



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 24, 2025 ✚ ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

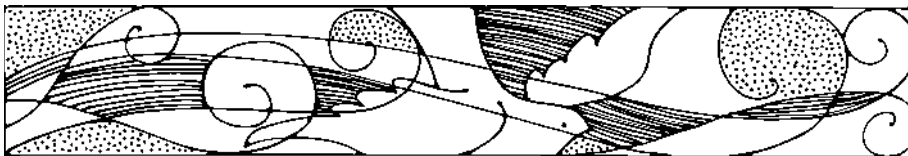
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

“Strive to enter through the narrow door,” Jesus says;
“for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.”

(Let us take a moment of silence for reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,
**we confess our weakness and our sinfulness,
our inability to seek your will or follow in your ways.
We approach the mountain of your holiness
with trembling and foreboding, fearful to hear your Word.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and strengthen us.
Set our feet upon the way that you would have us go,
for your name’s sake.**

Jesus Christ is the mediator of a new covenant.
For his sake our sins are forgiven,
and we are made perfect in righteousness.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ,
God gives the power to become children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Gathering Hymn

Morning Has Broken

#556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall. sun - lit from heav - en.
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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Opening Litany

In your house, O God, we worship you this day
with music and singing.

We worship you this day, O God,
with gladness and joy.

We worship you this day, O God,
with all glory and honor.

We worship you this day, O God,
with believers gathered here.

We worship you this day, O God,
with angels and archangels and the whole host of heaven.

We worship you this day, O God,
with love from the depths of our souls.

We worship you this day, O God,
with great gratitude for what you have done.

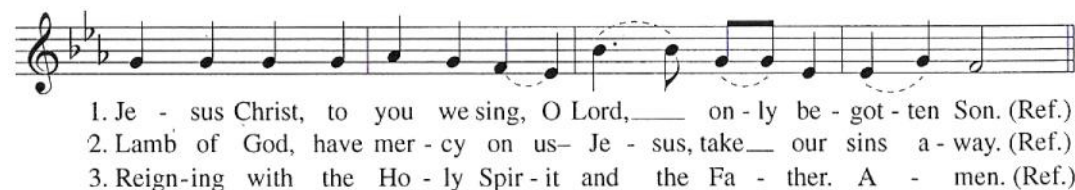
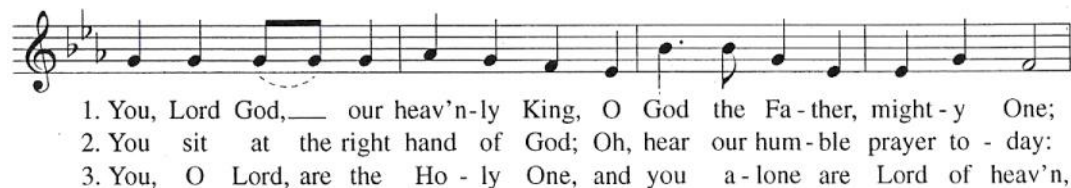
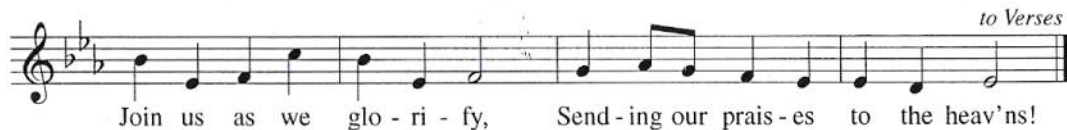
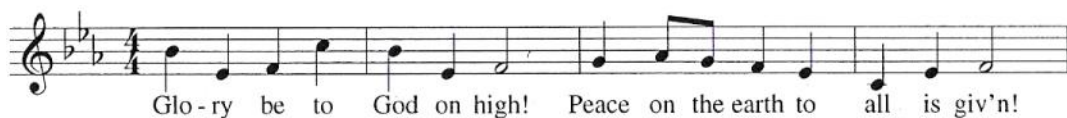
We worship you this day, O God,
with all that we are and all that we have, both now and forever. Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

Family of God



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

O God, mighty and immortal,

**you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers,
we cannot by ourselves stand upright.**

Give us strength of mind and body,

so that even when we suffer because of human sin,

**we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

A reading from Isaiah.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,

serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-8

Let us read Psalm 103 responsively.

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits —**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given,

“If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”

²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

Family of God

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord our God be
blessed! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Your Word brings right-
eous-ness. With
all your works, we praise you! Ex - alt your Name for - ev - er! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time

Sermon

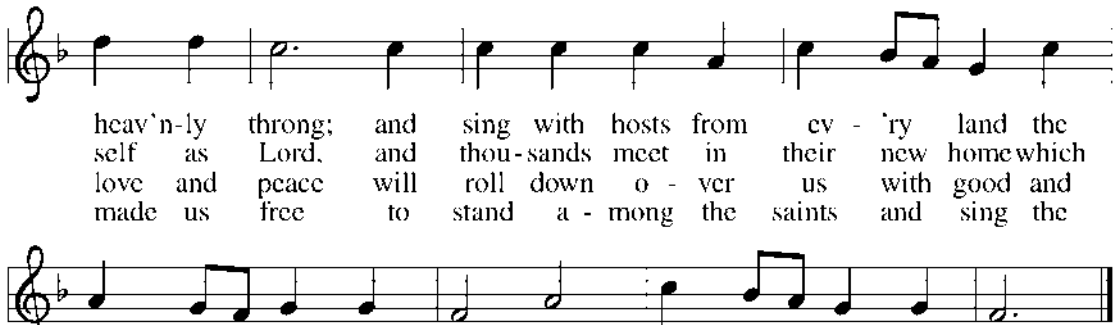
Hymn of the Day

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

#441



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2	Oh,	bles - ed	day	when	Christ	shall	come	and	show	him -	
3	Oh,	what	a	might - y	rush -	ing	flood	of	joy	and	
4	O	Lord,	your	grace	is	ev -	'ry -	thing;	your	love	has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
 self as Lord, and thou-sands meet in their new home which
 love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
 made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the
 new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
 Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
 bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
 glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**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.

Prayer of Intercession

P Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God,
for God is near.

A brief silence.

A You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all.
Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils,
staff, and congregation leaders
as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name.
Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands.
Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials
in the way of love and mercy,
so that all persons may experience abundant life.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love,
receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction,
isolation, and mental or physical illness, *especially...*
Manifest your healing presence in their midst.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A You call us to delight in the sabbath.
Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity
to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise.
Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence...
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A With Bartholomew and all your apostles, prophets, and saints,
we give thanks and bless your holy name.
As they now rest from their labors,

guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign,
which can never be shaken.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Confident in God's presence and promise,
we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them;
through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Family of God

1. Your vine - yards, O Lord, may they
(2.) gath - er the hopes and the

bear fruit for you. Please fill our cup full of your
dreams of all here; U - nite them in pray'r with these

bles - ing, we pray. And gath - er a har - vest from
of - f'rings we bring. Pre - side at our ta - ble, and

what you have sown, That we may be fed with the
grant us, we pray, A fore - taste of your prom - ised

bread of life. 2. Now
feast to come. A - - men.

✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.



Proper Preface

God of Sinai and Zion, you have met us on a mountain
of blazing fire and gloom and tempest,
and in Moses you made a covenant with your chosen people.
When we were faithless, you remained faithful.
Yet in Jesus you renew that covenant not in anger but in gentleness,
not in grief but in joy, not in terror but in trust.
And so you lead us in thanksgiving to Mount Zion,
to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
to the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in your company,
and to angels and archangels in festal gathering,
singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Family of God





Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

God beyond our imaginings,
in Jesus you make yourself a being who may be touched,
and in this sacrament of bread and wine
you allow us to touch your heart.
In your Son's death he was nailed to a cross,
and in his resurrection the disciples touched his hands and side.
Come close to us in the power of your Spirit
and make us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send down that same Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
*Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

After supper Jesus took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
*Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

God our savior, in Jesus you healed the woman crippled for many years,
and likewise in Jesus you transform your world
so long crippled by sin.

As you make yourself present in the power of your Spirit
in this bread and this wine,
 alert us to perceive your presence and transforming love
 wherever we see ourselves or others crippled
 by sin or suffering or sadness or oppression.
Touch us in our places of despair,
 touch all your people in their woundedness and grief,
 and touch your whole creation
 as it groans in eager longing for your coming again,
 that we may come face to face with you,
 and you may know us in the likeness of your Son,
 ever one God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

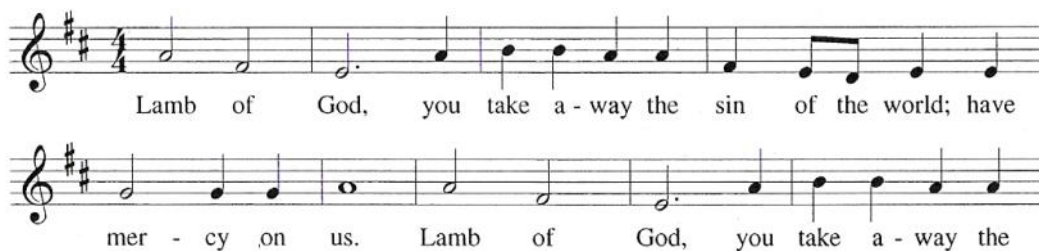
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

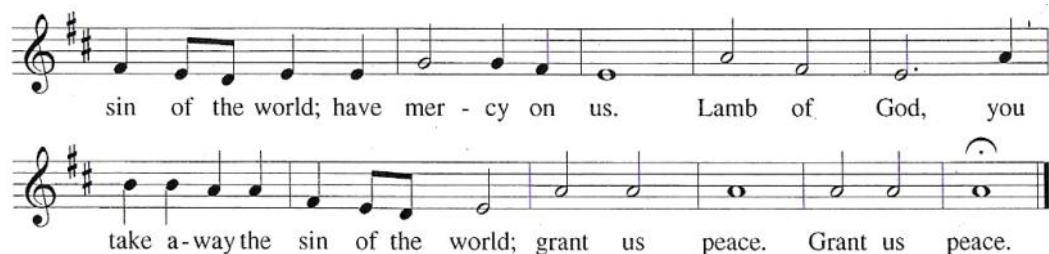
**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Family of God





Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Distribution Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

#632



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come.
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone.



our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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Distribution Hymn

Come to the Table

#481



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
make you strong to do His will, and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Life-giving God,

through this meal you have bandaged our wounds

and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

The God of peace, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
continue to bless you, comfort you,
and guide you in your journey of faith. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13:12-13

Based on Luke 13:10-17



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SIX
CRIPPLED
TEACHING

WOMAN
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DAYS
PRAISE
JESUS

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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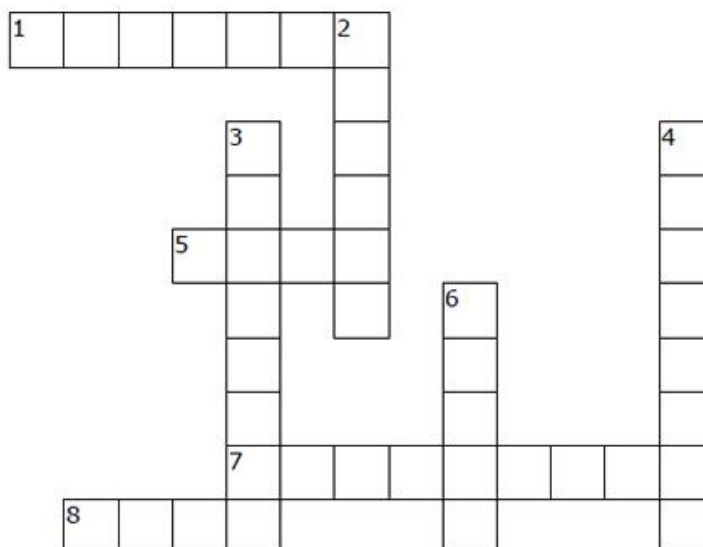
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ACROSS

1. The day set aside for rest and worship
5. Not limited or controlled by anything
7. A person who pretends to be what he is not
8. To be changed from an originally straight position

DOWN

2. To be cured from illness or injury
3. Not bent or curved
4. To be disabled, especially in the feet, legs, or back
6. To instruct or give knowledge to another person

FREE
BENT

TEACH
HYPOCRITE

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