

God of peace will be with you.

~ Philippians 4:1-9



Sunday, October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Two

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

GATHERING

Prelude:

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Christ, Be Our Light” **ELW 715**

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

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GLORY TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.
⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹ The LORD [|] is my shepherd;
I shall not [|] be in want.
² **The LORD makes me lie down [|] in green pastures
and leads me be- [|] side still waters.**
³ You restore my [|] soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name’s sake.
⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall [|] fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they [|] comfort
me.**
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence [|] of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is [|] running over.
⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days [|] of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the [|] LORD forever**

READING **Philippians 4:1-9**

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for
they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with
Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of
life.
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be
anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the
peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy
of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have
learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the
God of peace will be with you.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

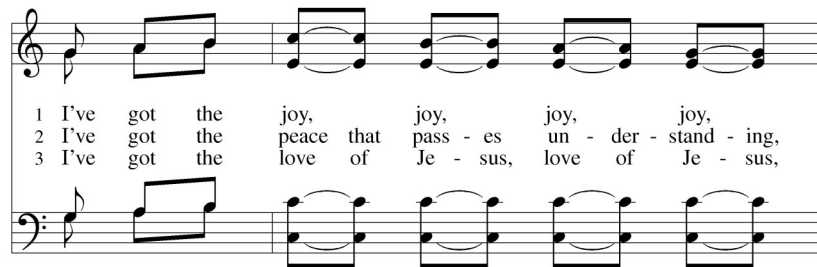
SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

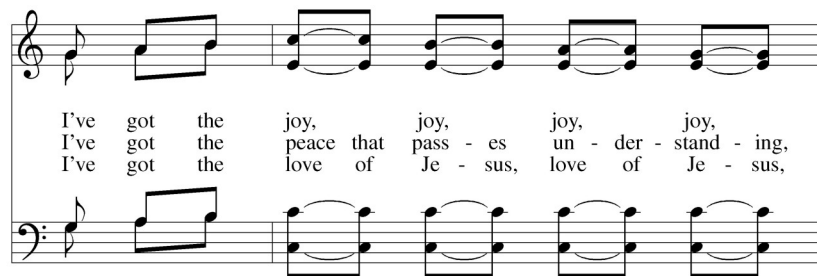
HYMN OF THE DAY "I've Got This Joy, Joy, Joy"



1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;



I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters (regions in crisis may be named) and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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It is indeed right...

SANCTUS

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Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

"We Are Called"

ELW 720

"To Be Your Presence"

ELW 546

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “Sent Forth By God's Blessing” **ELW 547**

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

SERVING TODAY

Kate Schneider - Lector
Pauline Neumann - Worship Assistant
Donna Berndtson and Rick Borg - Ushers/Greeters
Carol Jozus - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist

Prayer List

For Health:	Jonathan A	Bill B	For Safety:
Joyce G	Curt R	Roselies K	Andrew C
Cathy L	Joan A	Alexis S	Todd S
Marion B	Dick C	Justin Z	Michael C
Lily V	Karen R	Tom Z	Tyler G
Holly N	Pat J	Marjorie T	Erik B
Lisa A	Alexis R	Patricia W	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Malynda A	Sandra C	Evan G
Aiden J	Annamaria T	Bill B	David P
Helen A	Lee T	Maverick P	
Matthew A	Michael G		
Bud J	Barbara S		
Jessica A	Don R		
Charlotte D	Fred B		

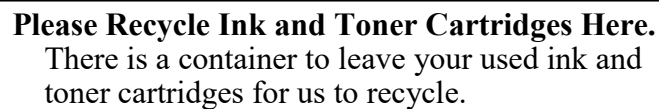
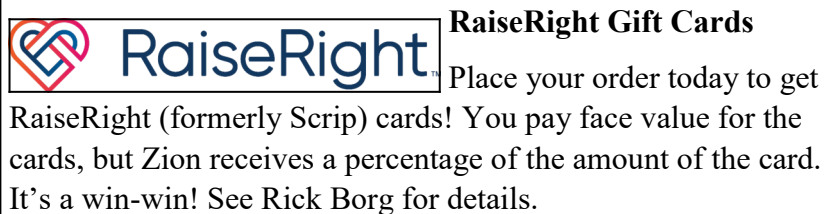
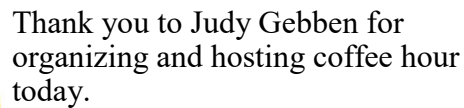
SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, **November 8th** a special worship service will be held. Our historic refurbished bell and complementary tower built to last for many years to come will be dedicated. Following the service the bell committee will be hosting a **special coffee hour**. Hope you will be able to join us for this momentous occasion.

In Christ,
The Bell Committee

Notice:

The Bell Committee is putting together a picture presentation for the Bell Dedication. If anyone has pictures that they would like to share, please send them to the church's email: zion.lutheran@snet.net



Council Members: President - Kathy Richards, Vice President - Paula Brown, Secretary - Barbara Helming, Financial Secretary - Rick Borg, Other Members - Beth Keser, Bob Redman, Peter Willse, Christine Kelsey, Kate Schneider

If someone you meet today needs clothing, and that someone has no money, where will you send them?

Good question. When ten people are asked, five say they don't know, another five think that maybe one church or another has a clothing closet. In our community there needs to be an answer to that question that serves the interests of the whole community and **that EVERYONE knows about.**

This is why the **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Cards** are so important.

It's very simple - you fill out the card with your name and date and give it to the Goodwill employee along with your donations of **textiles, shoes and clothing** (these are the only items credit is given for). Goodwill and St. Vincent De Paul does the rest.

Each month Goodwill supplies vouchers to St. Vincent De Paul based on the weight of donated clothing. The vouchers are given to people in need who can use them at Goodwill to purchase (free) clothing. Persons/families needing clothing will be treated to a dignified retail shopping experience in which they make their own selections.

Community clothing closets will no longer have to maintain staff for guest hours, receiving, sorting, cleaning and storage of clothing.

NO CASH CHANGES HANDS. Clothing is managed by a successful and professional non-profit organization (Goodwill). Vouchers can be used to purchase clothing or small household items.

FOR THIS PROGRAM TO WORK, agencies, members of the faith community, individuals and businesses must actively promote the donation of clothing, shoes and textiles to Goodwill **USING A SPECIFIC DONATION CARD** which identifies SVDM as the beneficiary agency of record (cards now available!).

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.

Today: October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. The Chosen

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: No Preschool/Office closed

6:00 p.m. N/A

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Next Sunday:



October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

Substitute Pastor Dennis Tebeest

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13];
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Attendance: Last week - 68; Last year - 40

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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