



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 12, 2025 ⁺ 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

⁺ GATHERING ⁺

Prelude

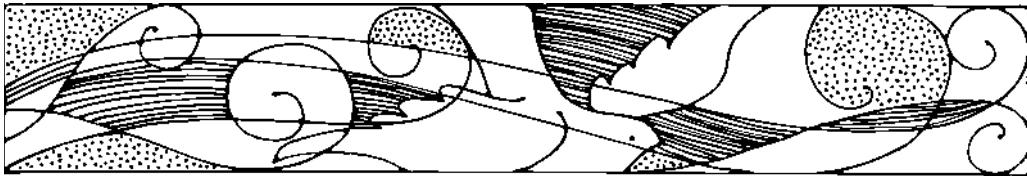
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

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.





Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Confession & Forgiveness

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

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord.

“For I am God and there is no other.”

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

Today we take time to give thanks,
grateful that the Word of God has been proclaimed even among us.

(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 sinned against you in our thinking,
in our speaking, and in our doing.
We resent the love you show to those who are different from us,
yet remain ungrateful for that undeserved grace
that has included even us as objects of your love.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God is no respecter of persons.

By the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die even for us,
and for his sake our sins are forgiven.

Return, therefore, to give God thanks;
and rejoice with all who share your gratitude.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

#864



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib - ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
3 Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres - ence, face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all ere - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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Opening Litany

Our God proclaims, “Though I scattered them among the nations,
yet in far countries they shall remember me,
and they shall rear their children and return.

Move us to return to you with thankfulness and praise, O God.

The prophet Isaiah proclaims, “The ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing.”

Move us to return to you with joy and gladness, O God.

Returning to our God means returning to pathways of peace
and roads of righteousness.

Where you go, we will go, O Lord.

Returning to our God means returning to a new life of service,
a new life of faith, and a new life of heaven.

Where you are, we will be, O Lord.

Return, O people of every nation and tribe, and find your rest in him.
For the Lord has dealt bountifully with us.

Return to the Lord, your God.

**For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

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.

Kyrie

ELW Setting 8



Refrain

Ky-ri - e c - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Refrain

Ky-ri - e c - lei - son, ev'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for

hun - gry and the poor; that

friends and fam - i - ly; for

wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Hymn of Praise

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

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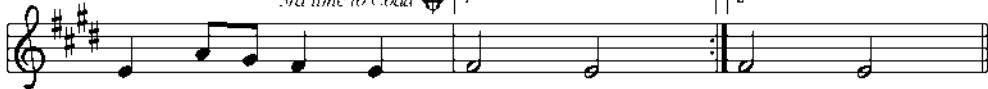


1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda ♫ 1 2



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

to stanza 3



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Prayer of the Day

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

Almighty and most merciful God,
your bountiful goodness fills all creation.

**Keep us safe from all that may hurt us,
that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may
with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

A reading from Second Kings.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away,

saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!”¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage.¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”

¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

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

Psalm 111

Let us read Psalm 111 responsively.

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**²Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

**⁶You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

**⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

A reading from Second Timothy.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful —

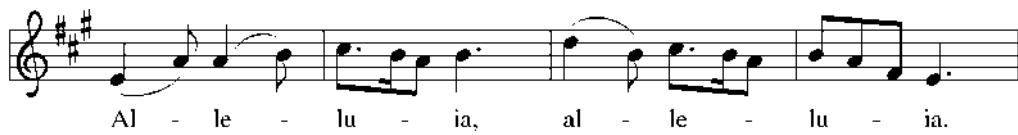
for he cannot deny himself.

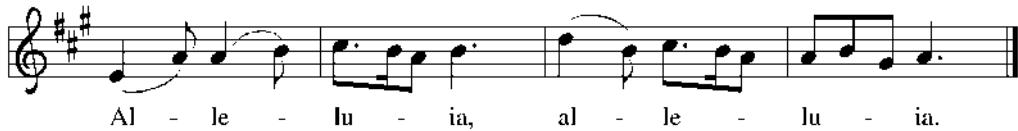
¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

Alleluia Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

The Holy Gospel according St. Luke the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

Children's Time Sermon



Thankfulness

Hymn of the Day *O Christ, The Healer, We Have Come* #610



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

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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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 Renewed in God's everlasting grace,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

(A brief silence is kept.)

A Gracious God, you lead your people to faith.

Remind the church that your word flows into the world.

By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places.

Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever.

By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P Merciful God, you know the needs of your people.

Show mercy to those suffering in the world.

Comfort those in need of your healing, especially...

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith, *especially...*

Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers, O God,

trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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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✚ 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

Trusting and abiding God, we lift our hearts to thank and praise you,
because even when we are faithless toward you,
you are always faithful toward us.

In creation you made a myriad of wonders for us to enjoy;
yet in our sin we saw scarcity rather than abundance.

In Israel you made a people for your own heart;
but your people longed to be like other nations.

In exile you taught your prophets and priests
to seek the welfare of the city where you had sent them.

There in a foreign land
you made yourself known to your people in a new way,
so that when your Son Jesus Christ was crucified for our salvation
his disciples saw in his servanthood
the pattern of your suffering love.

And so with all the company of heaven we rejoice in the eternal song.

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-

Sanctus continues on next page.



Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Restoring God, as in Christ you made a new community out of exiles,
so today you gather to your table
the leper, the outcast, and the wounded.

Send your Spirit upon your church
that it may be a community of reconciliation and truth.

Sanctify these gifts of bread and wine:
make them be for us the body and blood of our Lord 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 of healing and grace,
bless those who are in exile and see no way to reach home.
Be close to all who have no house to live in,

no garden to plant, no food to eat,
no respite from sickness, prejudice, oppression, or danger.
By the power of your Holy Spirit abide with those whose time is short,
that they may know that if they die with Christ,
they will also live with him;
that if they endure, they will also reign with him;
until that day when he returns in glory
with judgment enfolded in mercy and truth embraced by grace,
ever one God, Trinity of holiness and love. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

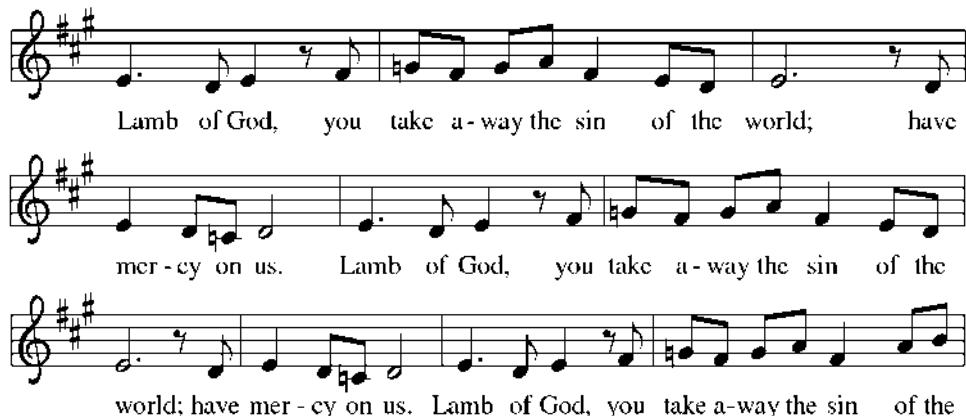
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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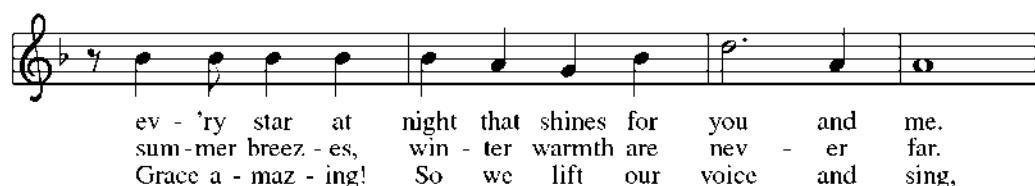
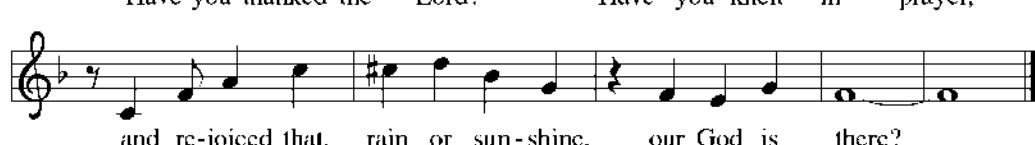
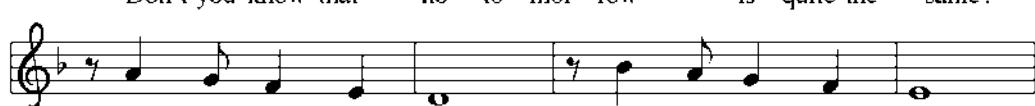
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



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 *Have You Thanked the Lord?* #829



Bless - ings so man - y come our way;
God's love is ev - er on dis - play;
grate - ful when clouds arc bright or gray;

Refrain

have you thanked the Lord to - day?
have you thanked the Lord to - day?
have you thanked the Lord to - day?

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Distribution Hymn

Come, Let Us Eat

#491

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Table Blessing

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.)*

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. Amen.**

✚ SENDING ✚

Announcements

LWR Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God,
as we place our hands on these Quilts, Health Kits and School Kits,
we join giver and receiver,
recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ.
Holy God, **we celebrate being your children.**

We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these Quilts —
donations of fabric, thread and sewing machines,
the faithful people who cut the squares, design the patterns,
sew the tops, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings,
provide publicity, donate boxes, pack the Quilts,
bring food to sustain the quilters and contribute the money
which make the shipping of these Quilts and Kits possible.
Holy God, **we celebrate generosity.**

We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together
to make the Quilts, the laughter, the shared stories,
the joy of crafting something with one's hands and heart for another
and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.
Holy God, **we celebrate community.**

We give thanks for those who have generously shared their time and
resources in order to make these School Kits and Health Kits possible.

Thank you for all those who made and donated supplies
and for all those who assembled these Kits.

May each compassionate touch be known to those who receive them
as an expression of your love.

Holy God, we celebrate kindness and sharing.

We send these Quilts and Kits as a sign of God's love and blessing,
trusting that they will be a source of comfort and hope
in the midst of disaster and fear,

a symbol of Christ's love to those who suffer,
a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

We pray that these Quilts will serve a useful purpose
in the life of the recipient, that they will bring warmth in the cold,
shelter from the sun and heat, a wall for a home,
or a carrier for a few precious belongings.

Holy God, we celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.

We remember those who have received our Quilts and Kits in the past
and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

Holy God, we celebrate the gift of life.

We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor
and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief.

We pray for the staff and partners of LWR
who will distribute these Kits and Quilts around the world.

Give them strength and encouragement to do this important work,
and guide them as they reach out to our most vulnerable
sisters and brothers in Christ.

Holy God, we celebrate our unity in you.

Bless all who give and all who receive,
as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,

☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn**Now Thank We All Our God**

#840



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es.
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us.
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en.



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us.
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high-est heav - en.



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one c - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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