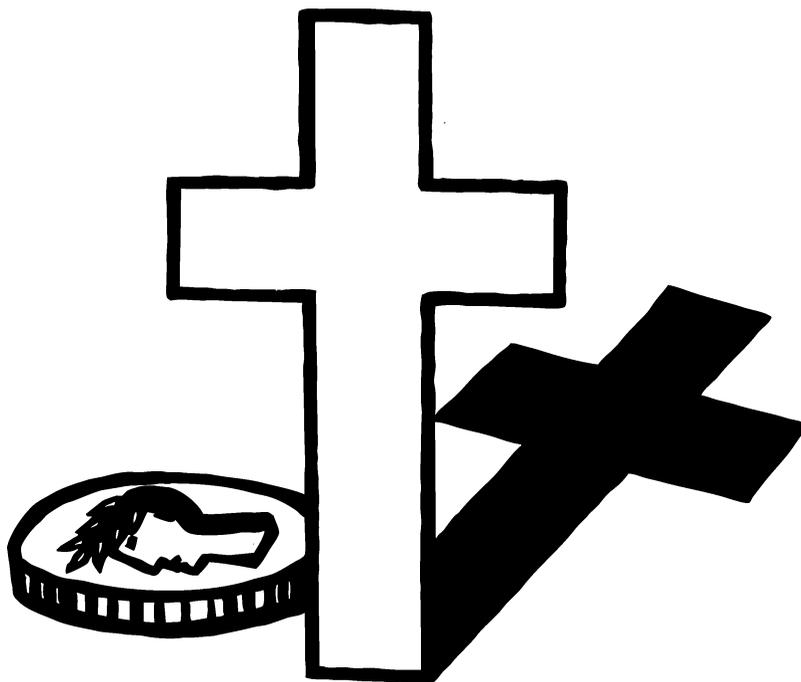


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October 18, 2020



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and live streamed on Facebook***

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG – God, Beyond All Names

Bernadette Farrell



1. God, be - yond our dreams, you have stirred in us a
2. God, be - yond all names, you have made us in your
3. God, be - yond all words, all cre - a - tion tells your
4. God, be - yond all time, you are la - bor - ing with -
5. God of ten - der care, you have cra - dled us in



1. mem - 'ry; you have placed your pow'r - ful spir - it in the
2. im - age; we are like you, we re - flect you; we are
3. sto - ry; you have shak - en with our laugh - ter, you have
4. in us; we are mov - ing, we are chang - ing in your
5. good - ness, you have moth - ered us in whole - ness, you have



1. hearts of hu - man - kind. All a - round us we have
2. wom - an, we are man.
3. trem - bled with our tears.
4. spir - it ev - er new.
5. loved us in - to birth.



known you, all cre - a - tion lives to hold you. In our



liv - ing and our dy - ing we are bring - ing you to birth.

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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.

KYRIE

Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Priest/Deacon/Cantor All

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to

peo-ple of good will. (1. We) A - men.

Verse 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri - fy you,

1. we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,

1. heav - en - ly King, O God, al-might - y Fa - ther.

to Refrain or Verse 2

Verse 2

2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of

2. God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the

2. sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the

2. sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right

to Refrain or Verse 3

2. hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

Verse 3

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

3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

3. Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

to Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth. **Refrain**

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

1. Let your heart rejoice in the Lord.
Let your word proclaim his deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world
that our God has come to save.



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

CREED

Along with the church, we 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 INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember in prayer those who have lost jobs or are furloughed from work, that they will have the resources and support to meet their daily needs as they seek employment. Pray that our congregations will be welcoming, supportive, and ready to help, concerned for their dignity and their spiritual, physical and emotional needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pray for active-duty military and their families, especially in times of deployment, transition, and separation, that their faith will comfort and strengthen them and that they will have confidence knowing they are always connected with the love, support and concern of their home community of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pray for students, teachers, school staff and parents as they continue to adapt to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on school environments and distanced learning. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE – The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

A TIME OF REFLECTION

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

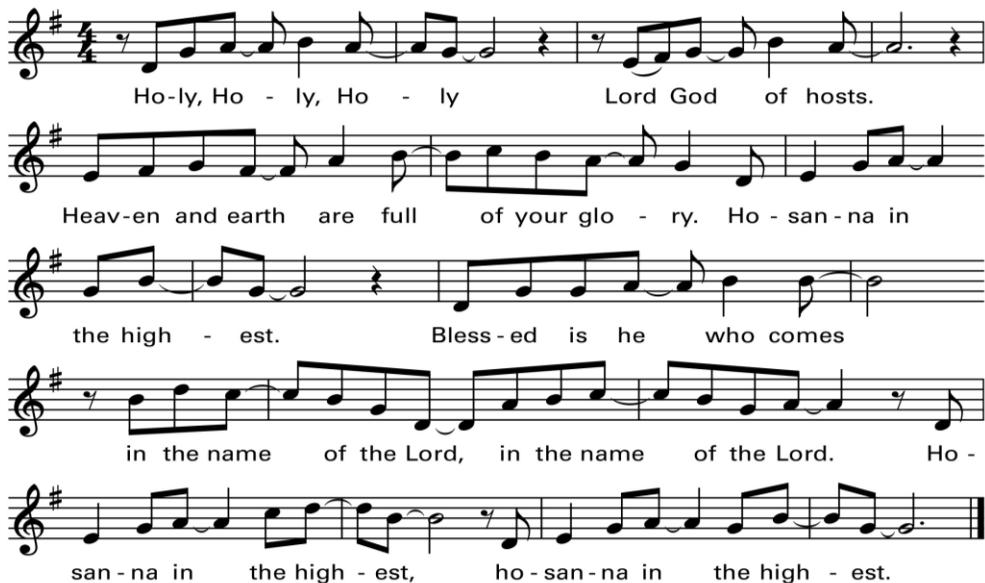
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in
the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



LORD'S PRAYER

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
sins of the world: grant us peace.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for "Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The second staff continues with "sins of the world: have mer - cy on us." and includes a first ending bracket with measures 1, 2, and 3. The third staff continues with "sins of the world: grant us peace." and includes a "Final" bracket over the first three measures of the line.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MEDITATION HYMN – *Many and Great, O God*

ELW 837



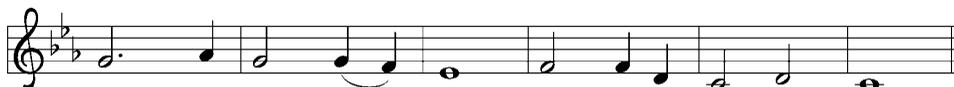
Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -



qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
 bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;



ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with



ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG – *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

ELW 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

DISMISSAL – Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Worship Leaders Today

Presider	Pastor Mark Peters
Musician	Joe Belanger
Liturgist	Donna Barg
Sound Technician	John Faith
Live Streaming	Ted Saxton

HOLY COMMUNION, the Lord's Supper, is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. All Christians who desire to share in Christ's body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, are welcome to receive the Sacrament. We ask that you come forward under the direction of the ushers. White grape juice and gluten free wafers are available for those who wish them.

Prayer Concerns – Kathie Koranda Nesland, Helen Knutson, Susie Battalio, Margaret Tyson, Doug Nagle, Tony Miller, Jim Ramnes, Jim Stavseth, and Kathleen Ganter.

Our Radio Broadcast is sponsored today by Lloyd and Donna Barg in memory of their mothers Evelyn Anderson and Rose Barg.

Opportunities to sponsor upcoming radio broadcasts – Please consider sponsoring a radio broadcast. There are openings October 25, November 17, and December 20, 25, & 27. Contact the church office if you are able to support this vital outreach to our community.

Our Noisy Offering today will be donated to Backus Community Café.

Our radio broadcast and live streaming will continue at Zion. Sunday's service will be shown on KCC-TV Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm and 11:30 pm; Monday mornings at 5:30 am and 9:00 am. This is our local access station – Midco Channel 7.

Backus Community Café – Please note that the Backus dining room is closed, however, meals will be available for pick up/carry out. Guests should call Backus at 285-7225 before 4:00 pm on a café day to reserve a meal. Meals can then be picked up from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm from the east door of Backus (Door #3 facing St. Thomas Church) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Looking Ahead – Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1. Remember to turn your clocks one hour earlier. Fall back!

Thank you, Pam Peterson for the time spent going through and reorganizing all our office supplies, paper, and miscellaneous office equipment. Good job!

The ministries of the church are still in need of your offering and monetary gifts as we determine what the church may look like right now and in the future. You can still mail your offering to the church, and, in addition to the Simply Giving program, we now accept donations through Pay Pal. The financial institution where you bank may also have an automatic bill-pay program for you to utilize. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the church.

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP VERSE

God wants us to ask for material possessions
And other things we need.
“...ask, and it will be given you;
Search, and you will find; knock,
And the door will be opened for you” (Luke 11:9)

Simply Giving – Simply Giving supports the spiritual practice of giving on a regular basis. This online service (direct deposit to Zion) provides more options and flexibility to grow giving, add income to the church, and enhance cash flow. Simply Giving can strengthen the financial health of Zion and help us in doing God’s work together. If you'd like more information or if you're interested in signing up, please contact the church office.



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GOSPEL MESSAGE – The Image of God

The Pharisees and Herodians come to Jesus with a seemingly simple question: “Is it lawful to pay taxes or not?” In a deft move characteristic of his ministry, Jesus refuses to pick a side. He doesn’t debate them, but reframes the whole question. In doing so, he creates space in which they are open to hear a new possibility and be amazed.

The imperial coin bears the image of the emperor, just as our currency bears the image of our nation’s favored leaders. What bears God’s image? You! In the first chapter of Genesis we learn that all of humankind is created in the image of God, blessed, and entrusted with caring for every living creature.

When Jesus says, “Give . . . to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21), we are reminded that there is nothing in this world and nothing in ourselves that is beyond the scope of God’s care. Like the money stamped with the ruler’s image, we see what God treasures in the face of every person on the planet: ourselves and our neighbors, those we love and those we fear. God’s own image is in every race, every age, every gender identity, every ability. Each of us shines forth a unique facet of who God is. All that we have and all that we are is from God and for the sake of the whole world.

The sacred image in us is reinforced every week when we take part in the celebration of Holy Communion. As we are fed with the body of Christ, we pray that we too might “give ourselves away as bread for the hungry” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 114). Nothing is ours to keep. All is gift from God, freely given and constantly renewed. Set free by the promises of God’s steadfast presence and generosity, we may live with open hands and open hearts.

Zion’s Mission Statement

To Proclaim the Joy of Salvation Through Word and Sacrament

Zion’s Office Hours

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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