



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person & Online Worship
Sunday, August 14, 2022
10:00 A.M.

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GATHERING

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church. With COVID-19 still among us, masking is optional for fully vaccinated people and required for unvaccinated people, though anyone is free to wear a mask anywhere in the building if you desire. See an usher if you'd prefer to sit in a 'mask required' section.

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When invited to stand at any time during this liturgy, please rise either in body or in spirit, as you are able and comfortable.

Prelude

Cantilene Religieuse

By Théodore Dubois

Joy Mullen, Director of Music, St. Stephen's Parish

Greeting and Welcome

The God of peace be with you.

And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

Amen.

Have mercy, O God,
against you, you alone,
we have sinned.

In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.

Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.

Amen.

As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your sin from you,

renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

Gathering Hymn

Faith of Our Fathers, ELW #812

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

W O R D

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

23 Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" 26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

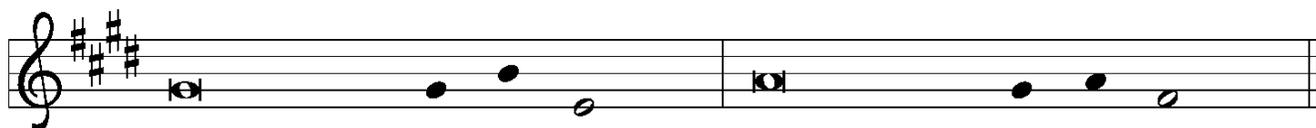
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82



A - rise, O God, and rule the earth.



1 God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled,
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

**2 “How long will you | judge unjustly,
and show favor | to the wicked?**

3 Save the weak | and the orphan;
defend the hum- | ble and needy;

**4 rescue the weak | and the poor;
deliver them from the power | of the wicked. R**

5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in
darkness;

all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

**6 Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of | the Most High;**

7 nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,
and fall like | any prince.’”

**8 Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations | for your own. R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 49 “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

54 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Christ is the Life, ACS #927

This hymn is printed in the back of the bulletin

Apostles Creed

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

We would love to pray for you in your joys and needs. You can submit prayer requests on our website, either for us to pray aloud in church or for our prayer team to hold confidentially. We will pray for each person for a month unless otherwise indicated.

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition, please respond:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We entrust ourselves and our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

M E A L

Offertory

At the River
Traditional Hymn Tune
Arr. by Aaron Copland
Ryan LaBoy, baritone

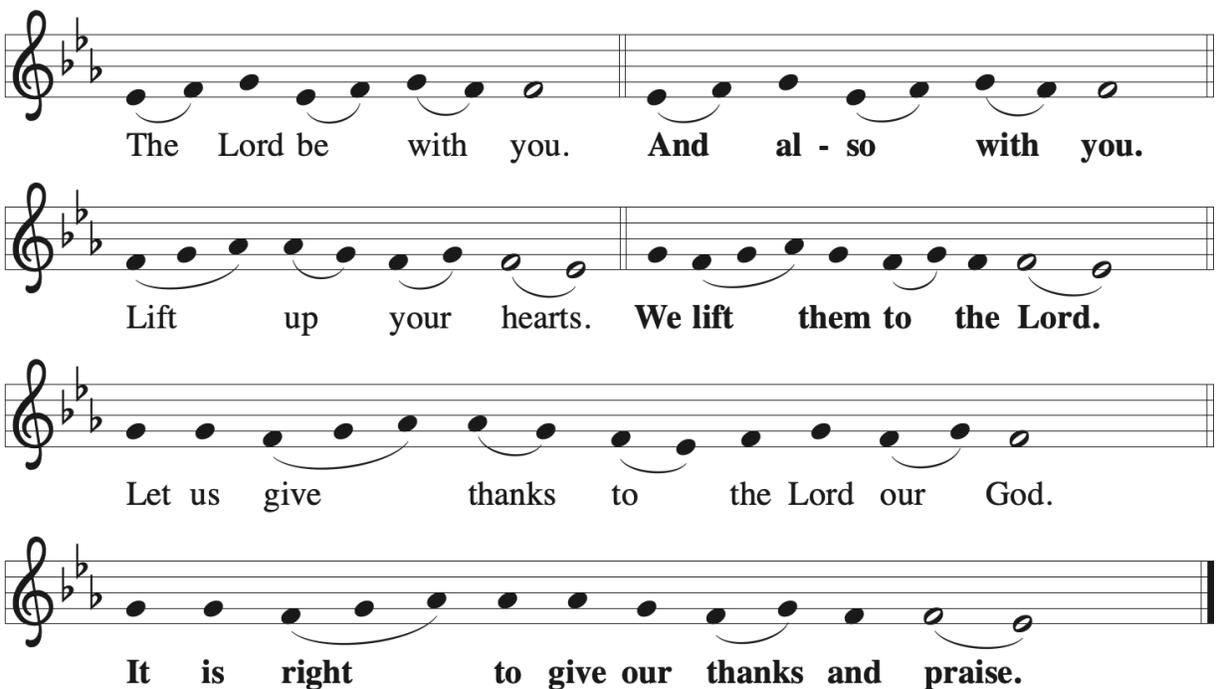
*If desired, offering envelopes are available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.
For online giving, take out your phone and visit tinyurl.com/givezion.*

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

This is God's table and all are welcome here.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

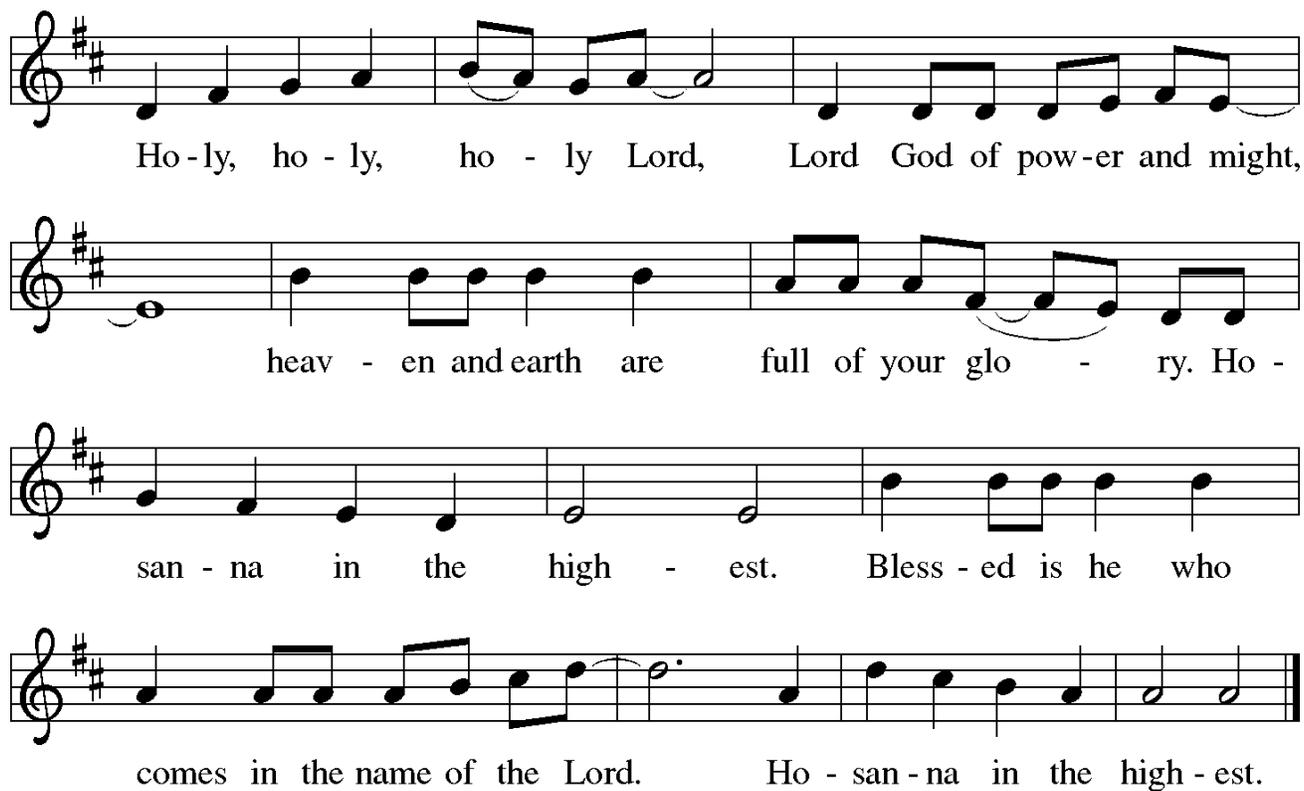
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

We praise you, all-holy God,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
for lands and seas and all their animals,
for your covenant people throughout time,
and for friends and strangers and family.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,
who on the night before he died 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.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit,
your breath, your fire, your wisdom.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
and renew the world with your mercy.

We praise you, all-holy God,
today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion

All people are welcome to receive communion in this space. Gluten free wafers are available upon request, and both wine and grape juice are available. Indicate if you'd like a blessing instead of communion by crossing your arms over your chest, and know it is acceptable to commune in one kind (only taking the bread or the wine). If you're in the 'mask required' section, communion will be brought to you in your seats.

Hymn during Communion

How Clear is our Vocation, Lord ELW # 580

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal! ELW #805

Blessing

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in ☩ Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Sung Dismissal

Verses 1 and 2 in unison, verse 3 in canon. Pulpit side follows Pastor Joel, "Eagle" side follows Amy.



Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and ev - ery com-ing day, That
For here we have re - ceived your care: your grace, your strength, your peace to share. O
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and ev - ery com-ing day, That



in Your Spir - it strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.
ten-der Christ! O Spir - it pure! Make these good gifts in us en-dure
in Your Spir - it strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

Postlude

"Lift Up Your Heads"

By June Nixon

Joy Mullen, Director of Music, St. Stephen's Parish

Zion's Common Room welcomes many community groups into our building each week. To show hospitality, we stack the chairs at the end of each service once the postlude has ended. After you've returned your hymnals to the racks, please join if you are able.

Welcome to members and friends at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! We are delighted to have you worship at Zion today, and we invite you to stay for coffee and treats on the stage area.

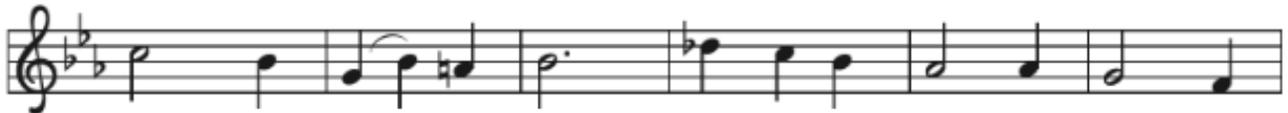
Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

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Today's leader is Pastor Joel Bergeland. Assisting Minister is Scott Shreve. Lector is Clarissa Mitchell. The flowers are offered by David Hathaway *In Loving Memory of Martha Hathaway*. The music is offered by Amy Renak, Ryan LaBoy, and Joy Mullen. The photography is by Keith Perry. The video broadcast is by Corey Stall.

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