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*James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

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✚ 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.



## Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



### Confession & Forgiveness

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

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

Today the Lord seeks to open our ears,  
that we may receive with meekness  
the implanted word that has power to save our souls.

*(Silence for confession and self-examination.)*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
Deaf to your will but quick to anger, we thwart your righteousness.  
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.**

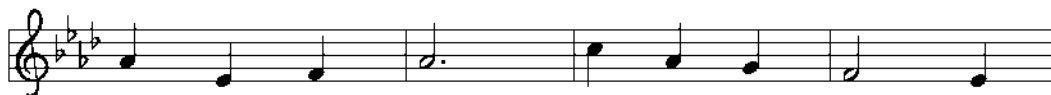
Be strong, and do not fear! Your God has come to save you!  
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,  
and by his authority. I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



# Gathering Song

# Earth and All Stars!

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1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
 4 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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*Refrain*



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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## Opening Litany

Lord, the world is full of so many sounds,  
but we often do not hear the sounds we need to hear the most.

**Open our ears to hear your Word, spoken through the Scriptures.**

The plights of people around us are often overlooked or discounted.

**Open our ears to hear the pleas of those in need.**

Expressions of love and affection sometimes go unrecognized.

**Open our ears to hear the words of love our loved ones share with us.**

We are often unaware of the support we receive  
when we are in the midst of struggles.

**Open our ears to hear encouraging words from the people around us.**

Sometimes words go in one ear and out the other  
when we are not paying attention.

**Open our ears to hear words of hope and promise  
from those who preach the Gospel to us.**

Our own daily troubles often drown out the news of salvation  
won through Christ's death and resurrection.

**Open our ears today to hear the sounds of joy  
in this house of worship and prayer. Amen.**

## Apostolic Greeting

The blessing of the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the glorious love bestowed by the + Son,  
and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

*(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)*

**Lord, have mercy; hear our prayer.**

**Bless your people ev'rywhere.**

**Christ our Savior, let your face**

**Shine upon us in this place,**

**And your worldwide praise increase.**

**Lord, have mercy; grant us peace.**

## Hymn of Praise

*(Tune: Ach du Lieber Augustine)*

**Glory be to God in the highest, the highest;  
Peace to all God's people, God's people on earth.  
We thank you; we bless you; we praise you, confess you,  
God, Almighty Father, our heavenly King.**

**Jesus Christ, Redeemer, the Son of the Father,  
Lamb of God, you died for the sin of the world.  
Have mercy, O Savior. Regard with your favor;  
From your throne in heaven give heed to our prayer.**

**You alone, O Christ, are the Holy One, Lord Most High;  
With the Holy Spirit, you, Lord, reign alone.  
With Father and Spirit All glory you merit.  
Glory be to God in the highest! Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

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

Gracious God,

**throughout the ages**

**you transform sickness into health and death into life.**

**Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people  
ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world,  
through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

## Installation of Sunday School Staff

The following people, having been appointed by the congregation to positions of leadership and responsibility in Zion's teaching ministry, are asked to come forward as their names are read:

Pre-K & K:	Teresa Tisthammer & Madison Gompert
Grades 1 & 2:	Tana Dozler & Tara Leetch
Grades 3:	Cola Heesacker & Brooke Stuhr
Grades 4 & 5:	Sheena Krohn
Grade 6:	Krista Choat & Judy Johnson
Grade 7 & 8:	Stacy Petersen & Josh Thayer
Music:	Lisa Thayer
Substitutes:	Dorothy Grosch

Substitutes:            Nikki Heidemann  
                                 Amy Moser  
                                 Amanda Reinhart  
                                 Lynne Webster  
                                 Addyson Winter



*A reading from First Corinthians.*

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,  
but the same Spirit gives them.

There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served.

There are different abilities to perform services,  
but the same God gives to everyone the ability for particular service.  
The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person,  
for the good of all. (*I Corinthians 12:4-7*)

Brothers and sisters, you have volunteered your time, your energy,  
and your gifts to the children, youth and family ministries of Zion.  
Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry  
in the confidence that it comes from God?

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

*A reading from Proverbs.*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths. (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)

Will you carry out this ministry centered in Christ's call,  
striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration?

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

*A reading from Ephesians.*

I pray that you may be strengthened in your inner being  
with power through God's Spirit, and that Christ  
may dwell in your hearts through faith,  
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,  
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,  
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (*Ephesians 3:16-19*)

Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve,  
strive for excellence in your skills,  
and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

I now ask you, people of Zion Lutheran Church:  
Will you today renew your commitment  
to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth,  
who look to you for guidance, support,  
and examples of righteous living?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

People of Zion, will you claim these gifted people  
as those called by God to help carry out our congregation's ministry  
to children, youth, and families? Will you support them  
and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve,  
celebrating our children and youth  
as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

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

Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these ministers  
to care for the young ones in our family of faith.

Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently.

Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who has given you the gifts and the will  
to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion  
to perform them. **Amen.**

On behalf of Zion Lutheran Church, we now commission you  
for ministry, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve.

✝ WORD ✝

**First Reading**

Isaiah 35:4-7a

*These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom. Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

*A reading from Isaiah.*

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

**Psalm 146**

*Let us read Psalm 146 responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.



**<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
The LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;  
The LORD sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## **Second Reading**

James 2:1-17

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

*A reading from James.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor

of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*

*(Tune: Frère Jacque)*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**  
**Laud and adoration! Joy and exultation!**  
**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

## **Holy Gospel**

Mark 7:24-37

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of

Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

**Children’s Time**  
**Sermon**

**✠ LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**Baptismal Hymn**

*Borning Cry*

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1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
2 “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
3 “In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

In Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death  
by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We are born children of a fallen humanity;  
by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God  
and made members of the church, the body of Christ.  
Living with Christ and in the communion of saints,  
we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

### **Parents & Godparents:**

We present ***Riggs Rhys Bernt*** for Holy Baptism.

We present ***Halsey Ann Rugg*** for Holy Baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,  
do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

### **Parents: We do.**

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism,  
you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with them among God's faithful people,

bring them to the word of God and the Holy Supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the Holy Scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your children may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents: We do.**

Godparents, do you promise to nurture  
**Riggs Rhys Bernt & Halsey Ann Rugg**  
in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit  
and to help them live in the covenant of baptism  
and in communion with the church?

**Godparents: We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support  
**Riggs Rhys Bernt & Halsey Ann Rugg**  
and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,  
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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,  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

P Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation,  
and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality.  
Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people  
of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our  
commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals  
in places suffering from drought.  
Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams,  
and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities.  
Preserve wetland habitats  
and the creatures that make their homes there.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes  
to lead with wisdom and humility.  
Bring peace among peoples in conflict  
and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions.  
Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Comfort all who live with chronic illness.  
Surround them in your tender embrace

and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support.  
Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction  
and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit.  
Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters,  
poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry  
and enliven all who doubt their creative talents.  
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 We give you thanks for all who have died  
and now find their rest in you.  
May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God,  
in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family,  
and through the sea you led your people Israel  
from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free  
from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,  
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism  
may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

***Riggs Rhys Bernt*** is baptized in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen. *Riggs Rhys, you belong to Christ,***  
**in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

***Halsey Ann Rugg*** is baptized in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen. *Halsey Ann, you belong to Christ,***  
**in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

Let us pray. (*A brief silence is kept.*)  
We give you thanks, O God,  
that through water and the Holy Spirit  
you give your daughters and sons new birth,  
cleansing them from sin and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain ***Riggs Rhys / Halsey Ann*** with the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

***Riggs Rhys / Halsey Ann***, child of God,  
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit  
and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Council Rep.: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.



Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
**We welcome you into the body of Christ  
 and into the mission we share:  
 join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
 and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Jesus Loves You**

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*Jesus loves YOU this we know for the Bible tells us so.  
 Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.  
 Yes, Jesus loves YOU. Yes, Jesus loves You.  
 Yes, Jesus loves YOU, the Bible tells us so.*

**Peace**

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

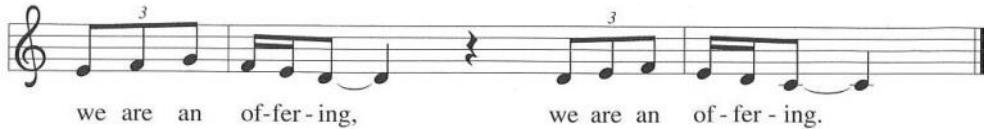
**✠ OFFERING ✠**

**Offering Response**

*We Are an Offering*

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We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
 of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
 lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. 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 voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



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**✠ MEAL ✠**

**Great Thanksgiving**

May the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**



May your hearts be lightened and filled with God’s love!  
**We lift up our hearts and praise God above.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, God our Father.  
**We thank God and praise Him – it isn’t a bother!**

**Proper Preface**

It is right and joyful; holy and wonderful;  
 to give thanks to you God, Almighty and faithful.  
 For it’s you that has given us this worship time,  
 filled with laughter, holy humor and rhyme.  
 It’s you that has shown us your holy love,  
 that you have sent from heaven high up above.  
 And so, with your angels who first sang your song,  
 we proclaim your goodness by singing along:

**Sanctus**

***Holy, Holy, Holy*** (Tune: Working on the Railroad)  
**Lord, most holy, holy, holy,**  
**God of pow’r and might:**  
**Heav’n and earth proclaim your glory,**  
**tell your praise aright.**  
**Blest is he who comes among us**  
**in the Lord’s own name!**  
**Hosts of heaven cry, “Hosanna!”**  
**Earth, reply the same!**

## **Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution**

Holy God, it's your Son we remember today,  
Jesus Christ, the anointed, whom we try to obey.  
He encouraged the poor and freed the oppressed,  
and taught us that you care about the distressed.  
Through his suffering, death, and resurrection,  
He taught that Your grace beats our imperfection.  
He ascended to Heaven and sits there beside you,  
and remains with us in all that we do.

On the night he was taken, Jesus lifted some bread,  
He blessed it, and broke it, and here's what he said:  
"Dear friends, This is my body to you that I give.  
Take it; share it: in you I will live.  
From now on, whenever, wherever you meet  
remember our time, when this bread here you eat."

When the supper was over, Jesus then took the cup,  
with praise and thanksgiving he lifted it up:  
"For the New Covenant, this is my blood;  
a sign of the Lord's continuing love.  
For God has forgiven your every mistake,  
so trust in God's love when this drink you partake."

May we offer ourselves for God's greater glory,  
and proclaim what we know of this fabulous story:

**Christ Jesus: he died, but then rose again!**  
**He'll return here on earth: Hallelujah! Amen.**

Holy Spirit, come down on us gathered here,  
with this bread and wine enter in.  
Make holy this food, fill us with your grace,  
so we tell the gospel to the whole human race.  
**We love you, Lord Jesus, we'll shout out again**  
**Your glory and honor: Amen and 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*

*(Tune: Row Your Boat)*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, all our sins you bore.  
Mercy, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy;  
Grant peace forevermore.**

## Distribution

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

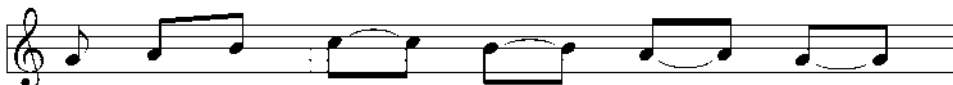
*The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.*

## Distribution Hymn

### *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy*

*TFF #257*



1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,  
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus.



down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;



I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,  
 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart to stay,  
 down in my heart, down in my heart to stay,  
 down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

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**Distribution Hymn**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

*TF#258*



1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;  
 I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;  
 I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
 I've got love like an o - cean. I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.  
 I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.  
 I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

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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 Canticle

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

**Lord, let your servant go in peace;  
what you have said is so:  
My eyes have seen your saving grace  
which all the world shall know.  
The Light that dawned in Israel  
now shines for all to see.  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
be praise eternally!**

## Post-Communion Prayer

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

We thank you Jesus, for leading and feeding.

**We thank you, for your grace we are needing.**

**Now send us with your strength and your power.**

**May our lives serve you each day and each hour.**

**May we gather here, again in your name.**

**To remember your love for us, it's always the same.**

**✠ SENDING ✠**

## Announcements

## Benediction

The peace of God, beyond all knowing  
be in your hearts and minds in your going.

And may the Father, the Spirit, the Son,

yes, each of them, the Three In One,

lead your life to each new place

and fill you up with love and grace.

You, God's children, are forgiven and fed.

So get ready now by Christ to be led. **Amen!**

## Sending Song

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

#836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove,  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise,  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way,  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day,  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee,  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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## Dismissal

Go in peace to all the places!

**With thanks to God and smiles on our faces!**



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*The Sacrament of*  
**BAPTISM**

*TODAY* we celebrate  
the gift of God's grace as  
**Halsey Ann Rugg**  
is baptized in the name of  
the Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Halsey** was born on  
Monday, July 22, 2024  
at 1:09pm. She weighed 7lbs, 14oz.  
and was 20½" long.

Loving Parents: **Haydn & Katie Rugg**  
Big Brother: **Hesston Rugg**

Godparents: **Danielle & Mitch Koch**

Grandparents:

**Deb & Mark Hickman**

**Brett & Dawn Rugg**

**Amy & Patrick Zaruba**

Great-Grandparents:

**Prudy & Sam Rugg**

**Janet Switzer**

*May God continue  
to bless them all with His  
abundant love and grace.*







# Word Search

Aunt / Uncle  
 Baby Girl  
 Bless  
 Candle  
 Cousins  
 Creed  
 Daughter  
 Faith  
 Family  
 Font  
 Gift / Grace  
 Child of God  
 Godfather  
 Godmother  
 Grandparents  
 Happy / Heart  
 Holy Baptism  
 Holy Communion  
 Holy Spirit  
 Jesus Loves You  
 Joy  
 Lord  
 Oil  
 Parents  
 Pray  
 Sacrament  
 Sacred  
 Son  
 Sing  
 Story  
 Water / Word  
 Zion Lutheran Church

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**Halsey Ann Rugg**  
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 Patrick Zaruba  
 Sam Rugg  
 Prudy Rugg  
 Janet Switzer

# *The Sacrament of* **BAPTISM**

*TODAY* we celebrate  
the gift of God's grace as  
**Riggs Rhys Bernt**  
is baptized in the name of  
the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Riggs** was born on  
Friday, May 3, 2024  
He weighed 5lbs., 5oz.  
and was 18<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" long.

*Loving Parents: Joshua & Megan Bernt*

*Big Sister: Riah Bernt*

*Godparents: Lane Wagner*

*Grandparents:*

*Mary Wagner*

*James Wagner*

*Amy & Patrick Zaruba*

*May God continue  
to bless them all with His  
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**Riggs Rhys Bernt**  
 Joshua Bernt  
 Megan Bernt  
 Riah Bernt  
 Lane Wagner

Mary Wagner  
 James Wagner  
 Amy Zaruba  
 Patrick Zaruba



# Rally Day Word Search

Teachers  
 Krista Choat  
 Tana Dozler  
 Madison Gompert  
 Cola Heesacker  
 Judy Johnson  
 Sheena Krohn  
 Tara Leetch  
 Stacy Petersen  
 Brooke Stuhr  
 Josh Thayer  
 Lisa Thayer  
 Teresa Tisthammer

Substitutes  
 Dorothy Grosch  
 Nikki Heidemann  
 Amy Moser  
 Amanda Reinhart  
 Lynne Webster  
 Addy Winter  
 Pastor Carolann  
 Vicar Keith

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