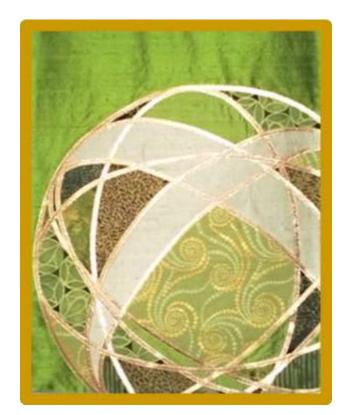
Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 8, 2023 9:00 am



+ GATHERING +

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

Welcome and Announcements

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH'S 2023 estiva SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 10:30 am Worship with Harvest Festival meal and festivities to Follow

Please sign up in the Gathering Space to volunteer to bring food, cook food, help serve, help clean up, and give a monetary donation.

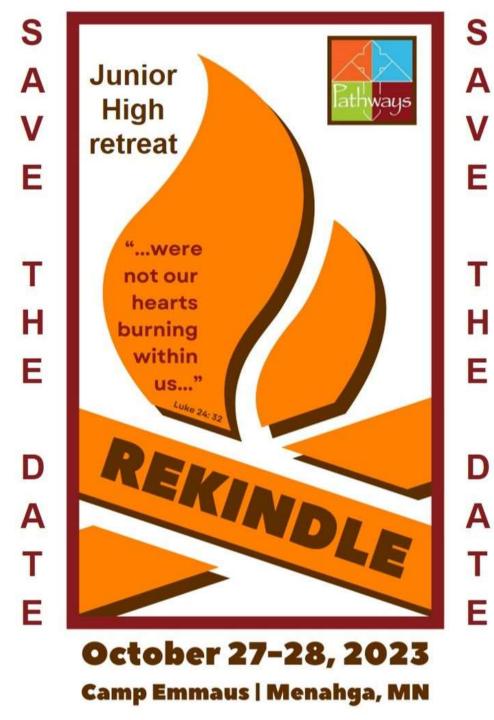
Sunday Study Session

For Jr & Sr High Youth

Come hang out, read a book, work on school projects



For information contact, Kamarra Brunelle at 218-469-0710



Zion's Jr. High Retreat is planned!

We are excited about this overnight retreat and want to invite and encourage all Zion's 7th and 8th grade youth to participate.

Thanks be to God for the generosity of the Zion's Memorial Committee. They oversee the campership fund and would like to cover the cost for each young person attending,

We need to know who will be participating by **Monday, October 23**. Email or text either Pastor Keith at, 218-790-1764/pastorkeithzeh @gmail.com or Kamarra Brunelle at, 218-469-0710/kadairbrunelle@ gmail.com

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

ELW #803

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1.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

2.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

3.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small, love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

4.

Confession and Forgiveness

- L: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C: Amen.
- L: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- L: Steadfast and faithful God,
- **C:** you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

C: For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

- L: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
 God's compassion is beyond compare.
 In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
- C: Amen.

Greeting

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

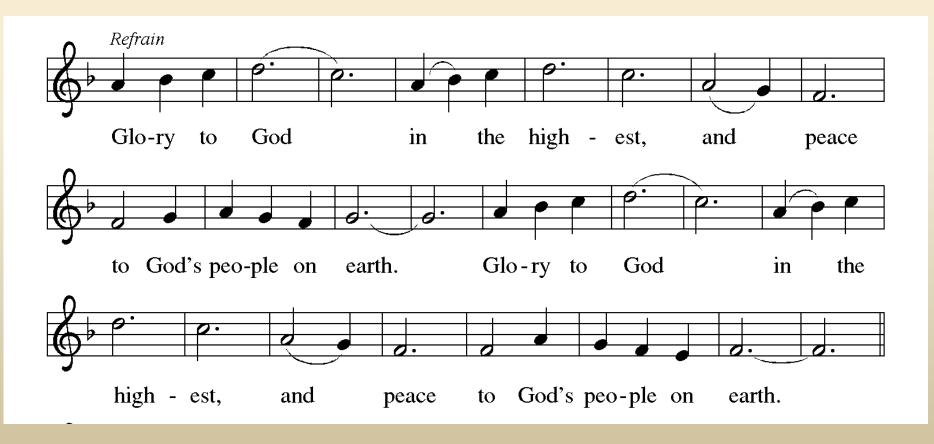
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

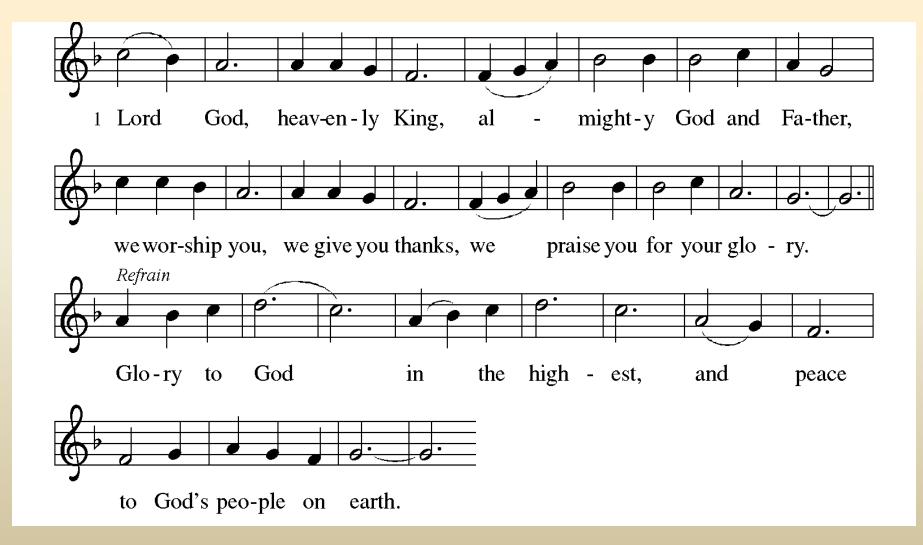
- L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord have mercy.
- L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.

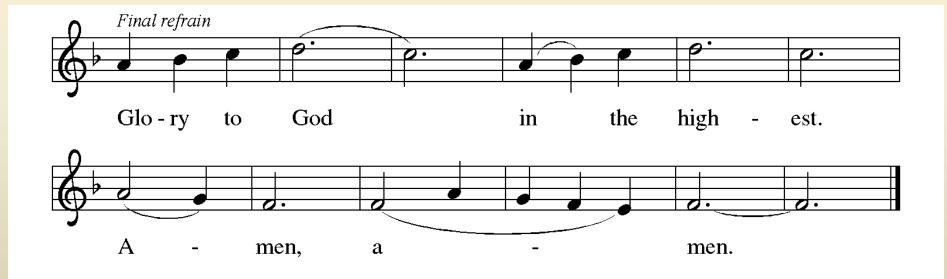
- L: For this holy house,and for all who offer here their worship and praise,let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



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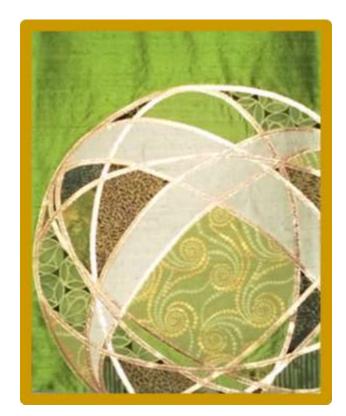
L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: God, we pray, earnestly, that you send us out to do your vineyard work. Help us to know, treasure, and use the gifts and talents you have given each one of us for this work that all people might know your love that heals and saves forever. In Jesus name we pray,

C: Amen!



+ WORD +

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

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-15

L: ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

- C: ⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.
- L: ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
 C: ¹⁰The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

L: ¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

- C: ¹²Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- L: ¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
 C: ¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
- L: ¹⁵behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

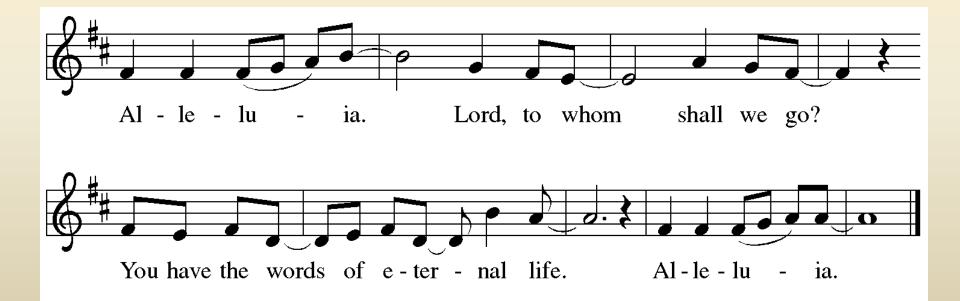
The Apostle Paul writes that not everyone is called or equipped to do the same thing. There are different gifts, service, and working, but the same Spirit who gives the gifts. Every talent and gift comes from the same source. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

Jesus said to the people: ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Treasuring Gifts and Talents

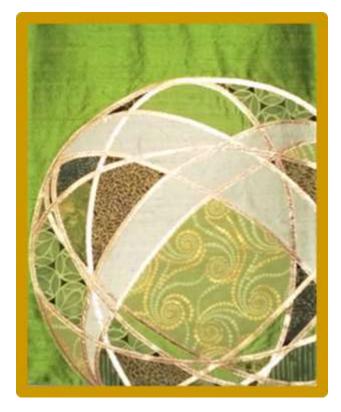


Post-it Note Activity

- Name something you're good at...
- Name something *others* have said you are good at...
- Name something you know well...
- Name something you care about...



+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +



Take My Life, That I May Be ELW #583

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Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

2.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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.



We Plow the Fields and Scatter

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We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand, who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. You only are the maker of all things near and far. You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star. The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed; much more to us your children, you give our daily bread.

Offering Prayer

- Lord Jesus Christ, we offer You our L: humble prayer that You help us to claim and use the gifts and talents You have given each one of us. Lord, we want to utilize our God-given talent and gifts to accomplish the work that You have assigned each one of us. May our serving others inspire them to make good use of their gifts and talents for the glory of God.
- C: Amen.

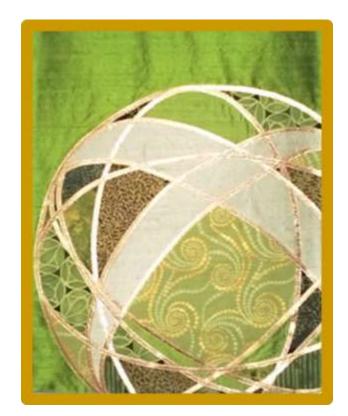
Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:L: God of grace,C: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

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. 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.



+ SENDING +

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

Blessing

L: The God of glory,
+ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

God Loved the World

ELW #323

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 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive. 2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

3. If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith. 4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done, and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.

5. All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.C: Thanks be to God.

God bless you!

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