

Zion Lutheran Church

Oldwick, New Jersey

Founded 1714



Season of Pentecost

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Communion Worship Services

WELCOME VISITORS!

A VISITOR'S WORSHIP GUIDE

We are pleased to have you worship with us today. As a Lutheran congregation, we are liturgical, which means that we follow an order of worship. The music, lessons and prayers will change from season to season, Sunday to Sunday, but the order remains constant. For us, this constancy connects the church down through the centuries and around the world. We understand that liturgy brings us together as God's people.

The bulletin, which the ushers gave you as you entered, provides you with the hymn numbers for the day, the lessons, and announcements. The hymns are found in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, in the pew rack. The order of worship (liturgy) is found in the booklet in front of the hymnal in the pew rack. To follow the order of worship, simply follow the instructions in the booklet. Congregational responses are marked with a C. Occasionally, a page is referenced in the booklet. These pages are found in the front of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red hymnal).

At our Sunday worship, there is a pattern to our service (liturgy). First, we gather for worship. As a community, we confess our sins and hear God's word of forgiveness. Having been forgiven, we sing God's praise and hear God's Word. From God's Word, we confess our faith, offer our gifts, and lift up our prayers. Finally, we are invited to come to our Lord's table for communion (Eucharist). All who celebrate the presence of Christ are welcome. If you have children who have not yet received communion, they are invited to receive a blessing.

At Zion, we celebrate communion in a number of ways. At 8:30 and at Family Worship (Second Sunday of the month at 9:45), we have continuous communion. You will be invited forward where you will first receive the bread (wafer) and then the wine (chalice). You may dip your wafer into the chalice (intinction) or you may commune with bread alone. At 11:00, we celebrate communion at tables (a group along the altar rail). The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Here, you may kneel or stand. You will receive the bread (wafer) and will be offered a glass to receive the wine. You may also choose grape juice. The acolyte will have pre-filled glasses with grape juice available along with the empty glasses for wine. The entire table will be dismissed and you may return to your pew. At both services, if you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you.

This brief summary certainly does not cover all the questions, but is intended to be a guide. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask the Pastors, the ushers, the greeters, or even the person next to you. We want your worship experience to be rich and meaningful. May God bless you this morning!

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand, as you are able.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives our sin, heals every illness, saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care, and crowns us with steadfast love.

C: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection.

P: God of abundant mercy,

C: we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others. We hold too closely your gifts to us. We trample your vineyard, our good earth. Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others; and grant that we may live for you and die in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

P: God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another.

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

see hymn board or weekly bulletin insert

GREETING

P: Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

A

We__ pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords,

make__ plow-shares of our swords, hear us when we cry to you.

C

Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us,

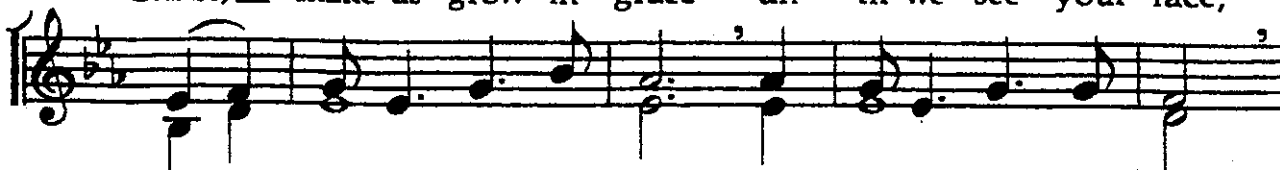
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KYRIE

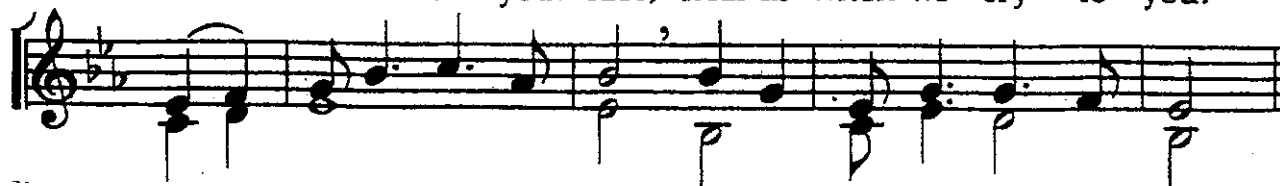
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A

Christ, — make us grow in grace un - til we see your face,

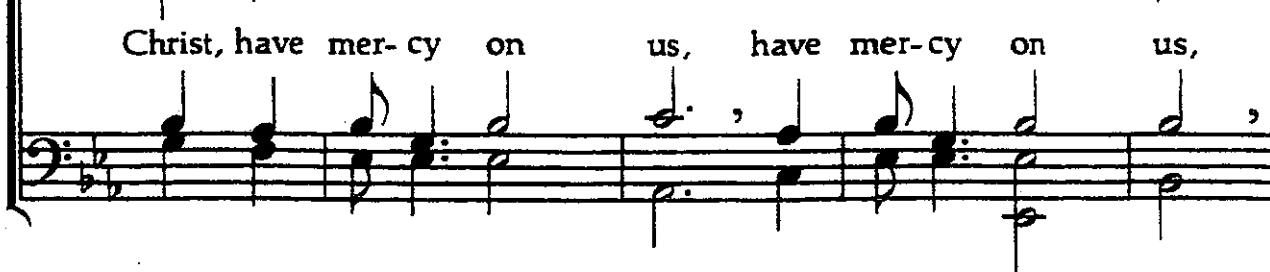


un - til we see your face, hear us when we cry to you.

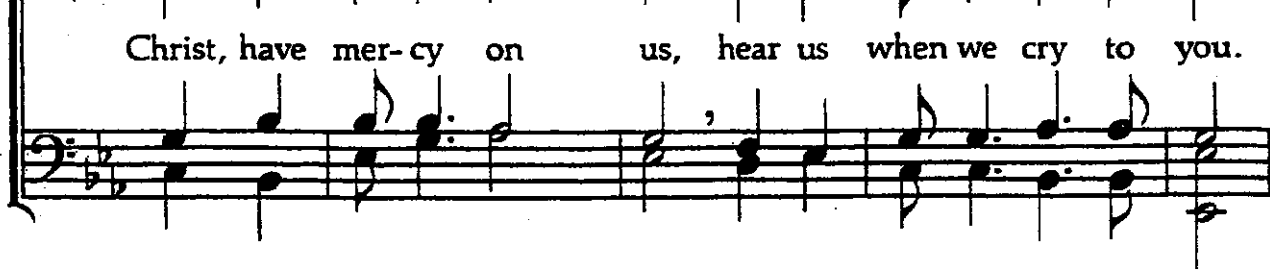


C

Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us,



Christ, have mer-cy on us, hear us when we cry to you.

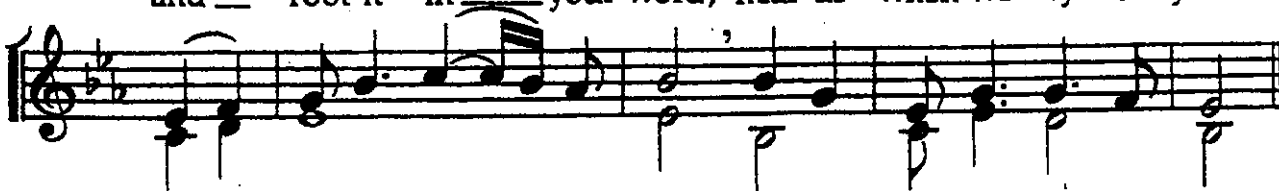


De - fend your Church, O Lord, and root it in — your word,

A



and — root it in — your word, hear us when we cry to you.



KYRIE

(cont.)

C

Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us,

Lord, have mer-cy on us, hear our cry. A - men.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Verses

(♩ = 140)

1. O — sing of God's great vic - to - ry! Je - sus'
blood has set us free! Let all his crea - tures
join our songs, For to Christ the throne be - longs.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(cont.)

Refrain



Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais-es to the Lord. —



Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia!



2. This — is the feast of vic - to - ry Of the
3. O — is it not a mys - ter - y That our
4. All — hon - or, bless - ing, glo - ry, might Sing his



glo - rious Lamb a - bove. Now all God's peo - ple
Lord a Lamb should be, Who on the cru - el
hosts to Christ on high, All pow - er, rich - es,



gath - er 'round For the ban - quet of his love.
cross was slain, But a - rose in heav'n to reign.
wis - dom, strength. Now let all his folk re - ply:

Refrain



Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais-es to the Lord. —



Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

see weekly bulletin insert

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (11 a.m. service only)

see weekly bulletin insert

SECOND READING

see weekly bulletin insert

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

P: The Holy Gospel according to . . .

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

see weekly bulletin insert

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON / TEMPLE TALK

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

see hymn board or weekly bulletin insert

Please be seated.

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Please stand, as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

P: Seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence for reflection. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **and also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

P: Peace be with you

R: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY

Please stand, as you are able.



1. Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring To
2. The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3. Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares We



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship —
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon, —
lift in pray'r be - fore you. Lord, by your grace, now —



as we ought But on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food Be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us As hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE – THE MEAL

PREFACE

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. Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are to be found in loving you rather than earthly treasure. For your glory, and to give us the fullness of life and salvation, Christ emptied himself upon the cross and was raised in power to sit at your right hand. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



1. Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2. High on his throne sat the might - y Lord, and his
3. O what a sight it — was to see and —



scrip - tures — do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
robes flowed through the hall. And six-wing-ed an - gels
O what a sound to hear. The tem - ple door-posts



tem - ple — came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call:
shook and — quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain



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



glo - ry fills the whole wide — earth, God of pow - er and might.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us 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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

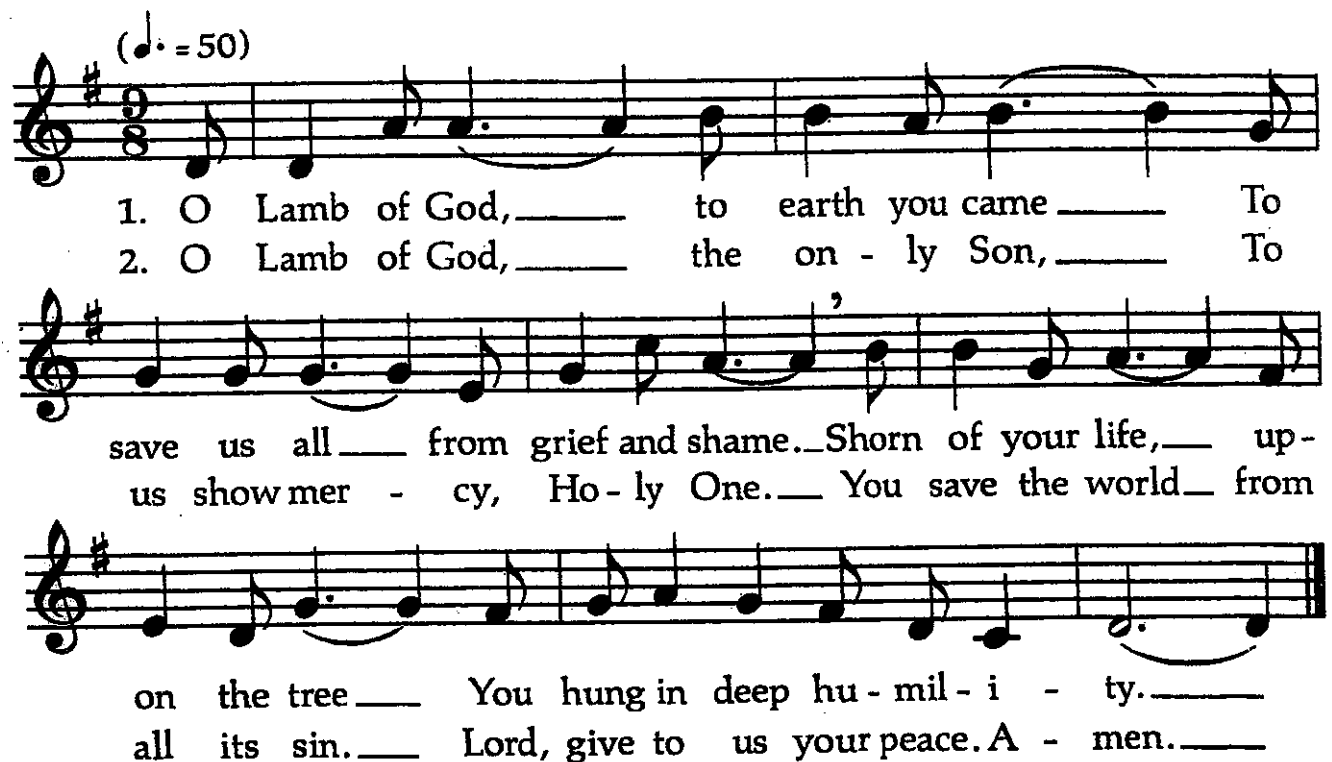
P: Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

(♩ = 50)



1. O Lamb of God, _____ to earth you came _____ To
 2. O Lamb of God, _____ the on - ly Son, _____ To

save us all _____ from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, _____ up-
 us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. _____ You save the world _____ from

on the tree _____ You hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty. _____
 all its sin. _____ Lord, give to us your peace. A - men. _____

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

Please stand, as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

A D G D

1. O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O
Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, Where

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of musical notation for the canticle. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. Above the treble staff, the chords A, D, G, and D are indicated. The lyrics are written below the staves, with a first ending bracket over the first two lines. The melody is primarily quarter and eighth notes.

Bm Em A ,

gra-cious pro - vi - der for all hu-man need, You have
sor - rows are van-quished and joys are in-creased, Where the

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of musical notation for the canticle. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. Above the treble staff, the chords Bm, Em, and A are indicated. The lyrics are written below the staves. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

CANTICLE

(cont.)

D G D

nour - ished our faith at your ta - ble of grace, And
tree of life grows in your or - chards a - bove, We'll

C D G D , A

nur - tured new life in the light of your face. O
join in the cho - rus in praise of your love. Sing

D

Lord of the grain - field, O God of the vine, You've
praise to the Fa - ther, Sing praise to the Son, Sing

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

see hymn board or weekly bulletin insert

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

- † All those who receive communion in their own denominational tradition are welcome to receive in our congregation.
- † If you have a pastoral concern, please contact Pastor Summer or Pastor Selover after the worship service or call the church office at (908) 439-2040.
- † Please make sure your cell phone ringer is off.
- † Please leave coffee mugs, food and water bottles in your car.

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