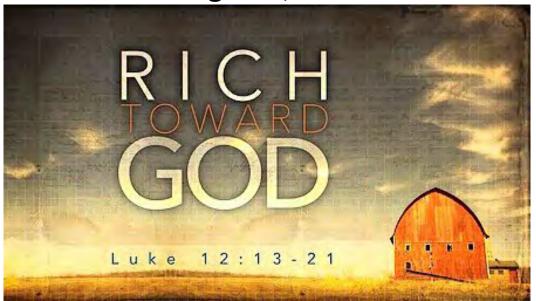
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+ WELCOME – AS WE GATHER + + PREPARATION +



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

+ INVOCATION +

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- 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.

(Stand)

Hear this, all peoples!

Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

both low and high,

rich and poor together!

Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly

and can never suffice.

This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd.

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

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.

Hear this, all peoples!

Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

both low and high,

rich and poor together!

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.
- Amen.



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

EPISTLE Colossians 3:1–11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

(Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

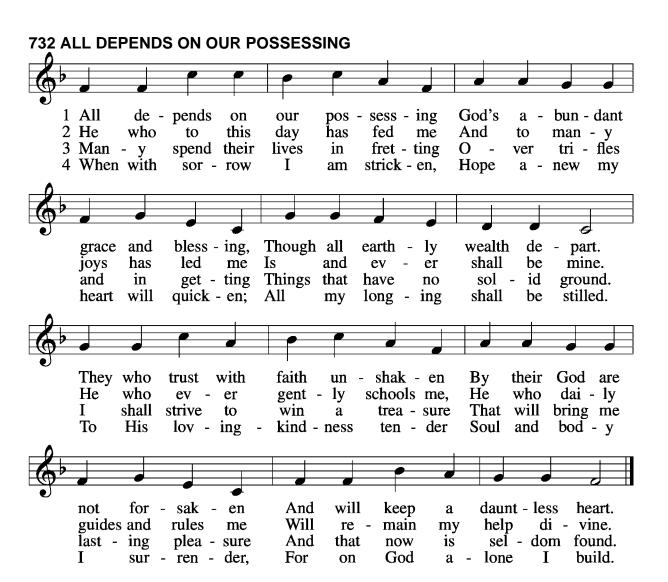
G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "The Parable of the Rich Man... and his Barns."



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- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never: As God wills, so be it ever;
 - I commit to Him my way.

If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen; All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

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SERMON: "Bigger Barns?? Really?!"

(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.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

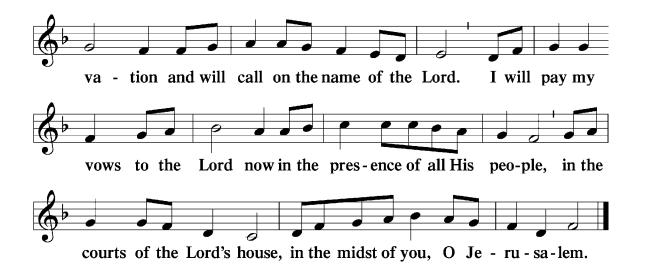
Amen.

(Sit)

OFFERING

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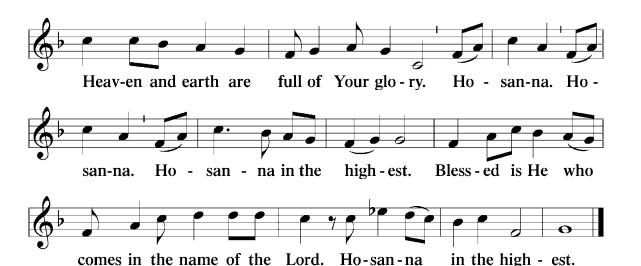


+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

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

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

C Amen.

LSB 162

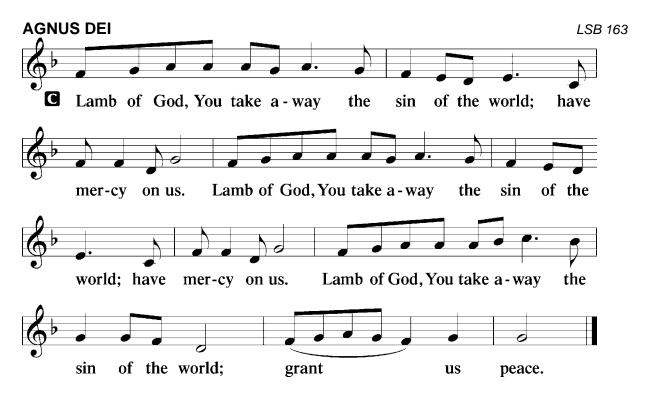
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



(Sit)

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, saying:)

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

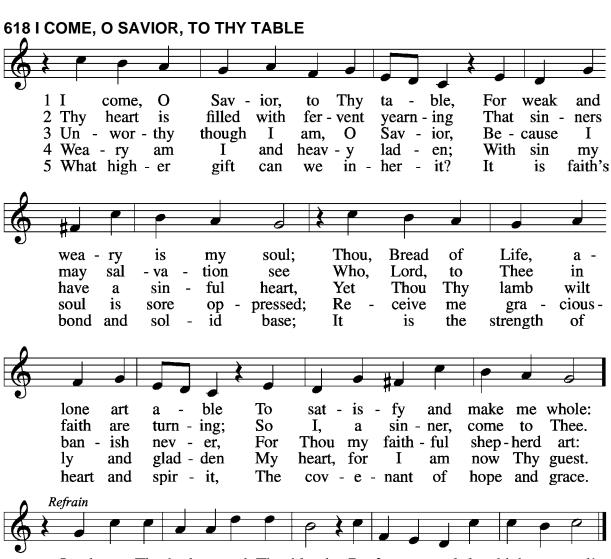
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

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.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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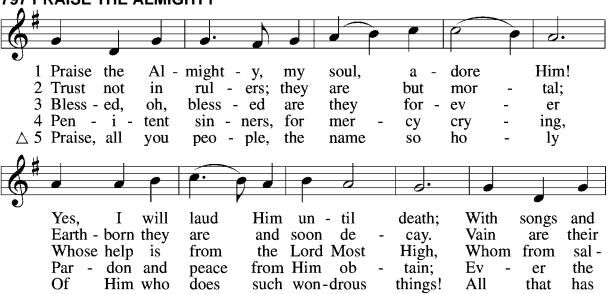
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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.







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.

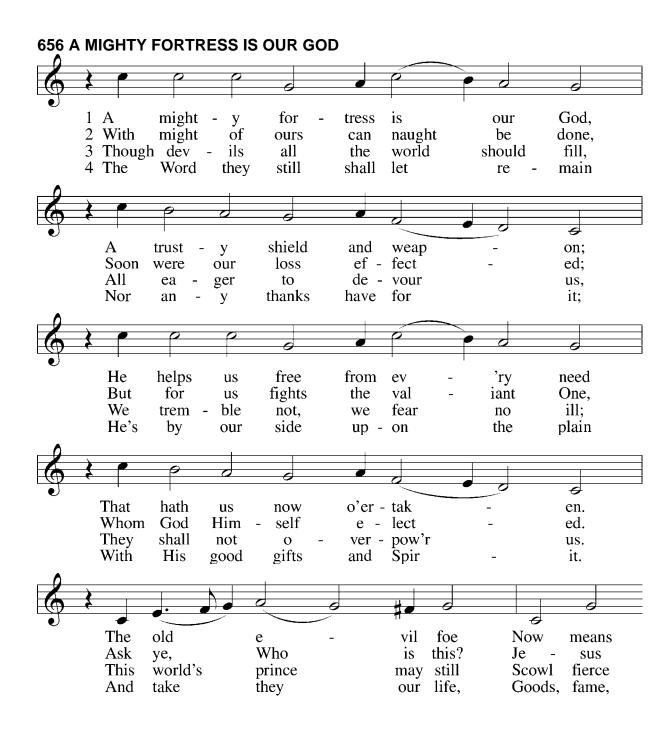
C Amen.

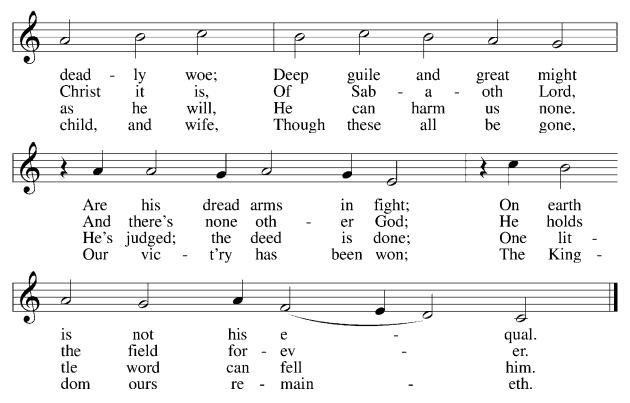
BENEDICTION LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.





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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 70

General Fund Last Sunday: \$2930 (Needed weekly = \$3193)

Building Fund Last Sunday: \$450

TX Flood Relief Last Sunday: \$1590

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Serving In Worship Today

Greeters	Loren & Liz Eissler
Organist	Tanya Fraker
Acolyte	Loren Eissler
Reader	Jim Bauck
Ushers	Clint Sturdy, Kelly Persinger Jeff Heidenreich, Caleb Anschutz
Elder	Dwight Becker
Lay Assistants	Jeff Heidenreich, Larry Wendling

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, Mac McDonald, Keith Scheid, Pete Scheid, Glenn Templeton, 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.



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. Today is the LAST DAY to submit changes for your subscription through the Kansas District.

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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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.

Pastor Jim Kirschenmann GV (314) 884-0828

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Bible Study and Sunday School: 10:30 am

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