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13th Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025 10:30 AM Holy Communion WOV Setting 5

*-Congregation stands

Greeting/Announcements
Prelude
O God Beyond All Praising

Blersch

Christine Kates, organ

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

C: Amen.

A: 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.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

A: 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.

A: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

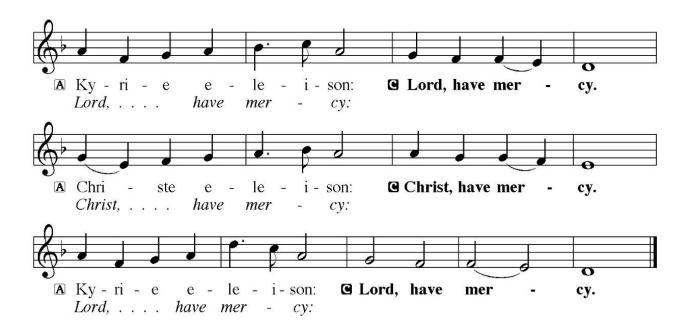
^{*}Confession and Forgiveness

Apostolic Greeting

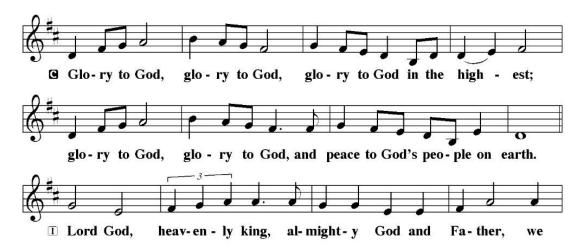
A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

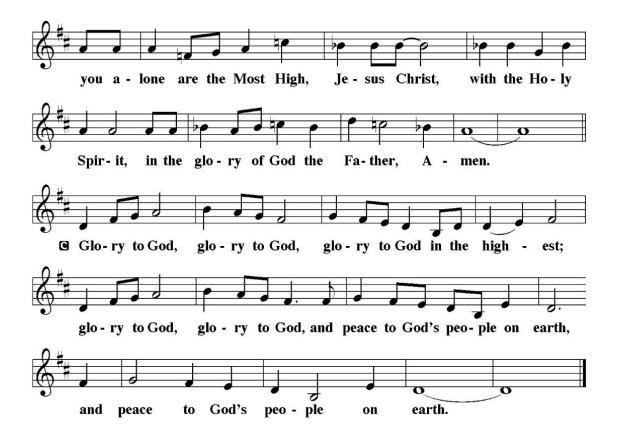
Kyrie



Hymn of Praise







Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray... Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

L: A reading from *Deuteronomy*:

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are

crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 1

L: We will now read the psalm responsively:

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law | of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴ It is not so | with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

L: A reading from **Philemon**:

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

- ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been

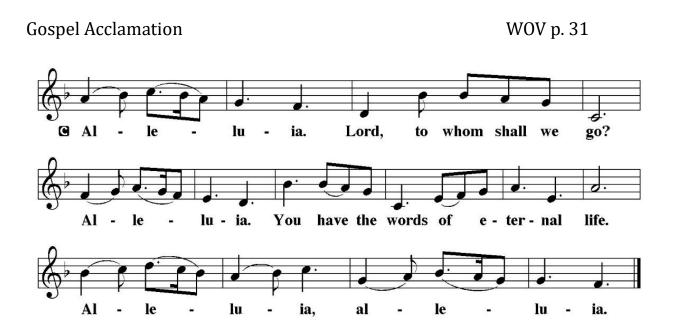
refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother— especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

*Apostles' Creed

A: 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: With confidence in God's saving grace, let us pray for the church and for all God's creation in need.

A brief silence.

A: For all of us who serve you in our labor, that we may give of ourselves without expecting reward, we pray

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For all who show hospitality to strangers, who visit the imprisoned, and who proclaim the gospel, that they will know God's constant presence, we pray

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For this congregation, that we may minister to those who are poor and all those in need in our community, we pray

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For those living in despair, pain, addiction, or illness that they may experience God's healing and compassion, we pray

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: In thanksgiving for all the saints who have lived their lives as an offering to God, we pray

C: Lord, 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: Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*Peace

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

Jesus Lead Thou On

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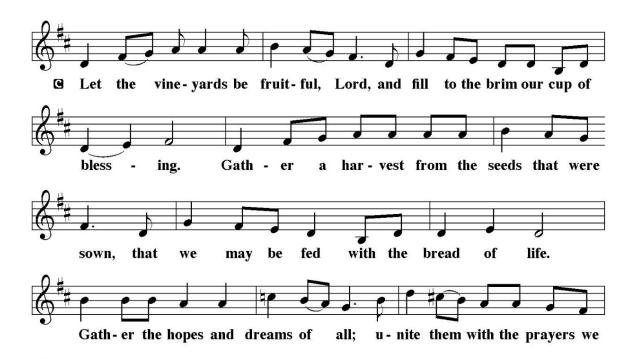
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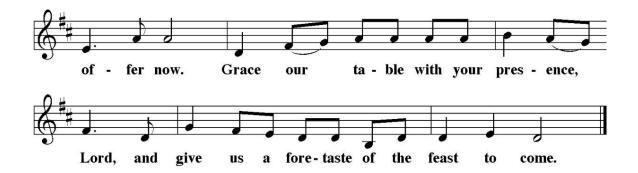
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Mount Zion

Christine Kates, organ

*Presentation of the Gifts





Offertory Prayer

A: 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.

C: Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

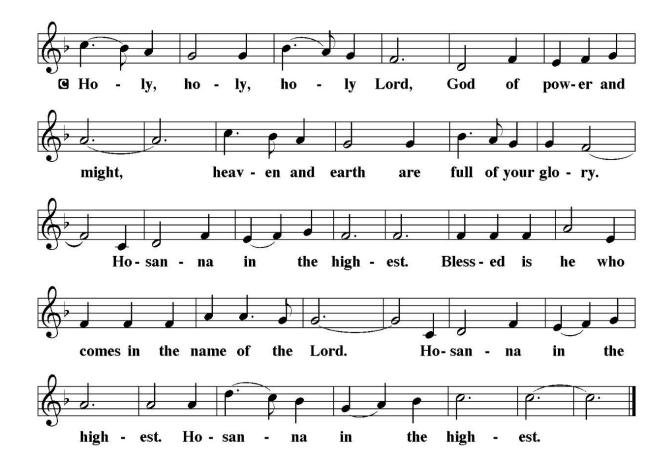
P: Lift up your hearts.

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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.

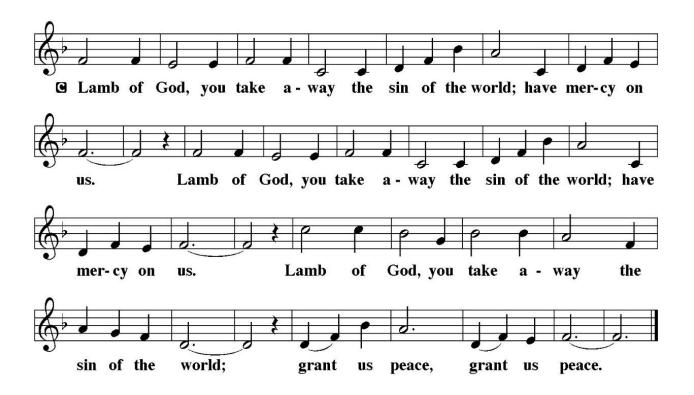
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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 assistants will gladly come down to give communion to those who remain seated.

Hymns during distribution:

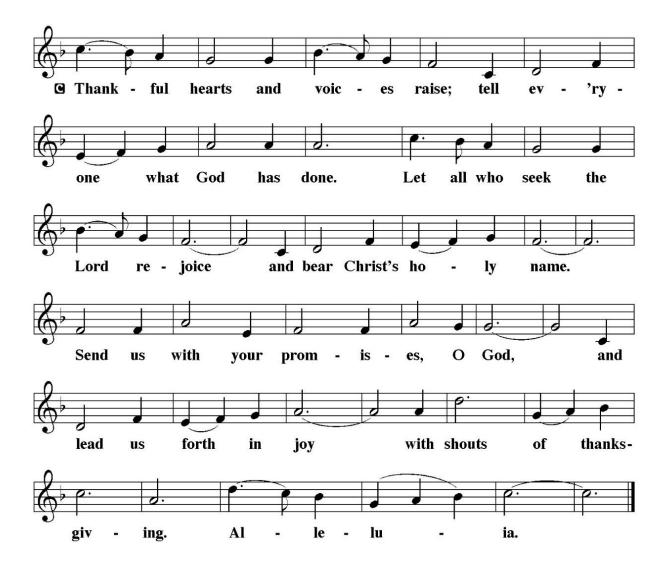
O, Jesus, I Have Promised ELW 810

O, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways ELW 772

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.

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.

C: Amen.

Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Fantasy in C Major

Bach

Christine Kates, organ

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ABOUT TODAY'S THEME: Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

ABOUT TODAY'S LESSONS:

First Lesson: Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

Second Lesson: Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

Gospel Lesson Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT ZION Week of September 7, 2025

Wednesday 12:30 and 6:00 PM – Bible Study Sunday 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion

Assisting Today in Worship

Celebrant Pastor Robert Burkhart

Organist Christine Kates
Lay Assistant Erin McDaniel
Communion Assistant Dale Good
Lector Erin McDaniel
Ushers Dori and

Brian Bowders

Cashier Ellen Gibb Camera Abby Gibb

Announcements

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

Large Print Worship Bulletins 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 narthex. Sponsors can take arrangements home after second service. There are also sign-up sheets to sponsor the sanctuary lamp, the bulletin and the children's bulletin. Please remember to take a white slip when you sign up and return it with your payment to the office or place in the offering plate.

Church Picnic at John Rudy Park Sunday September 14th at 10:30. There will be a short worship service followed by fellowship and food. There will not be a live stream.

Sunday Catch-Up: The last Sunday of each month will be a Sunday Catch-up in the fellowship hall before church, 9:15 – 10:10. All are welcome!

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, Joan Brenner, Joyce Brown, Ralph Brown, Robert Brown, Sarah Brown, Scott Brown, Ted Brown, Eric Bruner, Joseph Bruggerman, Julie Christy, Jess Combs, Phyllis Comery, Ian Conover, Billee Couch, Tim Couch, Lizzy Cowit, Steven Cowit, Tana Cox, Jason Crowley, Madeline Crowley, Lynn Deitzer, Winnie & Tom Demler, 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 Hoffheins, Heather Hoffman, Dennis Hummel, Carol Johnson, Colleen Jones, Gladysmae Keeney, 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, Cindy McDaniel, 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, Craig Schaszberger, Joan Schildt, William Schmeed, Maxine & Larry Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, Max Shaull, Anthony Shaw, Zach Shiffer, Rick Shreve, Heather Smith, Condoda Smith-Boyle, Heidi Snyder, Thomas Somerville, Candy Stambaugh, Judy Stambaugh, Herb Stauffer, Bud Stevens, Carol Stickles, Lisa Striebig, Jennifer Torok, Debra Tracey, 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, Ben Zelinski, and the shut-in members of our parish.

MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Robert Burkhart

Sexton: Rod Robles
Administrative Assistant: Kathy Gable
Treasurer: Kathy Swords
Financial Secretary: Brian Hinderer

Church Council

Ellen Gibb, President
Cheyanna Snyder, Vice-President
Jessica Harvey, Secretary
Vethy Cobles

Kathy Gable Lynn Suter Brian Hinderer Kollene Stauffer

Financial Snapshot for September 2, 2025

FULTON BANK

Administration	\$ (1,442.59)
Pastor's Discretionary	\$ 127.51
Rental	\$ 5,146.60
Memorial @ .02%	\$ 1,450.11
Special Needs	\$ 1,911.56

CITIZENS BANK

Business Checking @ .05%	\$ 3,075.00
Business Money Market @3.08%	\$ 15,070.21
6 mo CD @4%	\$ 90,300.40

Total Contributions - Offering/Electronic August 31, 2025 \$ 3,130 Weekly Budget \$ 3,430

Contributions to Sound System for August \$ 915 Monthly Budget \$ 867 Thank you!! PLEASE USE GREEN ENVELOPE or REGULAR ENVELOPES MARKED "SOUND SYSTEM," FOR YOUR \$5 PER WEEK OFFERING FOR THE SOUND SYSTEM

Bills paid but not yet cleared bank \$ 11,276.95 includes payroll 9/5

Estimated monthly bills as of September 02, 2025 \$ 33,437.05

Food Bank: August 31th 2025: Deposits \$830 Expenses \$500 Balance \$

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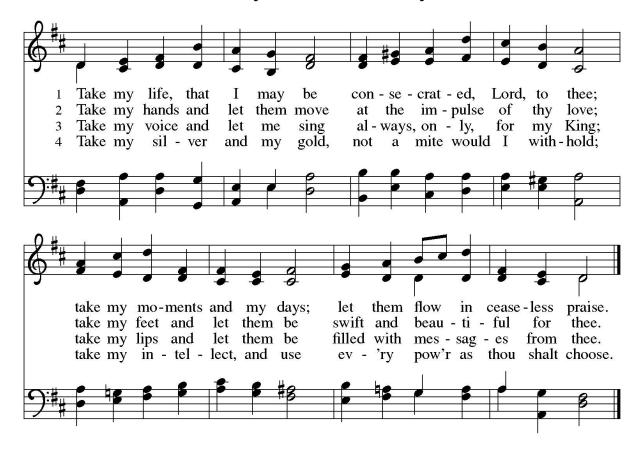
August Offering Received \$ 4140 Budget \$ 4667

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 mtzionyorktreasurer@gmail.com.

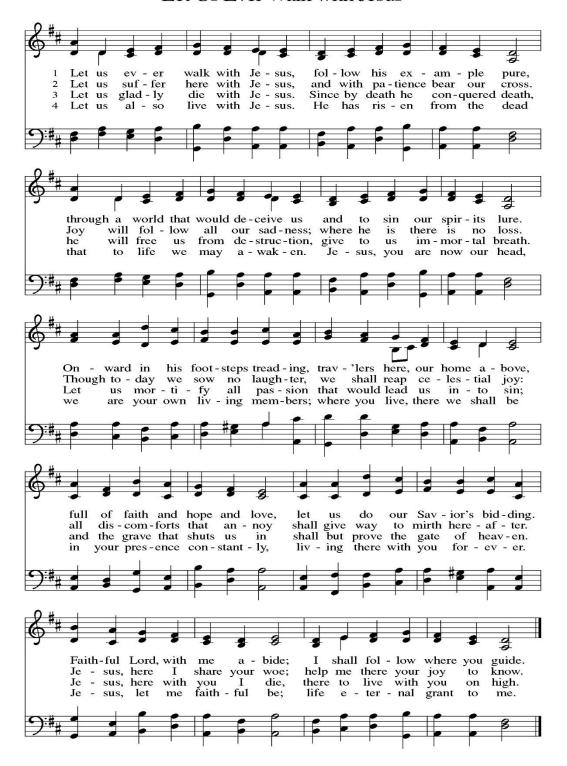
or call at 717-503-0527 (cell)

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



O Jesus, I Have Promised



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