

Dismissal

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

The Sermon on the Plain

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

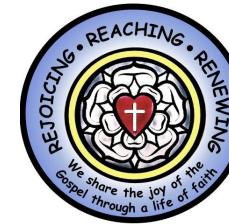
The puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV).



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blessed	exclude	evil	insult	comfort
reject	joy	satisfied	hunger	woe
reward	rich	great	kingdom	hate
weep	poor	rejoice	mourn	laugh

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November 2, 2025 ⁺ All Saints Sunday

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

⁺ 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.





Confession & Forgiveness

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

If we claim to have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

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

Today we view our daily living in the light of God's eternal promises.
(A moment of silence is kept for reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sought our own definition of the good life
and lamented every setback.
Our minds are set on earthly things.
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.

Almighty God has given his Son to die for us,
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.
He has blessed us with eternal life and calls us saints.
His sure promises enable us to rejoice no matter what the circumstances.
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. Amen.

send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

⁺ SENDING ⁺

Announcements

Benediction

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ⁺
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* (TFF #180)

1 Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
6 And on that hallelujah day,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.
on that hallelujah day.

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Distribution Hymn

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

#628



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas-ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas-ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

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

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,

Opening Hymn

God, Your Love and Care Surround Us (Tune #631)



1 God, your love and care sur - round us ev' - ry mo - ment,
2 As an or - din - ar - y peb - ble tossed up - on a
3 "Do not let your hearts be trou - bled," Je - sus said to
4 We hold on - to what you prom - ise: earth and heav'n will



ev' - ry day. Now we gath - er to re - mem - ber one who
qui - et pond sends out rings of rip - pling wa - ters, mov - ing
those he loved. "There are man - y dwel - ling pla - ces in my
be made new. Then your home will be a - mong us; we will



fol - lowed Je - sus' way. Grate - ful for this life you've giv - en,
wat - ers far be-yond— so we touch the lives of oth - ers;
Fa - ther's house a - bove." Je - sus, you have gone be fore us;
al - ways dwell with you. There will be no sound of weep - ing;



now we give it back to you, trust - ing your e -
we are moved by how they live. Help us, in our
Je - sus, you will guide us there. Lord, we trust your
you will wipe a - way each tear. God, we trust your



ter - nal prom - ise: "I am mak - ing all things new!"
joy, re mem - ber; help us, in our pain, for - give.
hand to lead us to the place that you pre - pare.
prom - ise to us: Now and al - ways, you are here.

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Opening Litany

Today we celebrate the heritage of the saints,
the long line of heirs and joint heirs with Christ.

The loved of the Lord are safe with their Father in heaven.

We rejoice in the inheritance prepared for the children of God
since the foundation of the world.

The blessed of the Lord sing praises to him in the mansions above.

We extol the virtues of God revealed in those he called to himself.

The righteous of the Lord are standing in his presence.

We glorify the works God performed through people
in all times and places.

**The servants of the Lord are gifted with good things
in the kingdom's banquet hall.**

O Preserver of all the saints,
guide us on the path the saints before us trod.

O Sanctifier of all the saints,
purify our souls with the Savior's precious blood.

O Father of the saints and Father of us all,
watch over your children and grant us life eternal.

In your most holy name we pray.

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

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

#208

1 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you for -

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution

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

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

#439

1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

Hal-le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

Renew our communion with all our saints.
 Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
 strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
 looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
 By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
 and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory
 and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
 Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
 all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
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

ELW, setting 8

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
 Almighty God,
**you have knit your people together in one communion
 in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
 in lives of faith and commitment,
 and to know the inexpressible joys
 you have prepared for those who love you,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✚ WORD ✚

First Reading

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

A reading from Daniel.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever — forever and ever.”

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

Psalm 149

Let us read Psalm 149 responsively.

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice in their maker;**
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people**
and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat**
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread,
gave you 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.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup,
again gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

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 God our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Blessed are you, God of creation and all beginnings,
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of apostles and martyrs,
God of our mothers and fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW, setting 8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-

⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
⁸to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,
⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Ephesians.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Alleluia Verse

#174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The Holy Gospel according St. Luke the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you,

for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

O God, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. **Receive our prayers and bring us with all your saints to your eternal home. Amen.**

Peace

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

OFFERING

Offering Response

We Are an Offering

#692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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friends who help, guide, and uplift us –
children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.
We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith.

Heavenly Father, in joyful thanksgiving, we name before you
our brothers and sisters who now rest in the peace of Christ:

(As the names are read, a bell is tolled and a candle is lit.)

**Carter Ahlstedt, Melvin Andrews, John Becker,
Candice Breed, Barb Buckendahl, Padma Catell,
Steven Choat, Steve Cloninger, Barb Cox,
Mary Daley, Mitzi Fisher, Carolyn Gray,
Christy Henrickson, Karen Hoppe, Bob Hosier,
Gary Howser, Russell Howser, Liz Hunt, Penny Janousek,
Carolyn Johnson, Carroll Kallweit, Gary Karabel,
Karen Kelley, Victoria Ketteler, Robbie Kleffner,
Bernie Lindemann, Rev. Bob Matthias, Curt Morgan,
Dave Muhle, Fran Obermire, Greg Packard, Grace Perone,
Kenny Podany, Ruth Pribnow, Alvah Ranslem,
Bud Ranslem, Lynn Reiff, Dean Roberg, Don Roberg,
Mary Roberg, Jason Schnoor, Debbie Schwartz,
Christa Slater, Virginia Storm, Dorothy Tisthammer,
Amelia Voichoski, Greg Warner, Ron Weltruski,
Kennedy Young, Roger Young**

Into your hands we commend all these saints, O merciful Savior,
sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.

**Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

In communion with them we feast at your table
until we join all the saints at the heavenly banquet in the new Jerusalem.
We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith.

³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

For All Your Saints, O Lord

#427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum-bly pray a-new
5 To God, the Fa-ther, Son, and Spir-it, ev-er blest,



who fol-lowed you, o-beyed, a-dored, our grate-ful hymn re-ceive.
who count-ed you their great re-ward, ac-cept our thank-ful cry.
learned from your Ho-ly Spir-it's breath to suf-fer and to do.
that we like them in ho-li-ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end-less praise ad-dressed.

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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, 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, 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,
and will come 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 Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence is kept.

A God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people
and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness
so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world.
Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P God of the beginning,
give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy
that will ensure a viable future for generations to come.
Restore desolate places to health and flourishing.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all our days, guide the leaders
of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office.
Accompany election officials and volunteers.
Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P God of comfort in troubled times,
we pray for those in need of protection and care, *especially...*
Trusting that you are constant in mercy,
protect those who seek safety and solace.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those
who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church.

By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place
and uplift your gospel.

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 God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed.
Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God,
trusting in your grace and unyielding love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Cloud of Witnesses Litany

Lord God, by your grace we are walking in a cloud.
We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses -

Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists,
disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

We thank you for their example.

We praise you for their lives of faith.

Lord God, by your grace we are walking in a cloud.
We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses —

Loved ones now resting in you,
who pampered and guided us, nurtured and cared for us;
ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died
that we might be who we are, where we are –
your precious children in this community of believers.

We thank you for their example.

We praise you for their lives of faith.

Lord God, by your grace we are walking in a cloud.
We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses —

Family members and members of this congregation;
fellow believers in every country, every denomination;