Zion Lutheran Church



125th Anniversary Service September 10th, 2023



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.

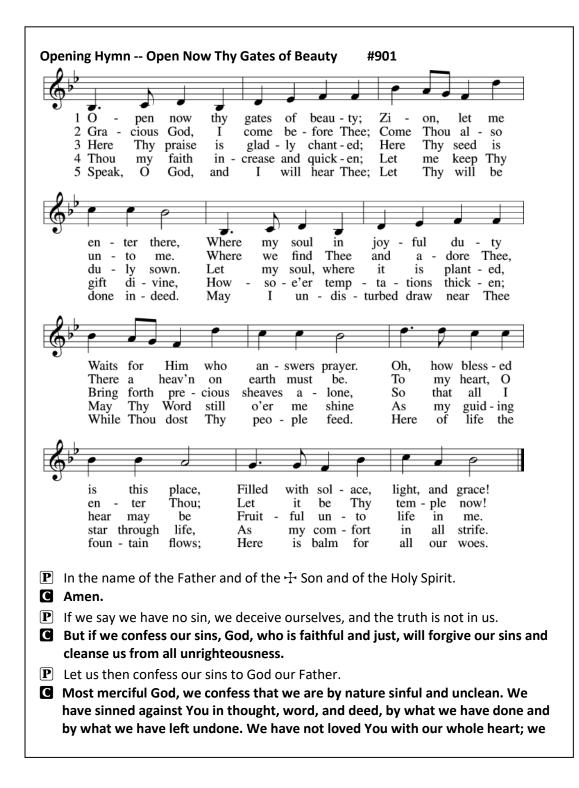
Communion Statement

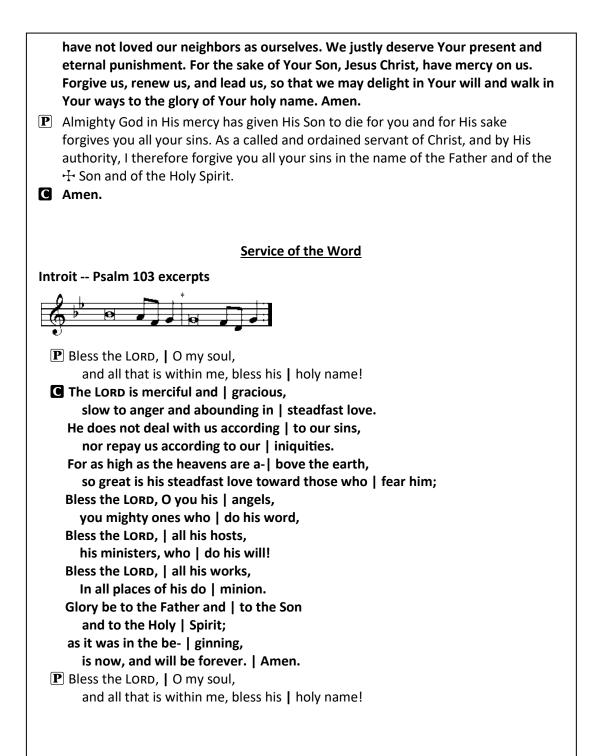
We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment 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.

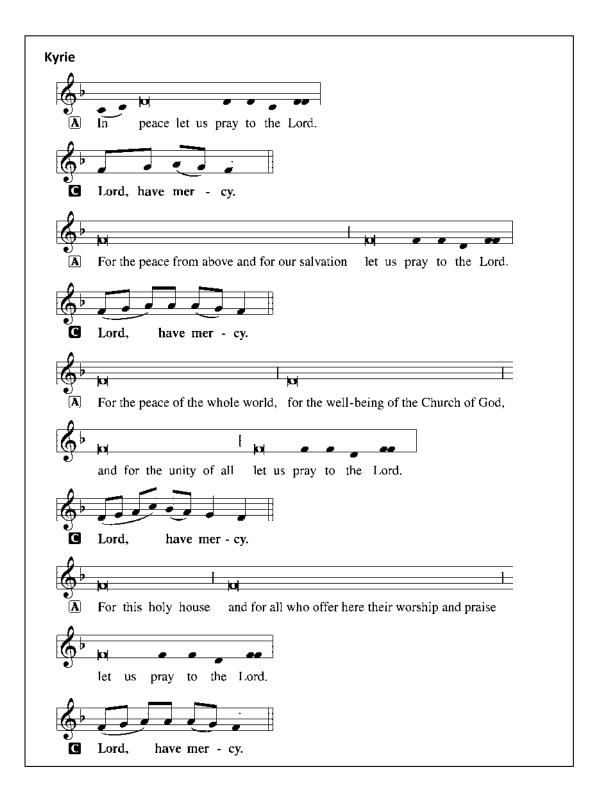
In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

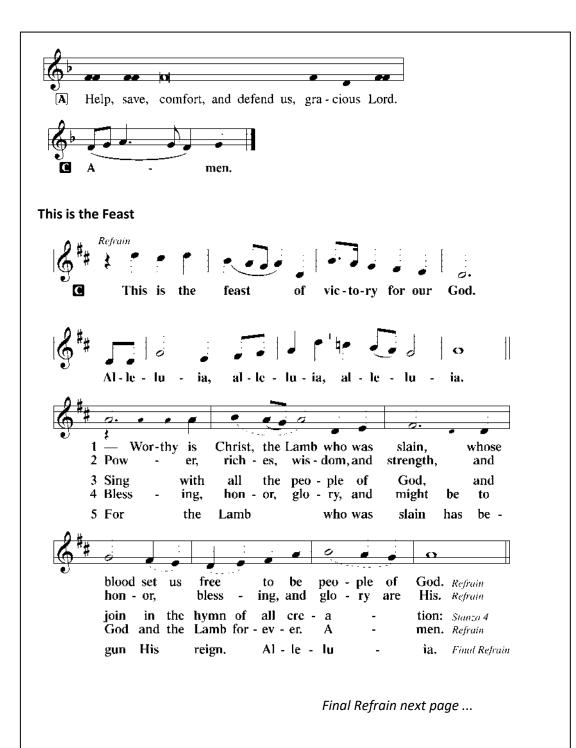
Our Worship

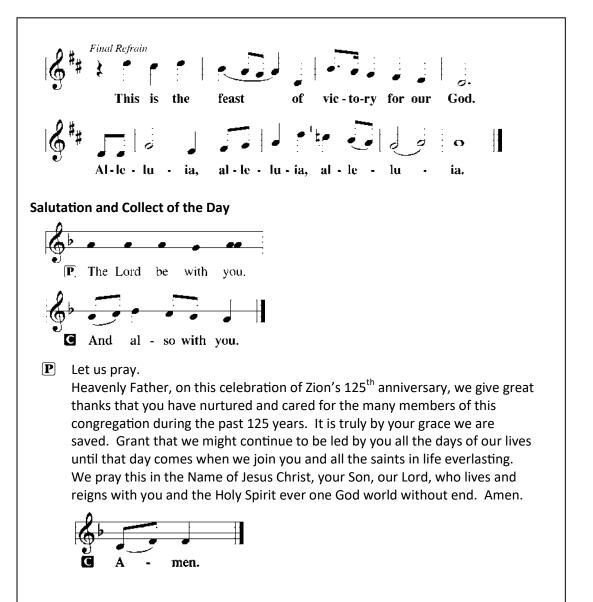
Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth 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!











Old Testament Reading -- Exodus 34:1-9

The LORD said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain." So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in

his hand two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

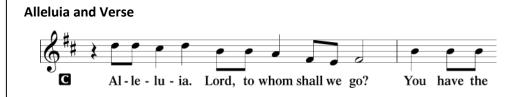
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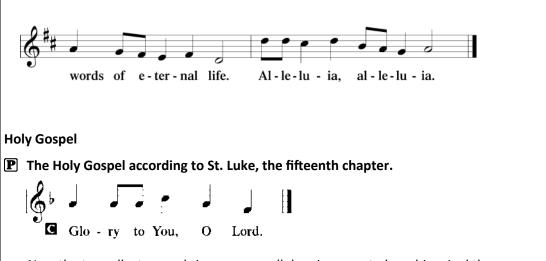
Choir -- We Praise You and Acknowledge You

Epistle Reading -- Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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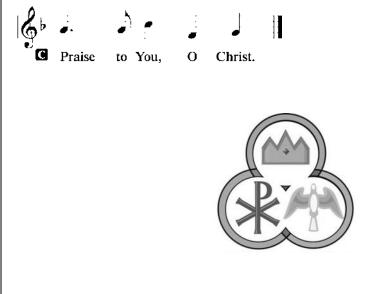


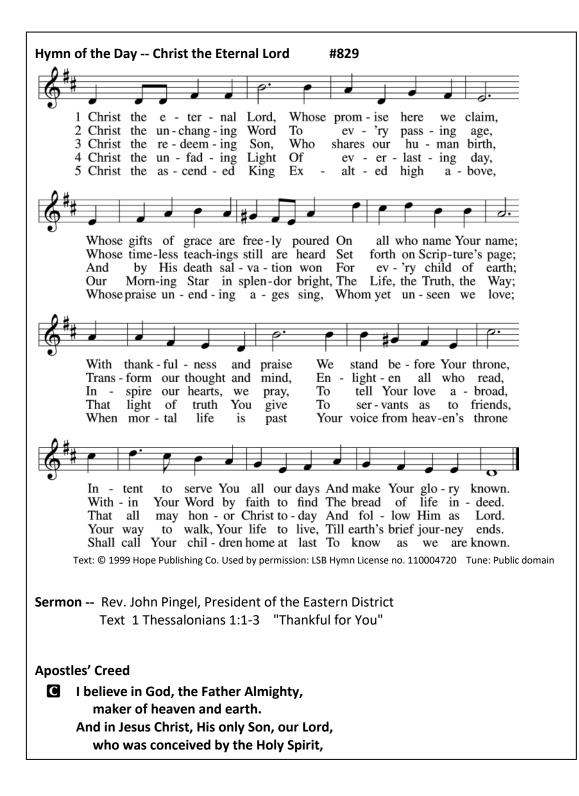


Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable ... "what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





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.

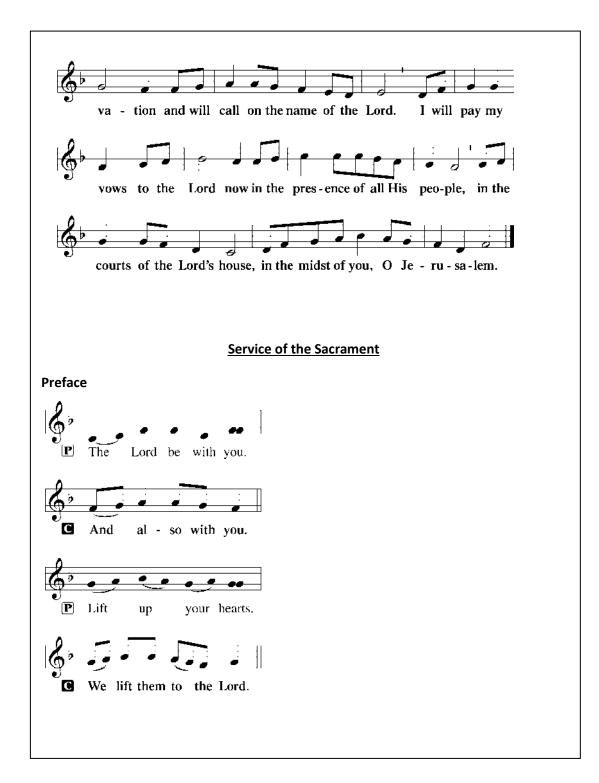
C ... Lord have mercy.

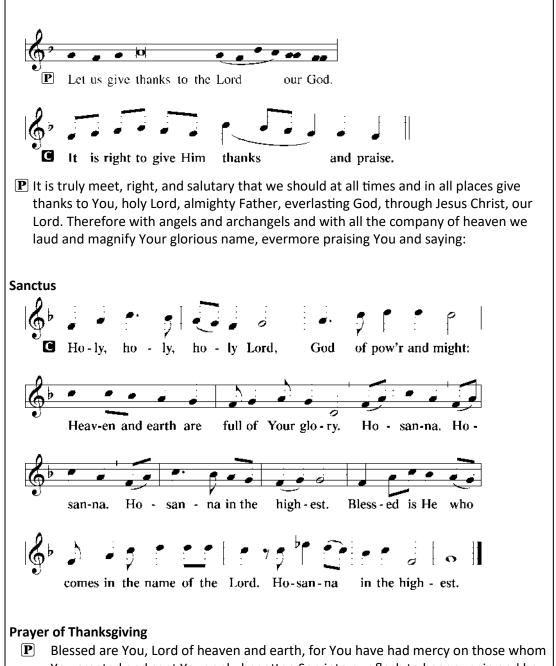
Gathering of Offerings

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



Offertory





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 + 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

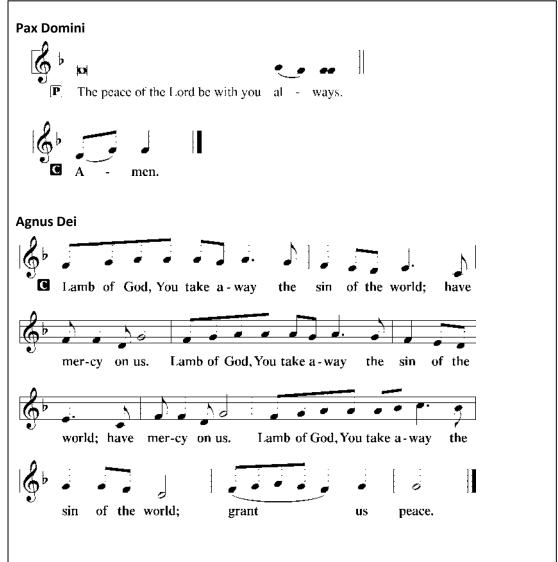
As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

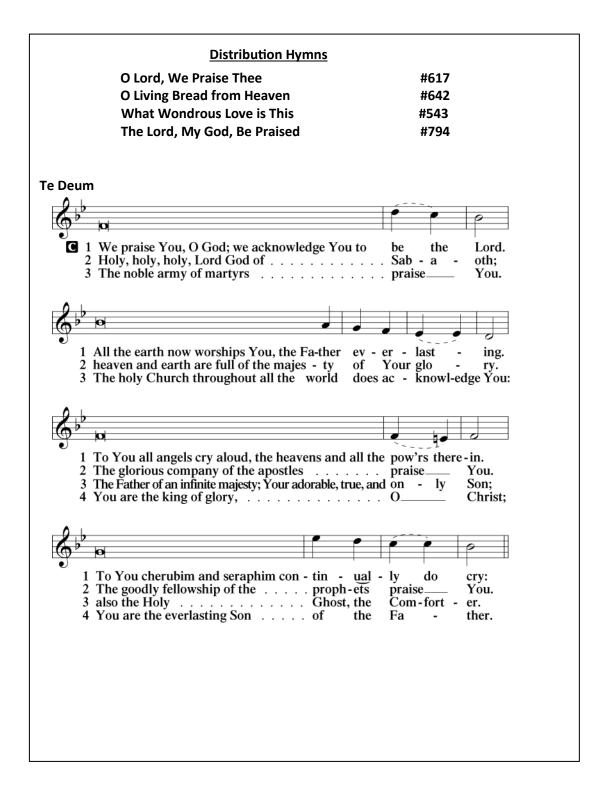
- **O**ur Father who art in heaven,
 - hallowed be Thy name,
 - Thy kingdom come,
 - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 - give us this day our daily bread;
 - and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 - and lead us not into temptation,
 - but deliver us from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

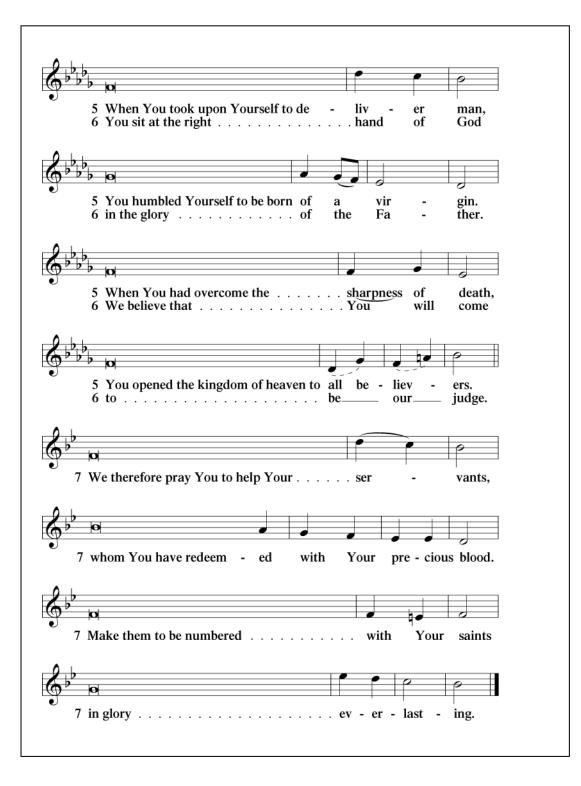


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Grace Bell Choir -- Come Thou Almighty King





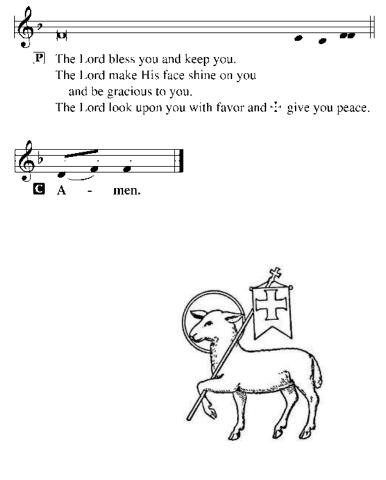
Post-Communion Collect

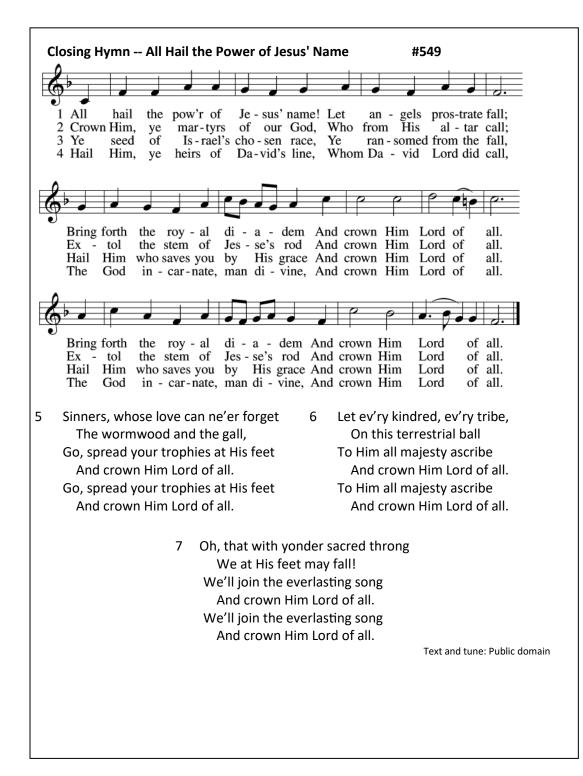
P Let us pray.

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.



Benediction





Today's Guest Preacher



President John Pingel and his wife, Diane (Giddens), live in West Seneca, NY, near Buffalo. John and Diane were married by Rev. Dr. David Belasic 30 years ago. Pastor Pingel received a B.A. from Concordia College, Bronxville, in 1980; an M.Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1983; and an M.A., Professional Psychology,

Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA in 1996. He has served as Pastor of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Beaver Falls, PA, 1983-2010, and Salem Lutheran Church, Buffalo, NY, 2010-2022. Leadership roles include First Vice President/Buffalo Regional Vice President, 2015-2022; Eastern District Board of Directors, 2015-Present; Circuit Counselor, South Buffalo Circuit, 2012-2015; Circuit Counselor, Pittsburgh Northwest Circuit, 1986-1992, 1994-2000, 2003-2005.

Diane grew up in Pittsburgh. She was baptized into the faith by her pastor, Dr. Arnold Kromphardt. Pastor Pingel and Diane lived in Beaver, PA and New Brighton, PA before moving to the Buffalo area. Pastor and Diane are blessed with two sons: Bryan, who is an engineer for Chrysler, currently living in Ann Arbor, MI; and Timothy, who works for a firm in Depew, NY. Pastor Pingel enjoys gardening, reading, walking, choir, boating, fishing, cutting firewood, firearms practice, and riding his motorcycle. Their favorite vacation spot is the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

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), Mary Lou Neill, Tim & Kami Fitzgerald, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jim and Lisa Kress, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis & Esther Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-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:

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 **Guest Preacher:** Rev. John Pingel Music Director: Mark Killinger Organist: Doug Krantz Elders: Jim Neill & Mike Wallace Acolytes: Daniel Grimenstein Ushers: Larry & Janet Zreliak, Aaron & Mike Kozak Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Esther Finney in memory of husband Sidney Finney; and by the Oelschlager family in celebration of Matthew's birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Zion Lutheran Church in memory of its founders who, 125 years ago, were led by the Holy Spirit to establish our congregation.



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

classes are for kids in Pre-K -- 6th grade. Teens (7th gr. & up) and adults, meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study. Rally Day is also "move-up" day for some of our SS students advancing to the next class level .

LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED in a fun group? Do you like music? Do you like to sing? Join us Tuesday nights from 7:30-8:30 for choir rehearsal! We are flexible and can work around busy schedules. See Mark Killinger if you are interested; or contact him at 412-874-5976, <u>killingermued@hotmail.com</u>



Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/3) -- 50 (8 am); 90 (10:30 am) Mid-Week Worship Attendance (9/6) -- 9 Plate Offerings (9/3) -- \$3183 Online Offering -- \$1310 Online giving is available on Zion's website at <u>www.zlcb.org/donate</u>

This Week at Zion	
SUN 9/10 Anniversary Sunday	10:00 AM 125th Anniversary Worship Service 11:30 AM Carnival @ Picnic Pavilion Sign up in Narthex!
MON 9/11	6:00 PM 1st Year Confirmation 6:30 PM Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM 2nd Year Confirmation
TUE 9/12	6:30 PM Grace Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir
WED 9/13	2:00 PM Mid-Week Worship/Bible Study
THU 9/14	6:00 PM Adult Confirmation/New Member Class 7:00 PM Council Mtg.
FRI 9/15	
SAT 9/16	
SUN 9/17 RALLY DAY	8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Rally Day Festivities, Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM Worship

125TH ANNIVERSARY CARNIVAL



Sunday September 10th • 11:30-4PM Zion Church Lawn

All food, drink, and activities are complimentary! Sign up in the narthex today!

Hot Dogs • Hamburgers • Salads • Chips • Fruit Root Beer Keg • Desserts • Popcorn Machine Kona Ice • Live Music • Bounce House • Cake Walk Cotton Candy • Ballon Artist • Stilt Guy Caricaturist • Carnival Booth Games



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.