

First Sunday after Christmas

December 27/28, 2025

5:00 PM, 8:00/10:30 AM

Welcome to Our Guests

Thank you for joining us in worshiping the Savior at Zion this day. We pray that your time here serves to build your faith and equip you for the week ahead. Please come again.

If you desire to find out more about becoming part of the Zion family, please contact Vickie Adams, vadams@zionharvester.org, in the church office. Our family loves to grow and we'd love to have you join us!

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center is a place for the Zion family and its guests to gather for fellowship with each other and where information about Zion is readily accessible. Every weekend opportunities to connect are highlighted and publications and ministry brochures are made available. Please visit the Welcome Center before or after worship to greet one another and to stay connected to God's mission through Zion.

Children's Messages

Since children become members of the Christian Church through baptism, we desire to nurture their faith by engaging them in God's story of faith and in our corporate worship of Jesus. Resources to "build a worship bag" can be found just outside the Sanctuary doors. Please find items that will help engage your child in worship and return these after the service.

Children's Messages are designed for children between the ages of two through elementary school; however, all children are welcome. A team of members and staff who are gifted for this ministry invite you to accompany and assist your young child and join the children in the chancel.

Nursery and Cry Room

During all Worship Services, a Cry Room is available in the back of church for you to calm your child or change a diaper. During the Education Hour on Sundays, childcare for infants and toddlers is offered in the Nursery located on the lower level opposite the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Decorum

Please silence your cell phones during Worship Services.



DIVINE SERVICE

Now the Feast and Celebration

Music by Marty Haugen

Prelude

Angels from the Realms of Glory – arr. Mark Hayes

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Stand

Sharing of the Peace

This ancient but significant gesture in worship is a tradition rooted in Scripture. It embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and mouths in the ways of peace.

From the beginning Christians have exercised this practice. “Peace be with you” is a greeting that Jesus himself used with his disciples after He had risen from the dead (Luke 24:36). The apostle Paul opened each of his letters with the words “Grace and peace be with you” (Romans 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:3, 2 Cor. 1:2).

When we share the peace, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, “The peace of the Lord be with you.” The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21). What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph 4:3).



Opening Hymn: 367 - Angels from the Realms of Glory

sts. 1–3, 5

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (sts. 1, ref. 2–3): James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt.

Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79

Preparation

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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

Confession of Sins

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C **Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

Absolution

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

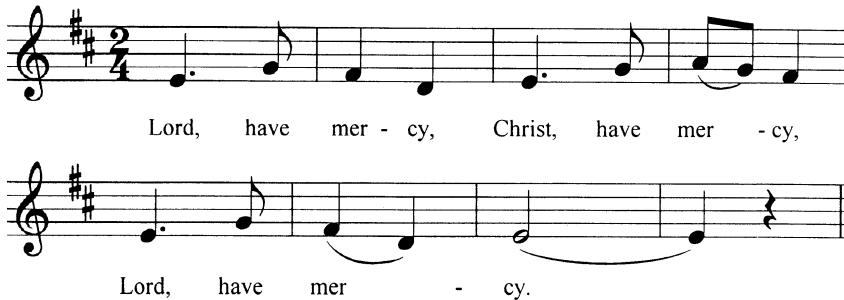
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy

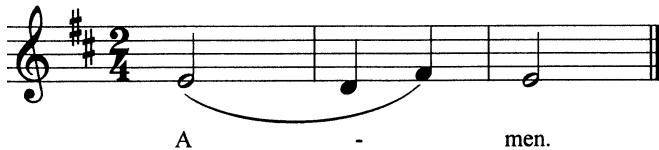
Mark 10:47

Refrain



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** In peace, in peace, let us pray to the (Lord)
- C** **Refrain**
- A** For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the (Lord)
- C** **Refrain**
- A** For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the (Lord)
- C** **Refrain**
- A** Help, save, and defend us, O God.
- C** **Amen.** (sung)



A - men.

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Hymn of Praise: Now the Feast and Celebration

[Revelation 5:12-13]

Refrain

Now the feast and cele - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
 for ev - er.

to Refrain

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
 make us peo - ple of God; to make
 all things new.

to Refrain

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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

The LORD's Mercy Remembered

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely.”
And he became their Savior.

⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.

¹¹Then he remembered the days of old,
of Moses and his people.

Where is he who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit,

¹²who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
¹³who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

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

Psalm of the Day: The Fear of the Lord

Psalm 111

Refrain

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The
praise of our God endures for ever.

A Refrain

C Refrain

A Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C Refrain

A He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

C Refrain

A The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

C Refrain

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Heirs of God

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

Stand

Verse: Lord, to Whom Shall We Go

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The Flight to Egypt

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Herod Kills the Children

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

The Return to Nazareth

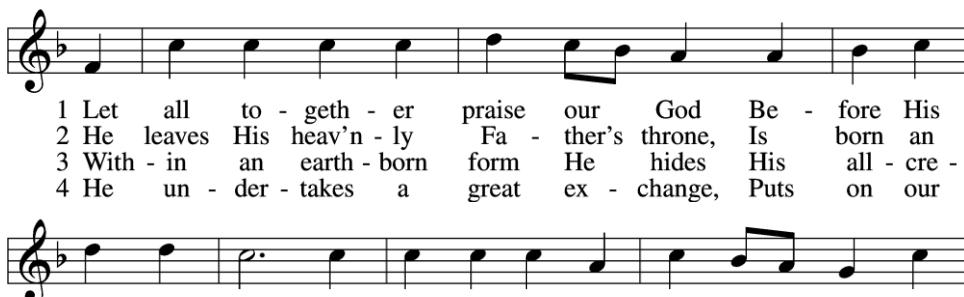
¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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

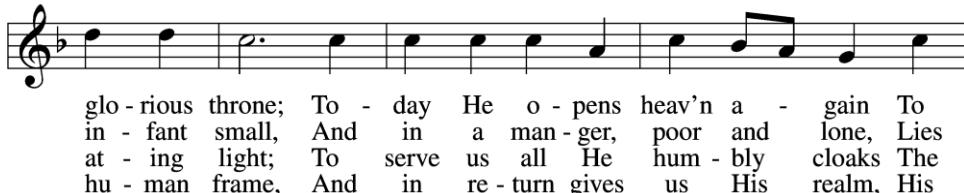
Sit

Hymn of the Day: 389 - Let All Together Praise Our God

sts. 1-4



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

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Children's Message

Children may come forward as soon as the leader appears in the chancel. If you have a young child that needs assistance, please accompany your child and join the children in the chancel.

Hymn of the Day: 389 - Let All Together Praise Our God

sts. 5-7



5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a
6 He is the key and He the door To bless - ed
△ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,



mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No
par - a - dise; The an - gel bars the way no more. To
we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And



tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.
God our prais - es rise, To God our prais - es rise.
Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

C 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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition the following bid is spoken.

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Angels from the Realms of Glory – arr. Keith Kolander

Members and guests, please use this time to fill out an Attendance Card, located in the pew racks. At the end of the offering, the ushers will collect all Attendance Cards.

To prepare for communion, please see LSB p. 329, "Christian Questions with Their Answers." Additional communion notes are in the back of this bulletin.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

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Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C 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 Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Peace

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

John 1:29



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer- cy on us, mer- cy on us, mer- cy on us.
mer- cy on us, mer- cy on us, mer- cy on us.
3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Distribution Notes

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the individual tray for those who have medical reasons for not receiving wine. Gluten-free wafers are available at the Baptismal font.

Hymn: 364 - Away in a Manger

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky ____ looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Text (sts. 1–2): Little Children's Book, 1885, Philadelphia; (st. 3): Vineyard Songs, 1892, Louisville, alt.
 Tune: James R. Murray, 1841–1905

Hymn: 361 - O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - the town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-dring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93

Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

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Stand

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.

Post-Communion Hymn: Thanks Be to You



1. Praise to you, O God of mercy:
From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ever!
Raising high the Truth and justice
weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you for ever!
You have taught us:
Thanks be to you for ever!

Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your
love, re-memb'ring your covenant of
life with us.

3. Praise to you, O
God of mercy:
Thanks be to you for ever!

Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you for ever!

Thanks be to you for ever!

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Thanksgiving

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
C for His steadfast love endures forever.

P We give thanks, heavenly Father, not as we ought, but as we are able. You provide daily bread and all that we need to support this body and life, and through this Sacrament You have strengthened our faith to live each day in faith toward You and in love toward others. Guide and sustain us this day and always through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

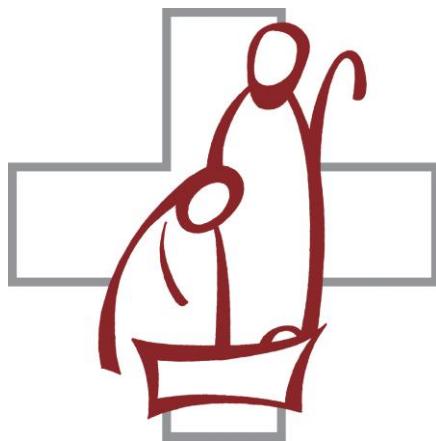
C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.



Closing Hymn: 386 - Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man-ger lies;
Cheer my wea-ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign-ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.

Tune: German, 14th cent.

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo – arr. Mary McDonald

Communion Statement

The Lord's supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin (Matt. 26:26, 28; 1 Cor. 11:23-24).

In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod are unable to receive the Sacrament and are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns. Those who have questions or concerns are invited to speak with one of the pastors.

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	10:30	Ashley Craig
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	8:00	Katalaya Oparaji, Ava Frahlman
	10:30	Hannah Braswell, Hero Bergeron
Elder:	5:00	Chris Bates
	8:00	Gary Adams
	10:30	Brian Moore
Ushers:	5:00	Ray Barker Team
	8:00	Kevin Bergfeld Team
	10:30	Gerry Krueger Team