



**ZION**  
LUTHERAN + ANOKA

A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.  
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



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## Welcome to Worship

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**PREACHING:**

Pastor Sue Wallager

**ASSISTING:**

8 AM Katie Weiland

9 AM Pr Connie Tiede

11 AM Pr Connie Tiede

**READER:**

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Sandy Benson

11 AM Carol Loyd

**ORGANISTS:**

SAT KT Thompson

SUN Shari Albrecht

PRELUDE

## GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God the Holy Spirit,

**You are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world.**

You move where you will, breaking down barriers, stirring hearts to change, making all things possible.

**Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!**

Come, Spirit of God,

**Sweep through our world bringing great change.**

May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly,

**So all may share in the rich blessings of your creation.**

And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living,

**So that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you all the days of our lives. Amen.**

1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r

the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
 the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
 to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
 that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

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**GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!**

## WORD

WORD FOR KID (9 & 11 AM)

LESSON: Acts 2.1-21

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: by Pastor Sue Wallager

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness  
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,  
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,  
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

*After each petition*

Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier...

**Hear us, Living God.**

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)*

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (8, 9, & 11 AM):

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ..... arr. Greg Scheer  
Rich Goldman, soprano saxophone; Shari Albrecht, piano

OFFERTORY: Love Has Brought Us Here Today, vs 1

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**Love has brought us here together; love of fam'ly, love of friends;  
love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's gift, that never ends.  
From our birth, throughout our lifetime, love's insistence calls our name.  
Floods of waters cannot drown it or put out its dancing flame.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

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click on “GIVE TODAY”

ELECTRONIC GIVING  
<https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday>

or



## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour wine into your cup. If you prefer white grape juice, go to the third server.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC (8, 9, & 11 AM):

“Light Dawns on a Weary World” ..... arr. Anne Krentz Organ  
Rich Goldman, soprano saxophone; Shari Albrecht, piano

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



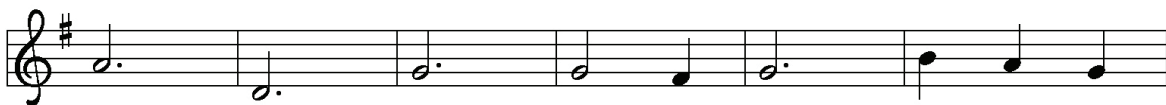
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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**POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

### Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

### Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

### Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

## LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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M - TH: 9 AM - 5 PM

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## BENEDICTION:

As you go forth from this place, may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life; may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way. And may the blessing of the Holy One— Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer - rest with you now and forever.

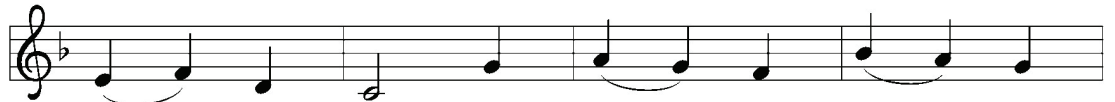
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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## DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE