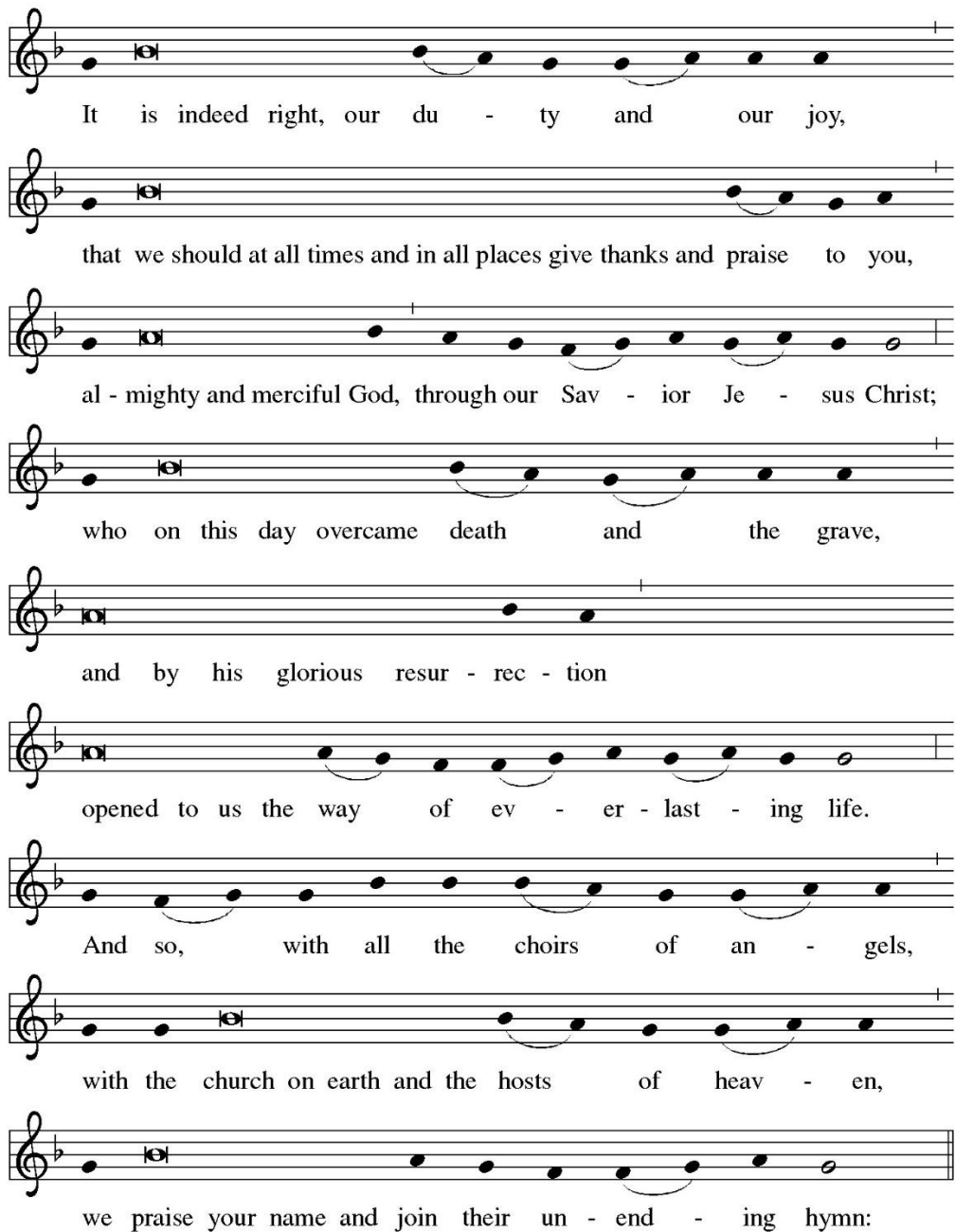
L Let us pray.

C Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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. 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a period, the third with a period, and the fourth with a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

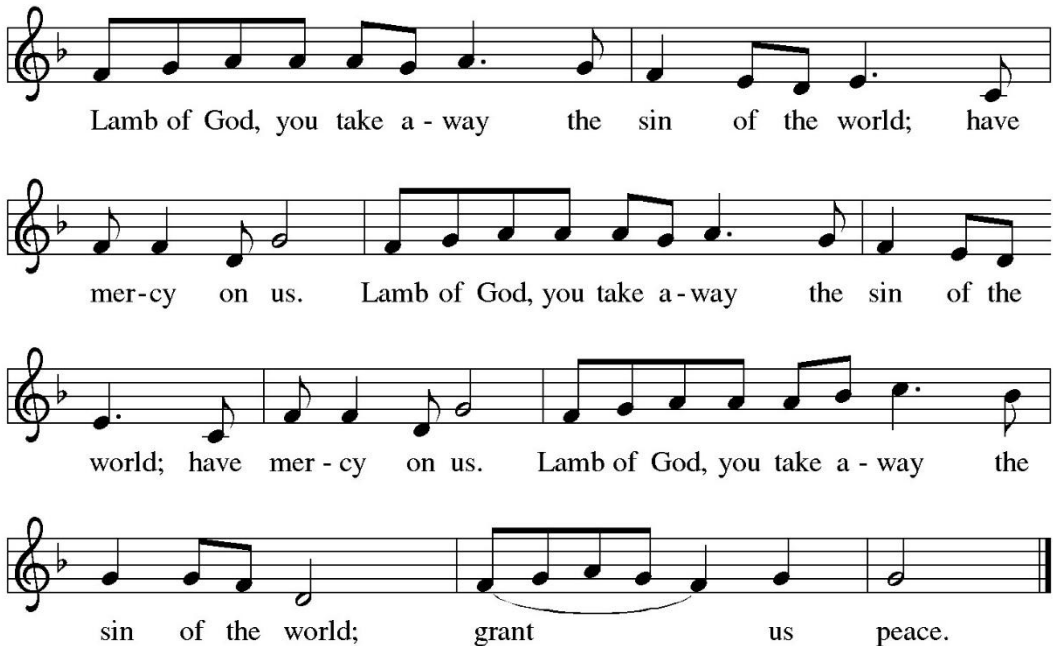
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)



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.

SONG DURING COMMUNION *Come to the Table*

(ELW 481)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L Let us pray.

C We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

L Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *I Come with Joy*

(ELW 482)

DISMISSAL

L Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

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Lector: Laurie Bentley

Communion Assistants: Karen Combs

Ushers:

Greeters: Dale & Gale Kurns & Laurie Bentley

PowerPoint: Kyrie Benes

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Scott, Ed, Jessie, Norma D., Tia (Pam Bowen's granddaughter), Ken, Scott, Larry, Mike, Dianne, Gordon, Matt, Pam, Ron, Margie, Avis & Stephanie

Please call the office if you would like to join Prayer Partners.

Social Concern for August: Campus Ministry

In August we celebrate the important ministry to and with the students on the Montana State University and University of Montana campuses. Both ministries offer opportunities for young adults to worship, serve the community, and explore their faith in deeper ways. Zion includes campus ministry in our annual giving since they rely on outside gifts to sustain their ministry programs and the pastors at each campus. The offerings collected in August will be added to our annual commitment and will be divided between these two campus ministries. We give thanks for the ways campus ministry extends our care for these young women and men in their college years.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, please mark Campus Ministry in the memo line of your check.

Fall Adult Forum Series: Pr. Stacey is going to be teaching a 6 session Adult Forum Series starting on August 9th called, Holy Resistance: The Courage to Abide in an Age Divided. Look for details in the June ZLC newsletter or on posters around the church. Prior to our discussions, she would like everyone to pick up the book Evangelism in an Age of Despair: Hope Beyond the Failed Promises of Happiness, by Andrew Root. Please read or listen to the book over the summer, as you're able. She looks forward to having some great discussions about our modern times and how to best deliver God's good news of grace and hope to those in need of Christ's love and reassurance.

Week of 8/3 -8/9

8/5	12:00pm	Men Over Lunch
8/6	9:00am	Quilting
8/9	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Adult Forum

Week of 8/10 – 8/16

8/11	9:30am	Rachel Circle
8/12	12:00pm	Men Over Lunch
8/13	9:00am	Quilting
8/16	9:30am	Worship