

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ;
strive side by side for the faith of the gospel. Alleluia. (Phil. 1:27)*

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Congregational participation in bold font.

Please silence your cell phone.

PRELUDE

'A Simple Prayer'
Zion Ringers

by Linda Lamb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invited by the minister, we turn to face the baptismal font.

We make the sign of the cross, ✠ the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, we confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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.

GLORY BE TO GOD



1. Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2. Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Lov-ing God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from Amos, the 8th chapter.

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1st Timothy, the 2nd chapter.

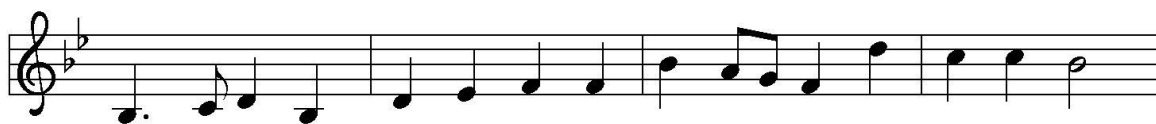
First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:1-13



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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

REFLECTION SONG

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole 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.**

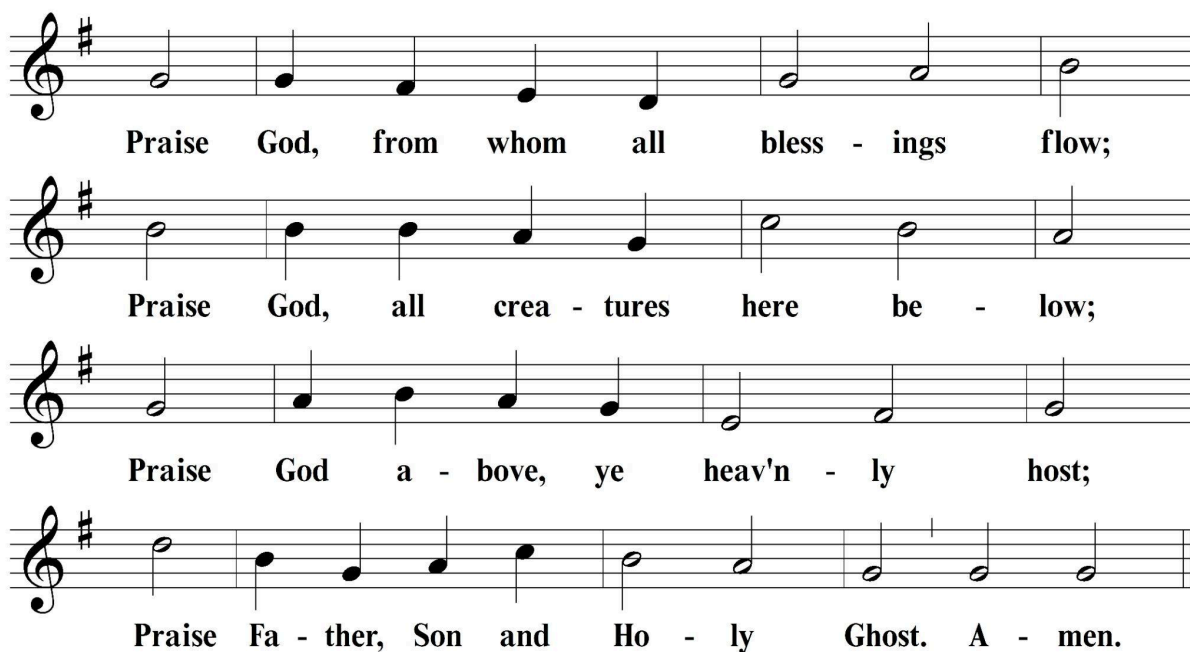
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes with the following:
God of grace, receive our prayer.

PEACE AND OFFERING

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

As you greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," we thank you for joining us in sharing God's love. You can share your gift either by scanning the QR code provided, giving online at zionhickory.org, or placing your offering in the offering plate as you leave worship.



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

We pray: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n 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. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was [handed over], 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us, saying: **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 AND LAMB OF GOD

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. **Thanks be to God!**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Be seated. All are welcome to receive Communion at Christ's table. For good order, musicians will commune first.
Ushers will invite you to the altar to receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the rail.
After communing, you may remain at the rail for private prayer or return to your seat.*

COMMUNION SONG

**'Enduring Gladness'
Zion Ringers**

by Ron Mallory

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

May the precious and true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

We pray: O God, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

'Be Thou My Vision'

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
We will. Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPANTS

If anyone is interested in reading scriptures, please contact the Church Office.

Senior Pastor.....The Rev. David T. Drysdale II
Guest Musician.....Joel Rogers
Handbell Choir Director.....Elaine Vaughn
Children's Message.....Elaine Heinl
Assisting Ministers.....Maggie Eckard, Emma Windham
Altar Guild.....Dottie Crowder, Nancy Yoder
Ushers.....Curtis Schultz, Wayne Vaughn, Milton Wrike
Tellers.....Kay Dodd, Milton Wrike, Angela Beard

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please pray for those who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:
(Names in BOLD have been added or updated this week.)*

Zion Members... **Donna Bass**, Joey & Jennifer Brown, Jack Cooke, Elsie Eudy, Ron & Sandra Herman, Randy & Raenell Hines, Ruth Ann Hollar, Kim Hollars, Maxine Huffman, Janice Jeffreys, Gary Kanipe, Leigh Ann Lackey, Mike McRee, Kenny Mull, Kenny Lee Mull Family, Patrick Mull, Barron & Lois Whitener, Matthew Whitener, Stephen Whitener, Martha Wrike.

Homebound... Bill Hefner, Mary Jo Hilton, Gary & Hippie Johnson, Nellie Lutz, Violet Michael, Barbara Scronce, JoAnn Stafford, Janey Whitener, Dottie Yoder, Jerry Yoder.

Friends of Zion... Tom & Doris at Trinity Village, Gary Abernethy, Ann Arney, Michelle Barger, Jeff Beck, Charlie Boger, Sue Bolick, Doug & Nancy Brady, Easton Case, Patty Cook, Ruth Cook, Ulrike Cox, Bryant Early, Cindy Elder, Kathy Freeman, Sandra & Stamey Hardin, **Andy & Hillary Hessel Family**, Myrtle Hilton, Alice Huffman, David Icenhour, Alma Jacobs, Gary Jarvis, Anaisha Jaykumar, Patsy Kanagy, John Keck, Alice Keenan, **Toni Kenerly**, Savannah Klein, Joyce Ladnier, Kay-Kay Ladnier, **Sylvia Lail**, Jay Lamb, Dale Love, Sophia Marlowe, Sheryl Martin, Cooper Martin, Teresa Mays, **Jim & Anne Rhyne McCoy**, Frances McCracken, Mario Molina, Terry Mooneyham, Chris Mundy, Randy Neill, Meghan Paris, David Pruett, Fred Prince, Wayne & Brenda Reed, Dr. J. David & Jena Rhyne, Rusty Rhyne, Carroll & Betty Shook, Gina Sigmon, Troy Stallings, Pat Stilwell, Andy Tomah, Michelle Whitener, Gary Wood.

Condolences... We lift in prayer **Jacqueline (Cooke) and Steve Miller and their family** on the death of their son, **Kolya**, who passed away on Sept. 17 due to injuries he sustained in a recent car accident. Please keep this family in your prayers as they grieve this heartbreaking loss.

Featured Homebound Member... Please encourage this special member by sending a card or note this week: **Janey Whitener, 5823 Nello Drive, Hickory, NC 28602.**

