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19th Sunday after Pentecost

Oct. 19, 2025

10:30 AM

Holy Communion

WOV Setting 5

*-Congregation stands

Greeting/Announcements

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Fey

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: 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

Day By Day ELW 790

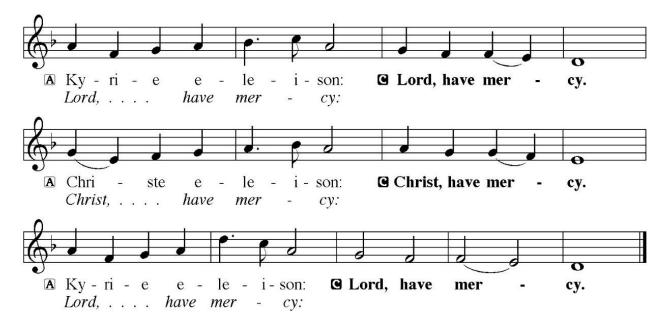
*Apostolic Greeting

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.

*Kyrie

Sung or spoken



*Hymn of Praise





*Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray... O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

L: A reading from Genesis

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 121

L: We will now read the psalm responsively:

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;

from where is my | help to come?

²My help comes | from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

³The LORD will not let your | foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches | over you; the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

6the sun will not strike | you by day, nor the | moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil and will | keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

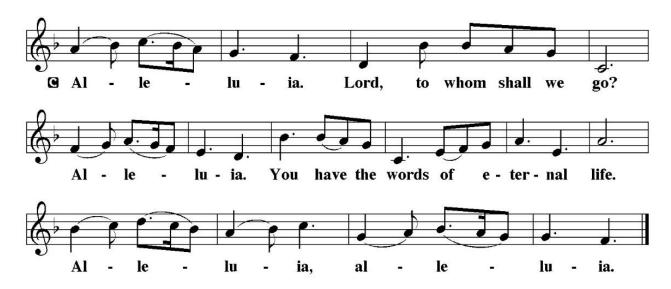
L: A reading from 2 Timothy

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ¬And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ¹I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

WOV 731

*Apostles' Creed

- 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: 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 the leaders of the church, that as they preach the gospel they may equip us all for good service. We pray:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For each of us, that we may hold steadfast to our prayers and discover your answers in unexpected ways. We pray:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For every community struggling with the word of God, that they may grow to live it fully. We pray:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For the beauty of all your creation, that we may cherish and guard it as faithful stewards. We pray:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For those who need encouragement, those who are homeless, poor, discouraged, or ill. We pray:

A: For all those who have shared their faith with us, that one day we may all rejoice together in you

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.

Beautiful Savior Johnson

Christine Kates, organ

Scan here to give electronically to Mount Zion

^{*}Presentation of the Gifts



Offertory Prayer

A: Lord of the harvest,

C: 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

*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

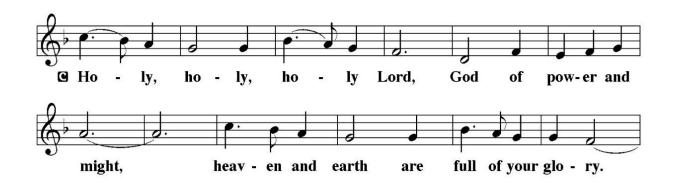
P: Lift up your hearts.

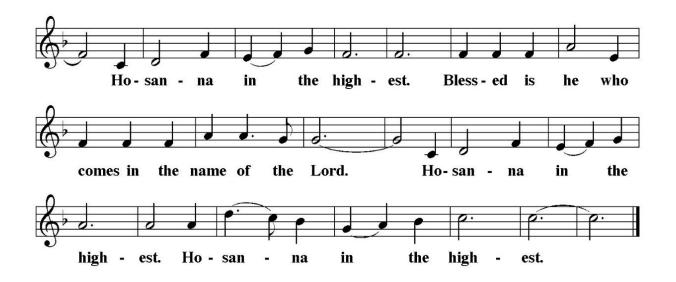
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

P: 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.

C: 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,

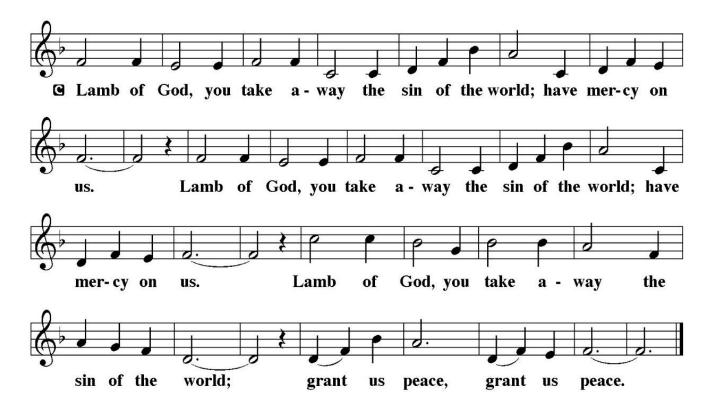
and the power, and the glory,

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.

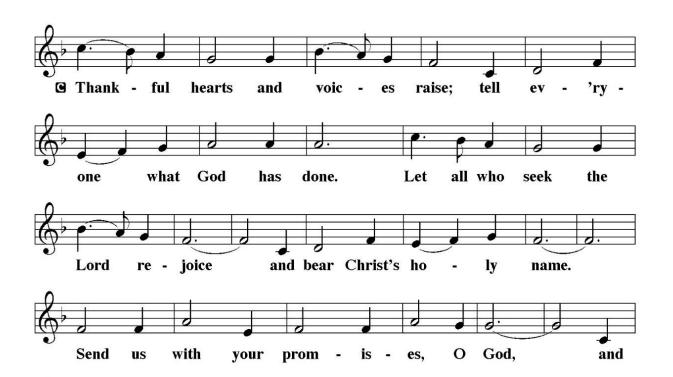
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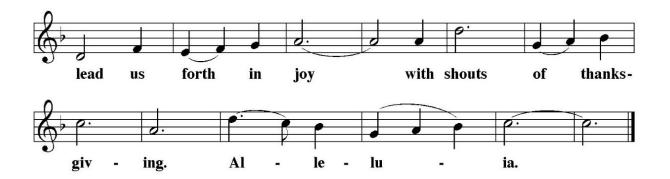
Give Me Jesus	ELW 770
How Long, O God	ELW 698

*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.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

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

Rigaudon Rameau

Christine Kates, organ

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME: Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

ABOUT TODAY'S LESSONS:

First Lesson: Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

Second Lesson: The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

Gospel Lesson: Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

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 Books 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.

The Altar Flowers are given today in honor of my 41st anniversary by Kathy Gable

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 the service. 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.

Coffee and Catch Up: Please join us from 9:30-10:10 on the last Sunday of each month. The next one is October 26. Enjoy some breakfast items and conversation with other members of the congregation. Please come and join us and start your day in brew-tiful way!

Choir Rehearsals for upcoming services: Here are the rehearsal dates for the anthems we will be singing. We will meet in the balcony at the following times: Oct 26- 9:30AM Practice. We sing during offering and the following Sunday, Nov 2- 9:30 AM practice. We sing during offering and run through Advent and Christmas Eve. We will also be singing on Dec. 21 at 10:30AM and Christmas Eve at 4PM. More rehearsal dates to come.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are searching for new Council members. Mt. Zion will be entering an exciting time with celebrating the 175th anniversary of the church and hopefully welcoming a new pastor. Please prayerfully consider joining the Council. We would like to add three to four new members. Responsibilities include:

- 1. Attend 1 regular meeting per month (currently we meet after church on the 3rd Sunday)
- 2. Attend special meetings as needed.
- 3. Be the Council liaison for a committee
- 4. Be willing to talk to members so that you can be a representative of the congregation
- 5. Participate in meetings, sharing your thoughts, opinions
- 6. Serve as cashier on Sunday mornings about every 6 weeks (make sure offering gets to the counters, turn off lights, lock the doors.)
- *If you need more information or have questions, please see Ellen Gibb.

Help Needed	Contact Person
Contact Person/s for roof	Pat Hauer
repairs	
Property Manager	Member of Council
175th Anniversary	Kollene Stauffer or Cheyanna Snyder
Hershey Handbell Ensemble	Kollene Stauffer or Kathy Gable
Worship Leaders: ushers, lay	Ellen Gibb
assistants, communion	
assistants	
Altar Guild	See the sign up on the bulletin board
Food Pantry Volunteers	Kathie Boop
Food Pantry Money and	Marked envelope for money, items needed
Supplies	on back table, and paper grocery bags leave
	in the narthex in the baskets
LifePath Ministry Donations for	Kathy Gable (717-318-9041)
Pantry – drop off at stores under	
Mt Zion's name	

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT ZION Week of October 19

Wednesday 12:30 PM and 6:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday 10:30 AM Worship

11:45AM Council Meeting

Assisting Today in Worship

Celebrant Rev. Robert Burkhart

Organist Christine Kates
Lay Assistant Erin McDaniel
Communion Assistant Carol Trainer
Lector Erin McDaniel
Ushers Jamie and

Reese Kottmyer

Cashier Kathy Gable
Camera Brian Hinderer

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, Lavla 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, Sue Pries, 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, Bernnie Truax, 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.

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 October 14, 2025

FULTON BANK

Administration	\$	3,974.10
Pastor's Discretionary	\$	167.51
Rental	\$	3,633.35
Memorial @ .02%	\$	1,450.13
Special Needs	\$	8,312.56
received final payout from York County Community Fund		
CAMPAGENIA DANIA		

CITIZENS BANK

Business Checking @ .05%	\$ 3,050.00
Business Money Market @3.08%	\$ 15,073.31
6 mo CD @4%	\$ 90,601.81

Total Contributions - Offering/Electronic October 12th \$ 1,550 Weekly Budget \$ 3,430

Contributions to Sound System for September \$ 795 Monthly Budget \$ 867 YTD JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER \$2,930 We have exceeded our goal! Thank you!

PLEASE USE GREEN ENVELOPE or regular offering envelope, marked "sound system" FOR YOUR \$5 PER WEEK OFFERING FOR THE SOUND SYSTEM

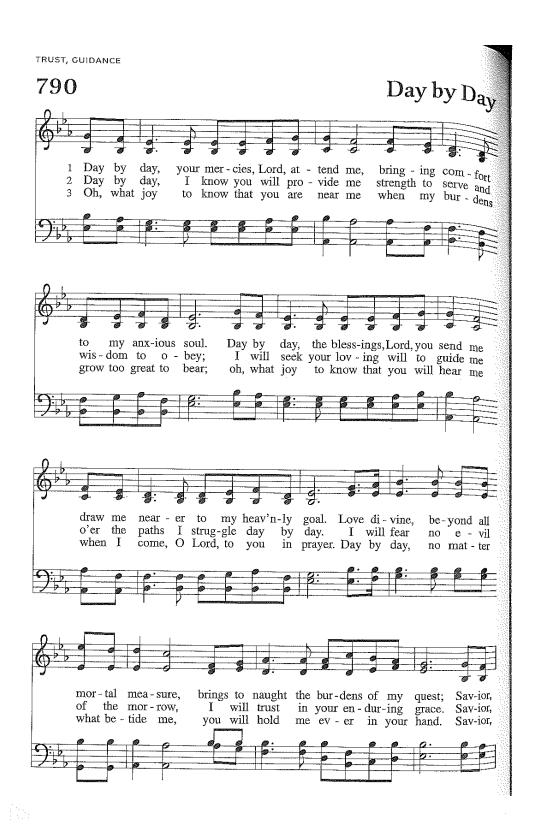
Bills paid but not yet cleared bank	\$ 6,752.72
Estimated monthly bills as of September 30 2025	\$ 56,450.74

Food Bank: September: Deposits \$ 585 Expenses \$ 500 Balance \$ 829.08 September YTD Offering Received \$ 4,975 Budget \$ 4,667

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.

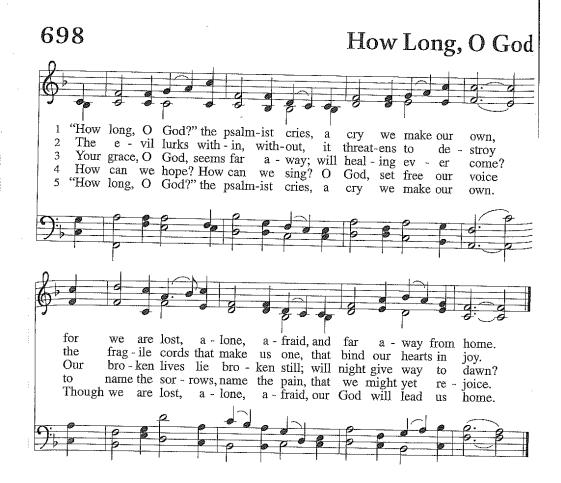
or call at 717-503-0527 (cell)





Give Me Jesus





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

OUR MISSION

To spread 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.

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.

Therefore, Mount Zion Lutheran Church will not be similar to the world. We will not conform to a life that separates, nor that categorizes and justifies acts of elitism and lifestyles which build anxiety. 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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