



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



SEPTEMBER 12/13 2026
RALLY SUNDAY BEGINS
Let's Grow What's Next!

Welcome to Worship

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For more information contact us at www.zionanoka.org.

PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

PRESIDING:

8 & 9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

11 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READER:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Sandy Benson

11 AM Jill Arendt

ORGANIST:

Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN AND LITANY: All Are Welcome

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Spoken:

Together with Christ, we are building more than a house—we are becoming a home. A place where every person is known, every story is honored, and every heart is welcomed with love. We each bring the gifts God has placed within us. Joined together by Christ's unending love, we build what comes next—a community where all belong and all are welcome.

Verse 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Spoken:

God still calls prophets to speak truth, hands to serve with compassion, and hearts that dare to dream. Together we become the living witness of Christ, sharing the good news that God is making all things new. And at the center stands the cross—a sign of suffering transformed by love, of death overcome by life, of grace freely given. Here, no one must earn a place. Here, forgiveness is spoken, hope is restored, and together we claim the faith of Jesus.

Verse 2

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Spoken:

Around font and table, Christ gathers us. In water we are named. In bread and cup we are nourished. These holy gifts are not rewards for the worthy, but gifts of grace for all God's beloved children, binding us together as one body. Here heaven touches earth. Here Christ welcomes every weary soul. At this feast we discover once again that we are forgiven, claimed, and made new.

Verse 3

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Spoken:

The church is more than this building. It is the people God sends into the world. Filled with the Spirit, we leave these walls carrying Christ's love in our words, our hands, and our lives, so that others may know the hope we have received. And Christ is already waiting for us in every neighbor we meet. In the stranger. In the forgotten. In the lonely. As we go, we become signs of God's welcome, inviting others into a home where fear gives way to love, divisions give way to peace, and every person is reminded: "You belong."

Verse 4

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Spoken:

God knows your name. God delights in your gifts. God has called you for this moment. Each voice matters. Each gift is needed. We stand on the prayers of those who came before us—those who taught the faith, shared the story, and trusted God's promises through every season. Now the story becomes ours to tell. With gratitude for their witness and hope for those yet to come, we build what comes next, so generations still unseen will know they are loved, they belong, and Christ welcomes them home.

Verse 5

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and
loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BAPTISMS:

5 PM: Baker Allen Pinewski

11 AM: Piper Lee Mesenbourg

BACKPACK BLESSING (9 & 11 AM)

WORD

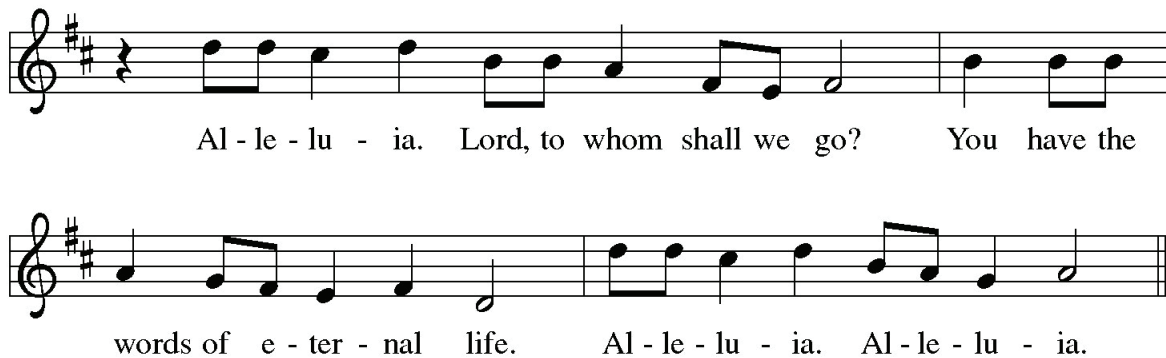
WORD FOR KID (9 & 11 AM)

LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION:



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: by Pastor Mike Pancoast



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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

God of mercy and grace...

Hear our prayer

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

5 PM & 8 AM:

Duet: "Amazing Grace"..... arr. Althouse
Sophie Bauer, soprano and Jonathan Campbell, tenor; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

9 & 11 AM:

"Marchin' to Zion"..... arr. Harbold
Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

We're marchin' to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion, we're marching upward to Zion, that beautiful city of God. Come we that love the Lord (Oh yes!) and let our joys be known. Join in a song of sweet accord, and thus surround the throne. We're marchin' to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion, we're marching upward to Zion, that beautiful city of God.

OFFERTORY: Create in Me a Clean Heart

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

ONLINE www.zionanoka.org

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ELECTRONIC GIVING

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or



OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Gracious God, you have welcomed us home into your family through the love of Jesus Christ. Everything we have and everything we are comes from your generous hand. Receive these gifts, and use them to build up your kingdom— to strengthen your church, to bless our neighbors, and to share your love with a world in need. Bless our offerings and bless our lives, that together we may be a place where all people know they are loved, valued, and welcomed.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

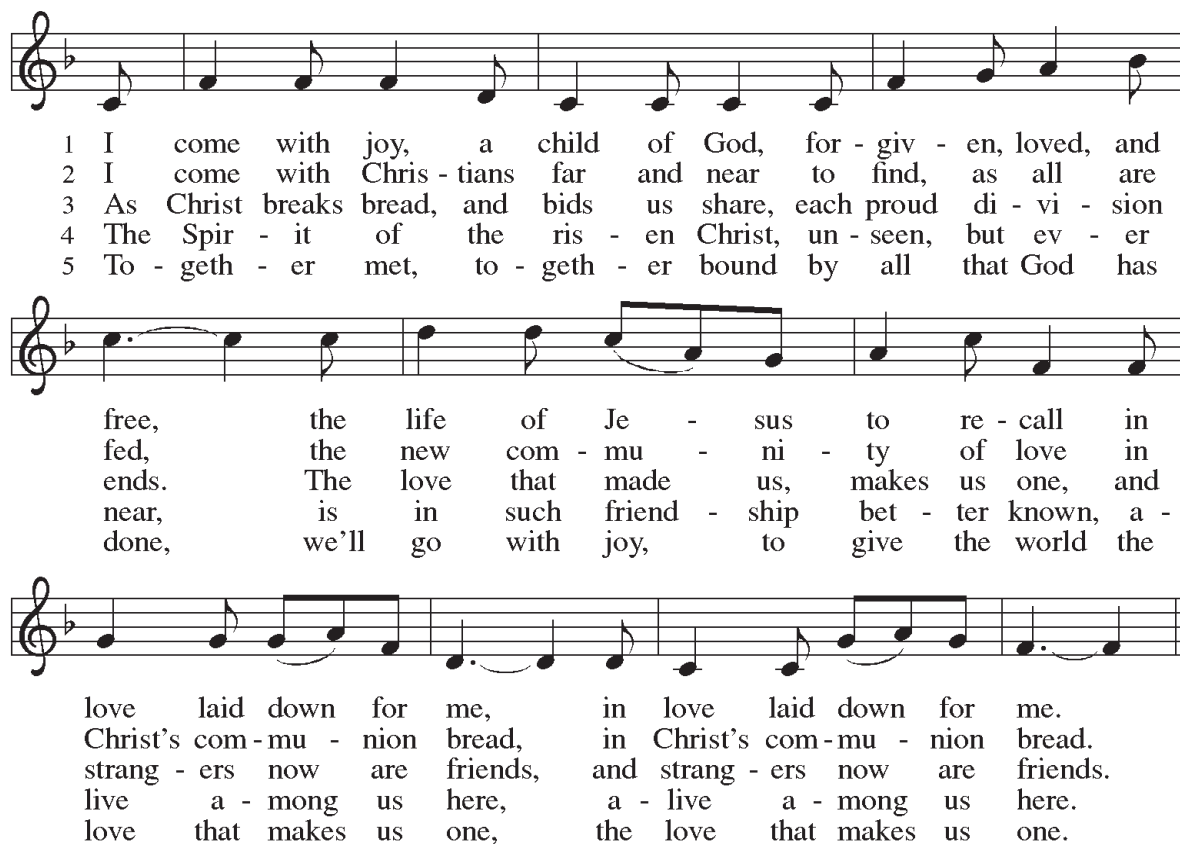
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: I Come With Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

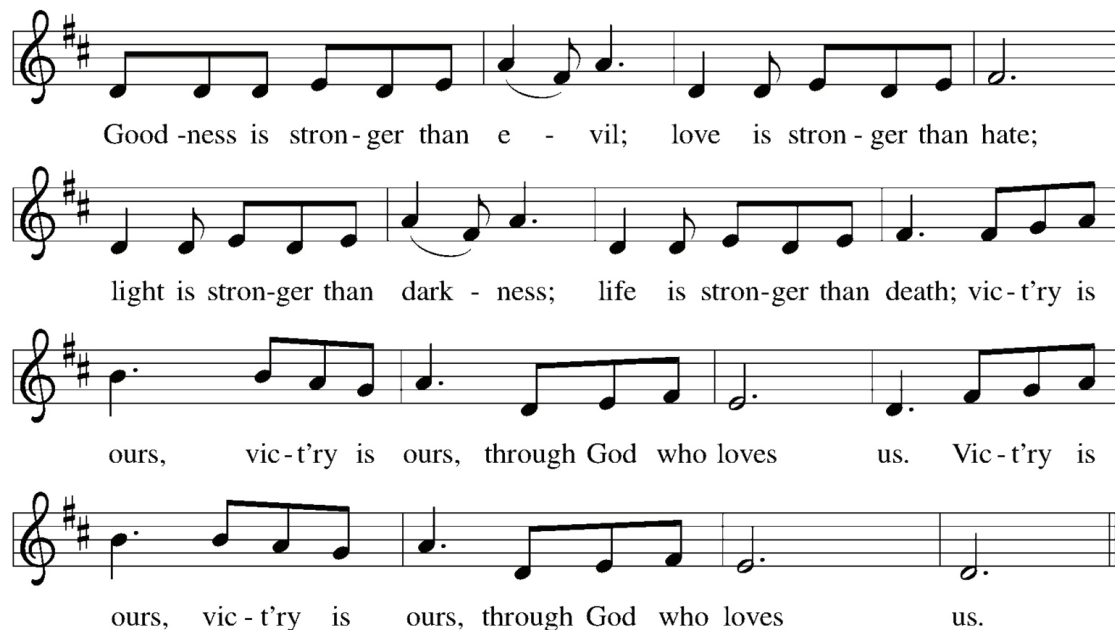
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Goodness is Stronger than Evil

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Good - ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;

light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is

ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Faithful God, we give you thanks for this meal of grace, where you have welcomed us, renewed us, and strengthened us in Christ. Send us from this table as your people—connected by your love, equipped with your gifts, and ready to grow what is next together. To create a community where all belong and love is made visible. **Amen.**

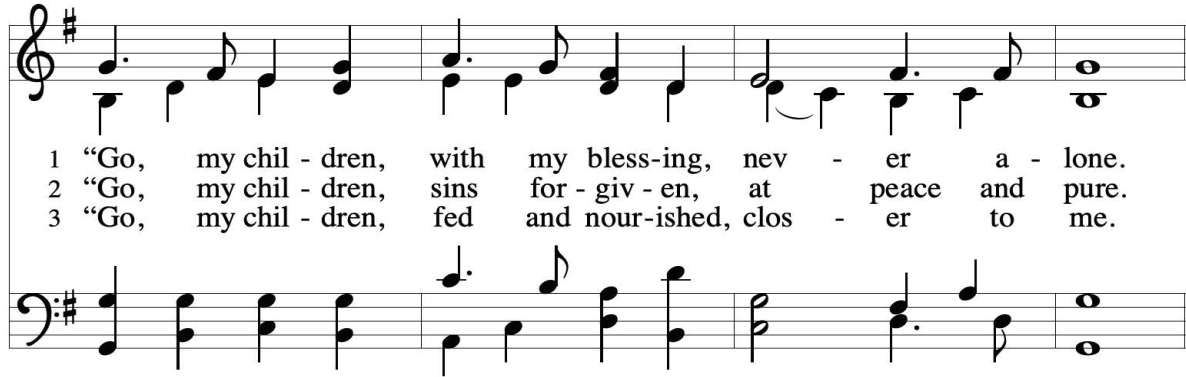
SENDING

BENEDICTION:

Go now with the blessing of God, with Christ as your foundation, the Holy Spirit your guide, and God's love shining through you. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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TO WORSHIP

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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 wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. 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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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

HOSPITAL VISITS AND PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine at kjohnson@zion-anoka.org or Pr. Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, Zion's monthly online newsletter "The Herald" and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org if you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team*.

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew holders for you to write a prayer request. Place them in the wooden prayer collection boxes located in the Sanctuary, Chapel or at the front desk. All prayer concerns or thanksgivings are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Team.