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### 4th Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025 10:30 AM Holy Communion ELW Setting 4

\*Congregation stands Greeting/Announcements <u>Prelude</u> Meditation on "Liebster Jesu"

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# Christine Kates, organ

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

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

#### The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.

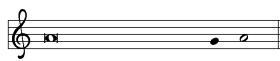
## \*<u>Opening Hymn</u> **My God How Wonderful Thou Art**

#### ELW 863

## \*<u>Apostolic Greeting</u>

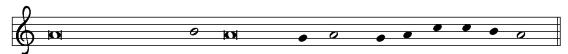
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# **C: And also with you.** \*<u>Kvrie</u>

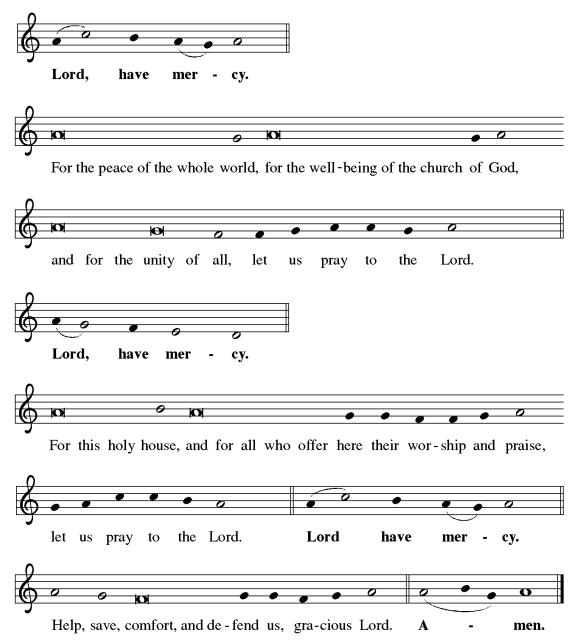


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



#### \*Hymn of Praise



\*<u>Prayer of the Day</u>

A: Let us pray... O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## C: Amen.

The Lessons First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14 L: A reading from Isaiah: <sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-11that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. 12For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. 13As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. 14You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies. L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. Psalm: Psalm 66:1-9 L: We will now read the psalm responsively: <sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, <sup>|</sup> all you lands; be joyful, | all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Sing the glory | of God's name; sing the glory | of God's praise. <sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>All the earth bows | down before you,

#### sings to you, sings | out your name."

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the <sup>|</sup> works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa-<sup>1</sup> ter on foot,

#### and there we re- | joiced in God.

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations; let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

#### <sup>8</sup>Bless our | God, you peoples;

#### let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us a- | mong the living and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

#### Second Lesson: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

L: A reading from Galatians:

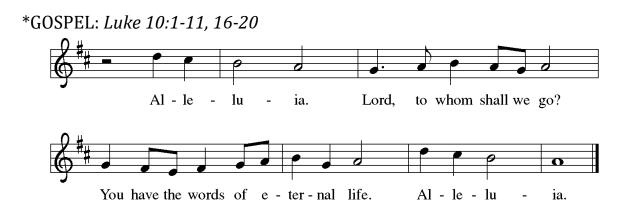
[<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

#### L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

## C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

- P: The Gospel of the Lord
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### <u>Sermon</u>

## \*<u>Hymn of the Day</u> Spread, O, Spread, Almighty Word

ELW 663

\*<u>Apostles' Creed</u>

P: Let us confess our faith together with the Apostles' Creed.

# C: 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, 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 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 the Church

A: Freed by Christ and led by the Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God for the world, the church, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: That the world, and especially this country, may be blessed by leaders anointed with the qualities of wisdom, justice, and compassion. God of truth,

## C: hear our prayer.

A: That the church might not use the freedom it has as excuses for selfindulgence, but as opportunities for service to others. God of truth,

## C: hear our prayer.

A: That those who suffer brokenness in spirit, mind, or body may be empowered and filled with hope by your healing love. God of truth,

## C: hear our prayer.

A: That along with hymnwriters, our words and songs may echo beyond our earthly life. God of truth,

## C: hear our prayer.

A: That as you help us in our grief for those who have died, we will know the certainty of your grace for all who believe in you. God of truth,

## C: hear our prayer.

A: God of mercy, we pray for all who are sick or suffering, especially..., the shut-in members of our congregation, all who are on our prayer list, and the ones we name in our hearts.

A brief silence.

A: Receive the prayers of our hearts, O God, and grant that we may forever trust in your promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

\*<u>Peace</u>

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## C: And also with you.

A: Let us share God's peace.

The assembly is invited to spread God's peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them: peace sign, fist bump, elbow bump, air kiss, prayer hands with a bow, heart hands, etc.

## Offering

At this time we give thanks for the members of Mount Zion who are able to give financially to further our mission of spreading the Gospel in accordance with God's plan by ministering to

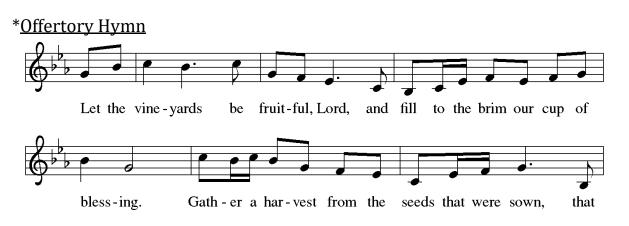
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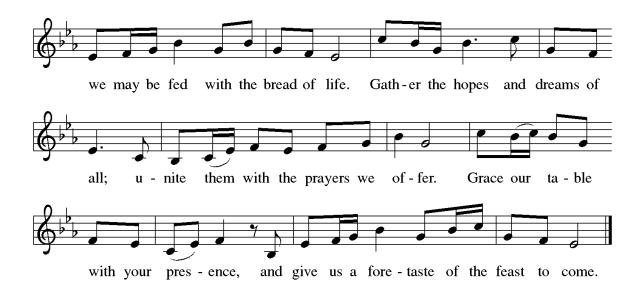
spiritual and human needs of all people through our gifts, talents, and our love in Jesus Christ.

Amazing Grace

Christine Kates, organ

Kogurt





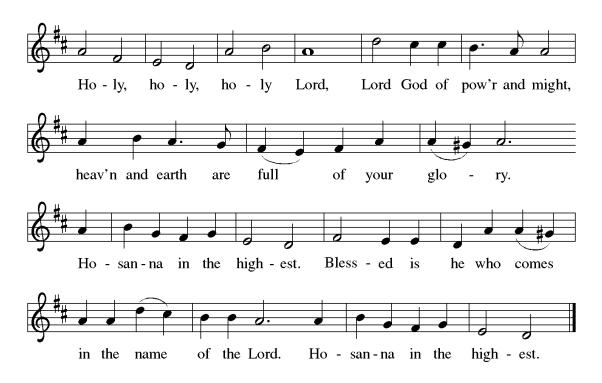
## \*Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray... Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.** 

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: 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:





- \*Eucharistic Prayer
- P: Brothers and sisters, the time has come for us to remember:

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

## \*<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>

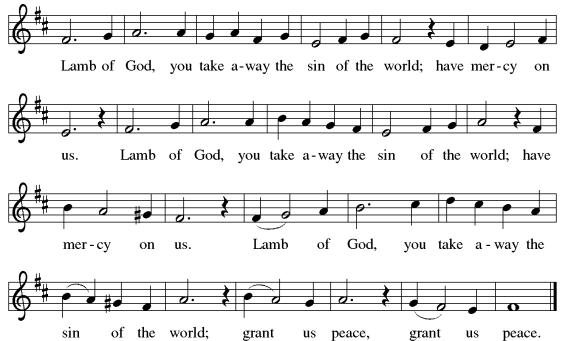
- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
  - hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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

- P: Come now faithful servants, our Master's table is prepared, come now and enter into His Grace.
- C: Praise be to God!

Lamb of God



## Communion Meal

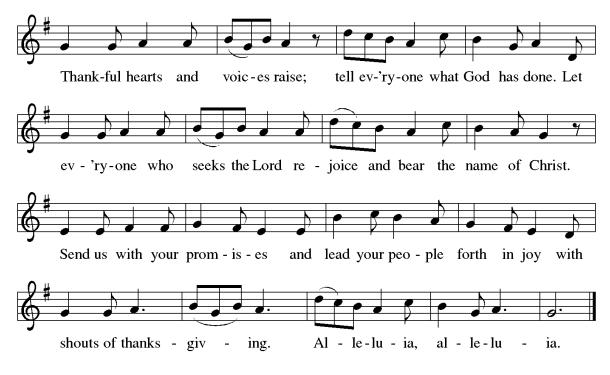
We ask that anyone unable to approach the altar for communion please stay seated and notify the usher. The pastor and assistants will gladly come down to give communion to those who remain seated.

#### Hymns during distribution:

Spirit of Gentleness	ELW 396
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ	ELW 674

\*Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.



\*Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray... Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.** 

\*<u>Benediction</u>

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

\*<u>Dismissal</u> A: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

## C: Thanks be to God!

<u>Postlude</u>

"Hornpipe" from Water Music Suite *Christine Kates, organ*  Handel

**ABOUT TODAY'S THEME:** God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat... take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

#### **ABOUT TODAY'S LESSONS:**

**First Lesson:** Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

**Second Lesson:** In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

**Gospel Lesson:** Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

#### Announcements

**Welcome Visitor:** We thank you for visiting our church family. Please fill out a visitor card and sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

**Large Print Worship Booklets** are available for those in need of larger print. Ask an usher if you would like one.

**We ask that anyone unable to approach** the altar during communion stay seated and notify the usher. The Pastor will gladly come down and give communion.

**Altar Flowers:** These beautiful arrangements are provided every Sunday (except Lent and Advent) by sponsors from our congregation. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway beside Pastor's office. Sponsors can take the arrangements home after the service. Please remember to take a white slip of paper when you sign up and return it with your payment to the office or place it in the offering plate.

A Message from the Call Committee: As we re-engage in the call process, we need your help. Not only will we need your participation to vote on the new pastor, but also in the lead up to the new call and afterward as we support the new pastor as we move to do the work of the congregation. We will have new groups that will need people to join to do the work that needs to be completed. We will have new or reinstated activities/committees and services that need you to be a part of them to be successful. We will have a new pastor who needs our support to do their work. We can't do it without YOU. Think about what your gifts, skills and interests are and what additional role you can play in this

congregation. Together we can do great things as we work to do God's work in our local community and the world.

#### **Calling a New Pastor Member Requirements:**

It is time again to review the church records, so we have names of voting members identified for when we vote to approve a candidate as our next pastor. Voting members must meet all four of the

following criteria –

1. baptized in the name of Christ

2. officially joined Mt. Zion Lutheran Church either through confirmation, letter of transfer or applying and being presented to the congregation via the Pastor's readings.

3. recorded participation in communion once during the year

4. recorded monetary contribution once during the year.

This is a rolling calendar so we are currently checking from June 2024 - June 2025. The next review will be September 2024 - September 2025.

If you are unable to attend church in person and would like to be served communion, please call the church office (717/757-7626) to schedule a time for Pastor Bob to visit and distribute the communion meal.

**Help Needed-** the following are the needs of the church. On the bulletin board is more information. Prayerfully consider your role in the church community.

Help Needed	Contact Person
Count and Record Contributions	Carol Trainer
Contact Person/s for carpet and roof repairs	Ellen Gibb
Property Manager	Member of Council
175th Anniversary	Kollene Stauffer or
	Cheyanna Snyder
Hershey Handbell Ensemble	Kollene Stauffer or
	Kathy Gable
National Night Out	Ellen Gibb or Jessica
	Harvey
Worship Leaders: ushers, lay assistants,	Ellen Gibb
communion assistants	
Altar Guild	See the sign up on the
	bulletin board
Food Pantry Volunteers	Kathie Boop
Food Pantry Money and Supplies	Marked envelope for
	money, items needed on
	back table, and paper
	grocery bags leave in the
	narthex in the baskets
LifePath Ministry Donations for Pantry –	Kathy Gable
drop off at stores under Mt Zion's name	

#### THIS WEEK AT MOUNT ZION

#### Week of July 6, 2025

Wednesday	7 12:30	Bible Study
Sunday	10:30	Worship

#### **Assisting Today in Worship**

Celebrant	Pastor Burkhart
Organist	<b>Christine Kates</b>
Lay Assistant	Dale Good
Communion Assistant	Erin Mc Daniel
Lector	Dale Good
Ushers	Kollene Stauffer
	Kathy Gable
Cashier	Kathy Gable
Camera	Abby Gibb

#### **Mt. Zion Prayer List**

Continue to pray for: Raven Ambrose, Bonita Anderson, Fran Anderson, Jerry Arnold, Shannon Arnold, Janet Shermyer Berkheimer, Lauren Beyer, Jacklyn Billet, James Billet, Mary Bishop, Mary Sue Bottstein, Warren Boop, Joan Brenner, Joyce Brown, Ralph Brown, Robert Brown, Sarah Brown, Scott Brown, Ted Brown, Eric Bruner, Joseph Bruggerman, Julie Christy, Jess Combs, Phyllis Comery, Jan Conover, Billee Couch, Tim Couch, Lizzy Cowit, Steven Cowit, Tana Cox, Jason Crowley, Vivian Deardorff, Lynn Deitzer, Dee DeVeny, Annie Diehl, Gerri Deller, Kendall Dellinger, Zoe Doll, Andrew Doughty, Joe Ellis, Carol Emswiler, Layla Esteves, Pastor Courtney Erzkus, Chris Farmer, Pam Fay, Dudley Fink, Jason Frederick, Martha Frederick, Scott Frederick, Jacinda Frigm, Gloriann Green, Rev. Donald Green, Lonnie Ginter, Ronnie Ginter Jr., Gina Goodrich, Linda Grone, Jeannie Grove, Bob Gundlach, Mary & Tom Haberkorn, Jay Hammel, Dolly Harbolt, Donna Hayes, Mike Healey, Alicia Hedrick, George Heller, Sharon Harvey, Brian Hinderer, Ruth Hoak, Linda Hodgson, , Bob & Sue Hoffheins, Heather Hoffman, Dennis Hummel, Carol Johnson, Jolene Klinger, Gene Krisukas, Mike Kowslik, Sarah Kuhn, Kelly Lehr, Lou Ann Leibensperger, Jean Leiphart, Heather Luchka, Dick Lynn, Bob Lyon, Fran Marple, Brad March, Sharon March, Amy Martzall, Rose McGowan, Kenneth & Sue Miller, Sally Miller, Jennifer Mitterholtzer, Jodi Mitterholtzer, Matthew Mitterholtzer, Otto Mitterholtzer, Rebecca Mitterholtzer, E.T. Moore, Angy-Mike Mossengo, David Murphy, Sandy Murphy, Ellen Myers, Karen Naugle, Tom Needhum, Sandy Nelson, Nancy & Lou Orndorff, Deb Overly, Ben Renner, Alison Reppert, Carrie Roman, Jeff Sargen, Kaeley Saylor, Joan Schildt, William Schmeed, Maxine & Larry Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, Anthony Shaw, Zach Shiffer, Rick Shreve, Heather Smith, Condoda Smith-Boyle, Heidi Snyder, the family of Laci Soaper, Justin & Jamison Soaper, Thomas Somerville, Candy Stambaugh, Judy Stambaugh, Herb Stauffer, Bud Stevens, Carol Stickles, Lisa Striebig, Lynn Suter, Debra Tracey, Tom & Carol Trainor, Micheal Tudino, Jace Valenti, Jane Van Zant, David Walker, Andrew Walter, Ruth Ward, Bob Warren, Bonnie Warren, Bill Weaver, Bruce Weaver, Dodie Weaver, Victor White, Bob Wolf, Larry Wood, Donald Zepp, Rich Zerbe, Joan & Ben Zelinski, and the shut-in members of our parish.

The Prayer List is reviewed each month. Though names may remain on the prayer list for an unlimited time, periodic updates are appreciated. Contact KATHIE BOOP (717-855-6763) for any additions or subtractions from the prayer list. If a name has been mistakenly deleted, please notify KATHIE BOOP.

#### Financial Snapshot for July -1, 2025

Current checking account balances – July 1, 2025 FUND BALANCES THAT ARE NOT CAPITAL FUNDS 2,389.80 \$ Administration \$ Pastor's Discretionary 67.51 \$ Contingency 15.01 \$ 2,784.90 Rental CAPITAL FUND BALANCES Memorial \$ 91,149.51 **Special Needs** \$ 38,650.07 Youth \$ 4,978.49 TOTAL \$134,778.07 Food Bank: June 2025: Deposits \$400 Expenses \$900 Balance 06/24/25 \$ 187.08

#### Total Contributions - Offering/Electronic June 29, 2025 \$ 2,100.00

Bills paid but not yet cleared bank	\$ 917.50
Estimated monthly bills as of July 01, 2025	\$ 23,666.97

Thank you for remembering our consecrated commitment we made in 2024; just as God is faithful to His promises to us, we are faithful to our promises to Him.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Swords, Treasurer at <u>mtzionyorktreasurer@gmail.com</u>.

or call at 717-503-0527 (cell)

#### **MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**

Interim Pastor: Sexton: Administrative Assistant: Treasurer: Financial Secretary: Minister of Music, Emeritus: The Rev. Robert Burkhart Rod Robles Kathy Gable Kathy Swords Brian Hinderer Sue Hoffheins

#### **Church Council**

Ellen Gibb, President Cheyanna Snyder, Vice-President Jessica Harvey, Secretary Kathy Gable Lynne Suter Brian Hinderer Kollene Stauffer

#### **OUR MISSION**

To spread the Gospel in accordance with God's plan by ministering to the spiritual and human needs.

#### **COME TO THE BANQUET**

On a weekly basis, Mount Zion Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion. God invites all who believe in the Real Presence in, with, and under the bread and wine to come to the banquet table of grace. Through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God calls us to be a part of His gracious love.

We are one body, as we come together knowing that God reconciles all sinners. God calls us all to repent and ask for forgiveness – to be loved for who we are, people of God empowered to share His love to the entire world. We at Mount Zion will always extend an invitation to all to join us at the banquet table of grace.

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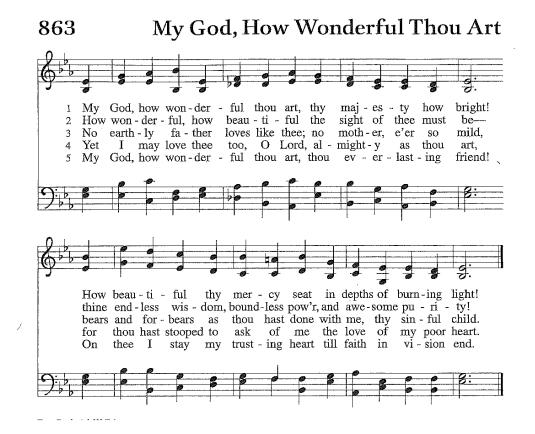
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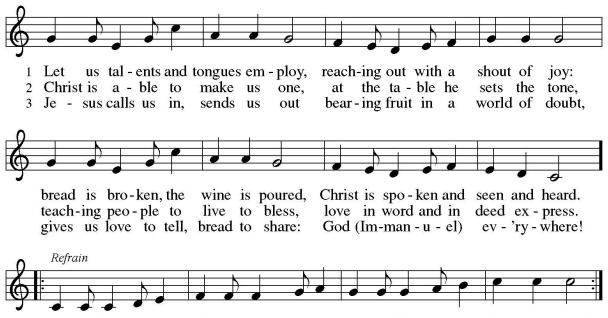
#### Ð Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord. 1 our Re - deem - er's grace, of 2 Tell who, to save our hu - man race to guide us on to heav'n, 3 God the Spir - it giv'n Tell of now 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind; Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all. pay re - bel-lion's price, gave him - self as and sac - ri - fice. to strong and ho - ly, just and true, let the gath-'ring na - tions all will and do. work-ing both to see your light and heed your call.

# Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

## Spirit of Gentleness



# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!