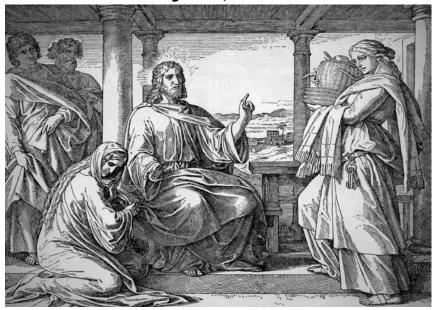
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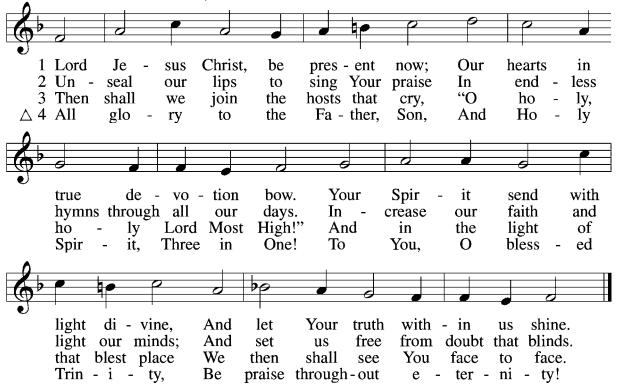


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+ WELCOME – AS WE GATHER + + PREPARATION +

902 LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW



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Tune: Cantionale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim

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 $(\triangle = Stand)$ (The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P If we say we 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.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.

I entreat your favor with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

I hasten and do not delay

to keep your commandments.

The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

KYRIE LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



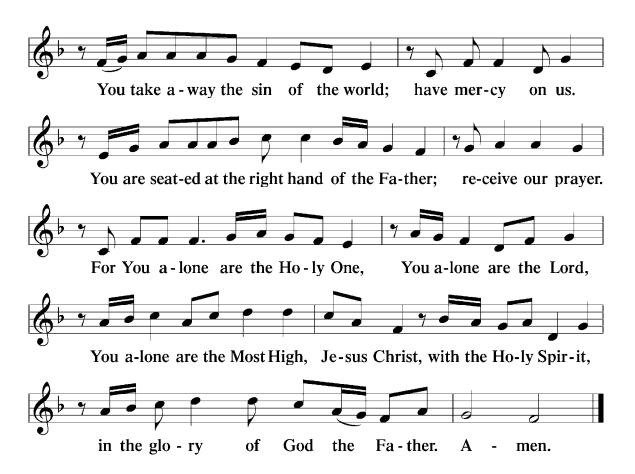
Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray. O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Colossians 1:21–29

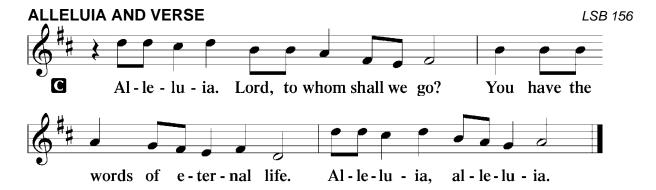
²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we

may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

(Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:38–42

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

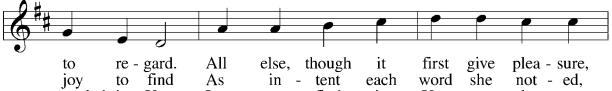
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Jesus Invites Martha (and Us) to Be Still."

536 ONE THING'S NEEDFUL



- 1 One thing's need ful; Lord, this trea sure Teach me high ly
- 2 How were Mar y's thoughts de vot ed Her e ter nal
- 3 Wis dom's high est, no blest trea sure, Je sus, is re -
- 4 Noth ing have I, Christ, to of fer, You a lone, my
- 5 There-fore You a lone, my Sav ior, Shall be all in



Let find You plea - sure, vealed in You. me in my high - est good. Noth - ing I, Lord, prof - fer have to a11 me: Search my heart be - hav - ior. to mv and



Is yoke that press - es a At. Sav - ior's feet re - clined! her way - ward will sub - due, And my But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. hy - poc - ri - sy. Root all. out

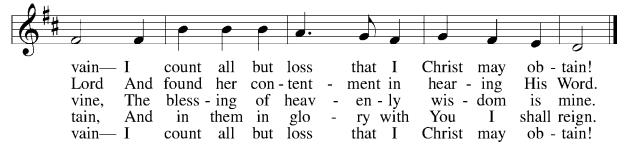
Be neath it the How kin - dled her Hu - mil - i ty Your death on the life's Through all mv



heart is still fret-ting and striv-ing, No true, last-ing hap - pi - ness heart, how de - vout was its feel-ing, While hear-ing the les - sons that there and sim - plic - i - ty reign-ing, In paths of true wis - dom my cross has death whol-ly de - feat - ed And there-by my righ - teous-ness pil - grim-age, guard and up-hold me, In lov-ing for-give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need-ful; all oth - ers are Christ was re - veal-ing! All earth - ly con-cerns she for - got for her steps ev - er train-ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl-edge diful - ly com-plet - ed; Sal - va-tion's white rai-ments I there did ob - Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need-ful; all oth - ers are



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SERMON: "The 'Good' Portion"

(Stand)

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with...

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

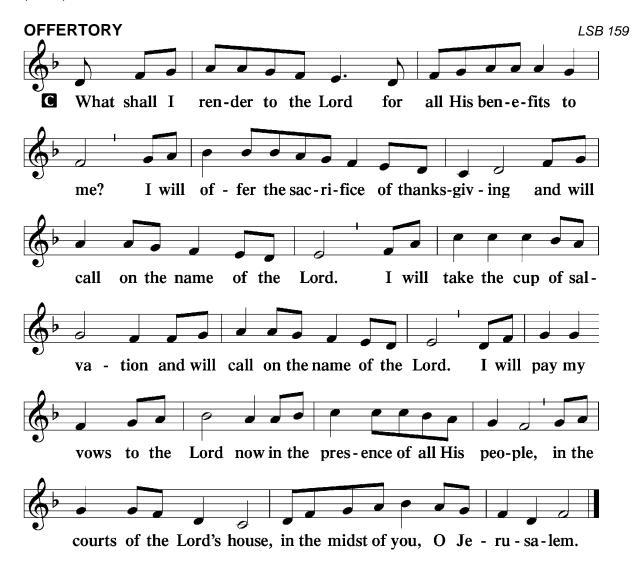
P ... You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Amen.

(Sit)

OFFERING

Members simply text the word **CHECK** to **785-828-4482** then click & submit online to **Check In** for attendance during the day. Or please complete the "**Let's Connect" Card** in the pews with your Name(s), email, and phone and hand to the ushers as they are returning from the altar. **VISITORS**, please hold your card to give to Pastor at the door and receive a 'Thank You' Gift.

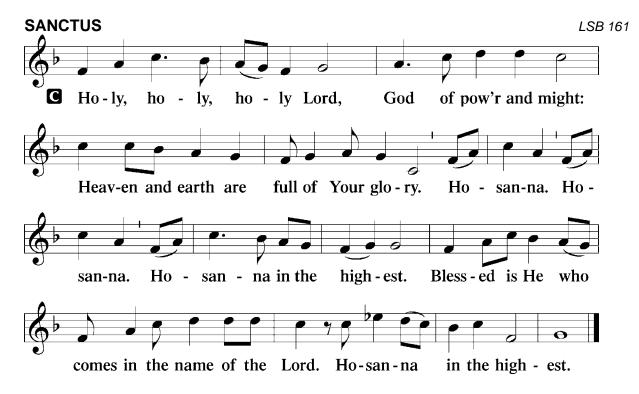


+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 160

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You... and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven ... with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

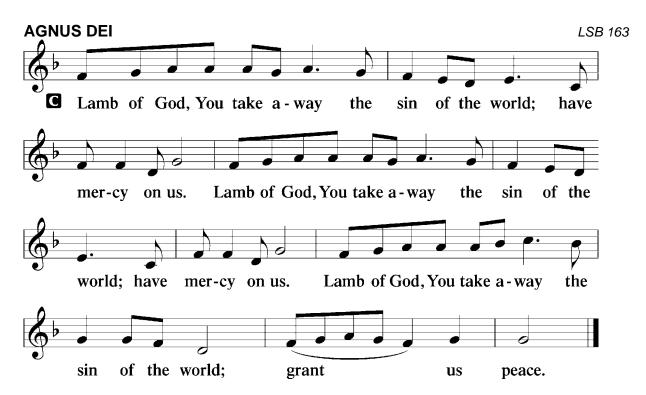
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



DISTRIBUTION

(The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive)

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

Christ's Supper is a blessing to the individual and group at His table. In eating the bread and drinking the wine, our Lord gives into our mouths the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, a physical gift of Jesus' love and real presence in, with, and under the bread and the wine. The person is receiving the assurance that his/her sins are forgiven and is strengthened in the hope of eternal life with Christ. As in his or her baptism, the person is joined with Christ.

In this communion we are also joined with other Christians who share our beliefs. At the Lord's Table we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and by a community of people who profess the faith with the same understanding that is ours.

We ask that you speak to an elder or pastor before partaking of the Lord's Supper if there is a question about our practice. Ask an usher to direct you.

If you are not sure if your understanding of scripture matches that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, you are welcome to come to the rail and receive a blessing. Signify as such by crossing your arms in front of you.

WHILE COMMUNING

- If you have difficulty walking to the altar, alert the ushers. The pastor and assistants will come to your pew to serve you.
- All are invited to receive the gifts. Please follow the directions of the Ushers/Elders to come forward.
- If kneeling is a challenge for you, please feel free to stand at the rail.
- If you are receiving communion, please slightly cup your hands to receive the host (Gluten-Free host is available in the center cup on the paten – if desired lift your hand to reach for the host from the center cup). Otherwise, please cross your forearms in front of your chest to receive a blessing.
- An optional Non-Alcoholic choice (lighter-color/rose) is available in the center of the tray of individual cups.
- If you are receiving from the common cup, please cross your hands to indicate so to the lay assistant with the individual cups. Once the assistant passes, please place your hand out to receive the common cup and help guide it to your mouth.

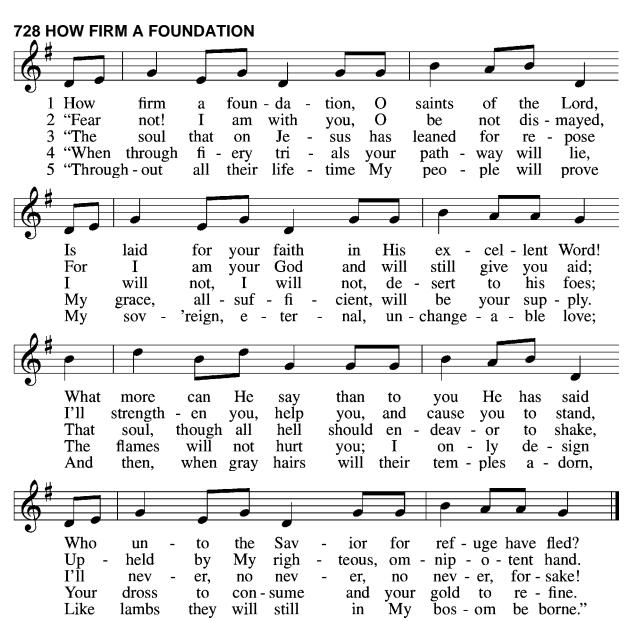
(In dismissing the communicants, the following or something similar is said:)

THE DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +



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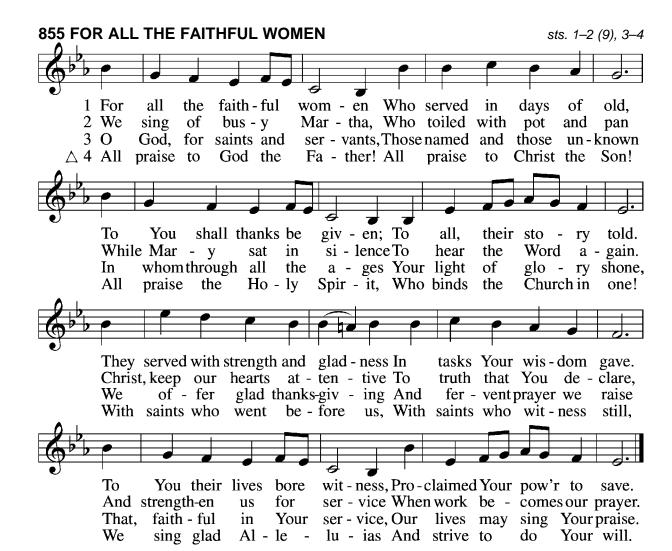




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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.





POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

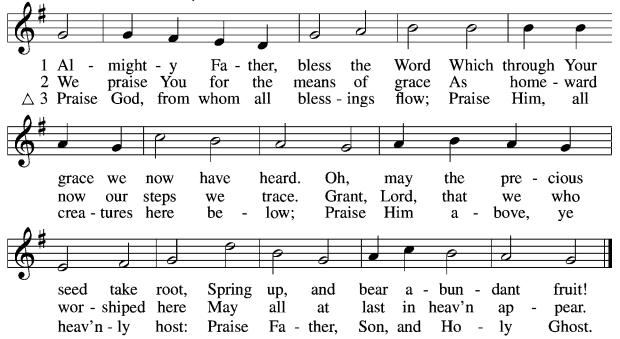
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION LSB 166

- C Amen.

923 ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD



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MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Record of Faithfulness

Attendance Last Sunday 62

General Fund Last Sunday: \$2,823 (Needed weekly = \$3193)

Building Fund Last Sunday: \$730

Pentecost (KS District Offering) Last Sunday: \$150

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Serving In Worship Today

Greeters	Kathie Kirschenmann, Marvin Zorn
Organist	Tanya Fraker
Acolyte	Emerson Monthey
Reader	Casey Monthey
Ushers	Clint Silver, Loren Eissler
	Lynn Silver, Marvin Zorn
Elder	Dwight Becker
Lay Assistants	Loren Eissler, Phillip Wendling

Serving Next Week

Greeters	Diane Schulze, Kathryn Phoenix
Organist	Tanya Fraker
Acolyte	Liz Eissler
Reader	Pastor Jim Kirschenmann
Ushers	Clint Sturdy, Shane Anschutz Reed Silver, Donice Browning
Elder	Dwight Becker

OUR PRAYERS

HEALING AND CARE: for those suffering from cancer: Stu Duncan, Jenny Peimann, Dan Henderson, Sheri Bravenec, Bonnie Von Lehe, Frank Wagner, Nancy Lahm, Barbara Feltner, Joetta Asbury, Tom Arb, Sharon Eilert (Eva's sister).

CONTINUED HEALING: Christopher Smith, Gabriella Schultz, Michael Nally, Charlie Timberlane, Logan Brady, Kathy Bigham, Jean Curtis, Carl Sluder, Raymond Zorn, Lyn Wren, David Wagner, Cecil McMullen, Ann Becker, Mark Feltner, Darrell Sturdy, Diane Schulze, Emerson Monthey, Mac McDonald, Keith Scheid, Pete Scheid, Glenn Templeton, Deana Baker, Betty Meyer, Bill McDonald, Harley Browning.

SHUT-INS: Don & Ann Becker, Virginia Elmore, Jim & Pat Croucher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning, especially our guests. You are invited for coffee and snacks after our service. You are also invited to stay for Bible Study and Sunday School.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated this morning as we receive the Lord's Body and Blood. Fill out the "Let's Connect" card if participating. Please speak to the Pastor or an Elder if this is your first time to commune with us.

OFFERING For Texas Floods Disaster Response: for the next month, we are collecting a Door Offering for support of those impacted by the tragic flooding in Kerr County, Texas. Donating these funds through THRIVENT will be met with matching funds (for every \$2 given, Thrivent will match \$1 up to \$250,000), so make your checks out to "Zion Lutheran Church" and note "TX FLOOD" in the Memo Field and we will send the funds through THRIVENT.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Today - Continuing a 13-Session Study of Ephesians.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION is collecting personal care items such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, dish soap, etc. for Help House. Any donations can be put on the table in the entryway.

Meeting: Saturday, July 20, 2025, at 10 am. Open to all women.

BREAKFAST + **BIBLES**: Saturday mornings at 8 am we meet at Lamonth Hill to enjoy breakfast followed by a Bible Study. You are invited to join us... and bring a friend!



Lutheran Witness Subscriptons

LUTHERAN WITNESS: We have received a request for renewing the (Nov 2025-Oct 2026) subscription year to Lutheran Witness Magazine (with Kansas District insert) for members of Zion.

If you would like to receive this magazine delivered in the mail, or have an address correction, note such on the clipboards in the Fellowship Hall, or please call the Church office or email Office@ZionVassar.org before Aug. 3, 2025.



MINISTRY AT THE MARINA: On Sunday, August 10, 2025, Zion Lutheran Church will be holding service at Pomona Lake Marina at 9 am. Please plan to Bring Your Own Chair and stay after the service to fellowship with all who attend. (Rumor has it that Ice Cream Treats will be served!)

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are very glad you are here! Our services may look and sound different (other worldly, perhaps), but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason and there is a certain rhythm involved. We gather to receive the gifts of salvation our Living Triune God comes to serve through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive the enlivening of our faith, forgiveness from our sins, and life eternal. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation as a gift we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

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