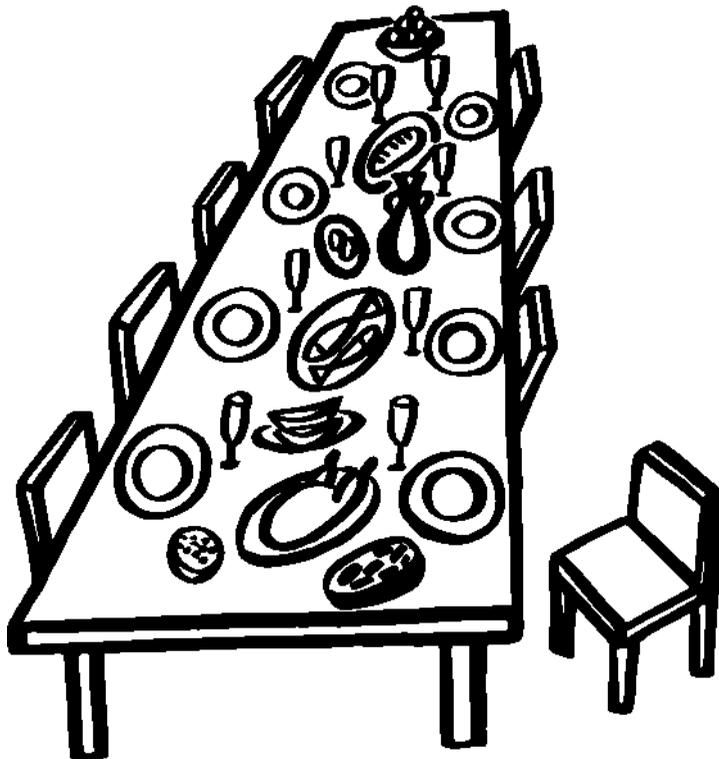


12th Sunday after Pentecost
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH | IOWA CITY, IOWA
AUGUST 27 & 28, 2022



Zion Lutheran Church...
As God welcomes all people through the grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve.

Available during worship. Ask an usher for assistance.



Large
Print
Bulletins



Personal
Hearing
Devices



Child
Worship
Activities



Seat cushions
for sitting
comfort



Whether you are worshipping online or in-person, you are invited to participate in this service as you are able, by standing, sitting, praying and singing aloud as you may be moved. We may not be with you to hear you, but we join our prayers with yours, and offer them to God with joyful hearts.

Know too, that your offerings support the many ministries of Zion Lutheran, and your gift helps realize the vision of a spiritually alive world.

Thank you for your generosity, and for being part of Zion Lutheran today.

Give online:



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

The community of Zion Lutheran Church invites all who enter our building to join in a covenant of care for one another. Covenant

language in the Bible describes the relationship God has with us through God's promise to love us and God's invitation for us to love each other. As reflectors of that love, we use covenant language to describe our relationships with each other. As the Body of Christ gathered at Zion, we invite all to join us in a covenant of care for one another.

Zion's Covenant Foundations

- As God invites and welcomes all, we hope to offer that same radical hospitality here.
- As God prioritizes those who are littlest, last or least among us, we seek to extend tenderness and patience with each other.
- Our care for each other, as beloved and equal members of the Body of Christ, should guide our interactions at all times.

Accessibility for all

Accessible washrooms are on each floor of the building.

All-gender washrooms are on the lower level and upper level.

Gendered washrooms are on the main level.

Changing stations are available in all washrooms.

Scent free zone is located in the southeast section of the pews (far left, front)

Gluten free communion option: Speak with an usher or a pastor prior to worship.

*Audio and video recording of this worship service is in progress.
The recording will be made available on the Zion website for public viewing.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

arr. Lynette Maynard

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN | *All Are Welcome*

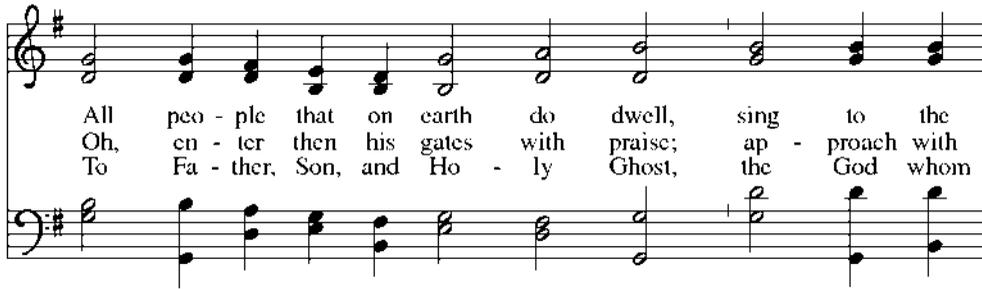
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GREETING

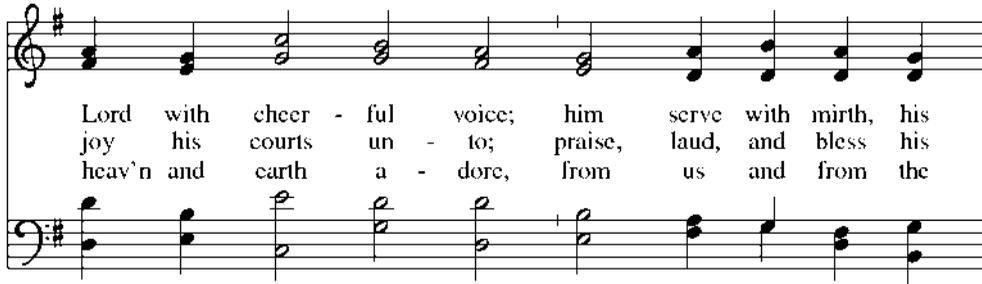
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 25:6-7

- ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112

- ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

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

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY | *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

ELW (red hymn book) #523

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ELW (front portion of red hymn book) page 105

PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #206

LORD'S PRAYER (MODERN VERSION)

ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #208

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The ushers will invite you to the altar rail. Those who wish to remain in their pew, may pick up a fellowship cup in the narthex. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Lamb of God ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #208

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW (red hymn book) #461

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

OFFERING

Offering plates are located at the entrance to the worship space.

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN | *Praise to You, O God of Mercy* ELW (red hymn book) #208

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

arr. Anna Laura Page

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 a.m. Worship

Marsha Smith, pastor

Jennifer Lutz, pastor

Melanie Sigafoose

Presider

Preacher

Pianist

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