

Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA / [www.zionharrisburg.org](http://www.zionharrisburg.org)

August 10, 2025, Pentecost 9

10:15am Service of the Word

## **Welcome & Announcements**

*(During the prelude, you are invited to be in quiet prayer as we prepare to begin our worship of God. It can be an opportunity to pray for people and situations mentioned during the announcements; a time to prepare for confession and forgiveness; and/or a time to be in silence before the Lord.)*

**Prelude**     *Because He Lives*     William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither; Arr. John Purifoy

*Please stand as able*

## **Invocation**

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

**C Amen.**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C 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.

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

O Worship the King

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(vv. 1, 2, 4)

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

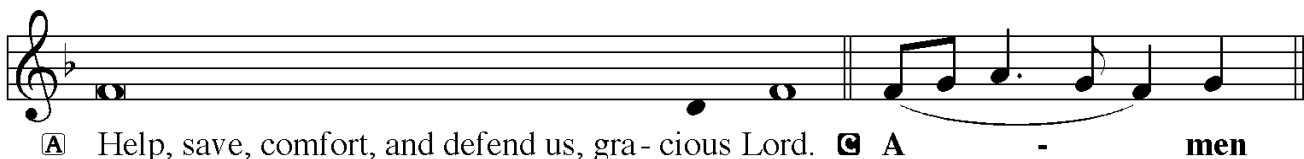
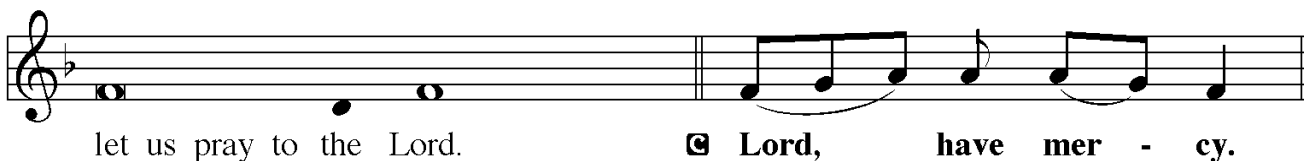
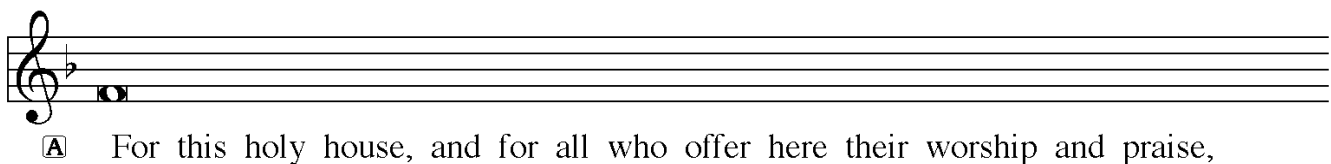
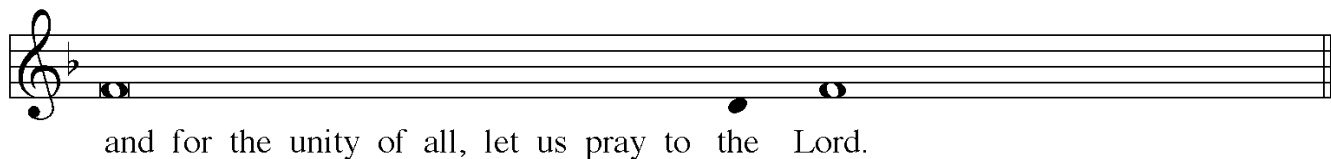
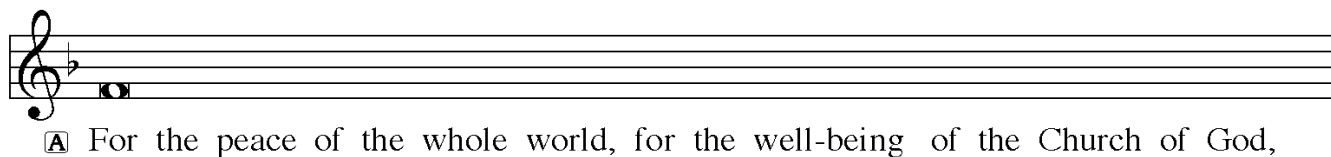
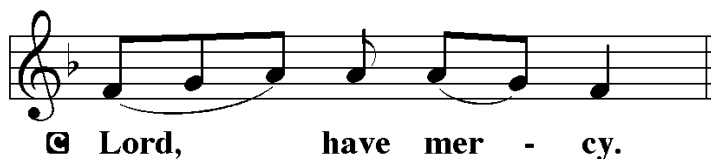
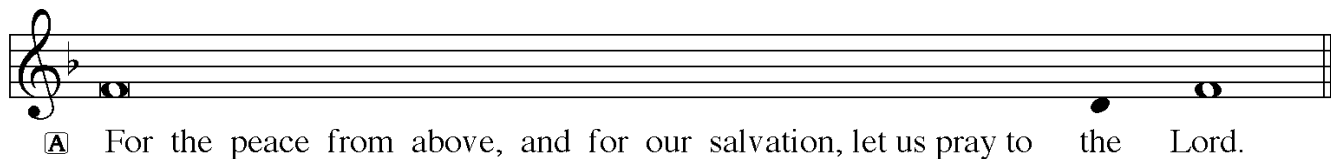
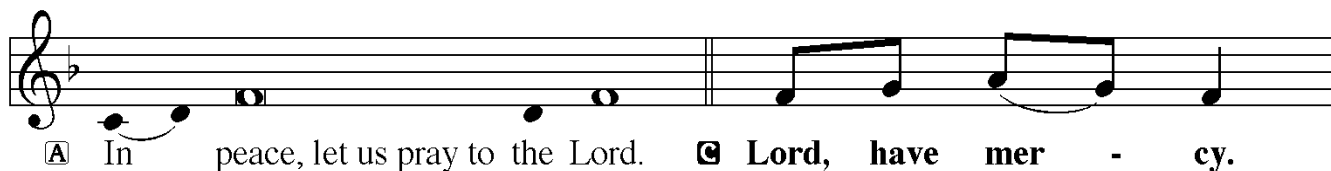
O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

**Greeting**

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

**C And also with you.**



## Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray: God of all grace, you delight in your children and giving them the kingdom. Give us faith to trust in your loving provision, that we might not worry needlessly, but live in freedom and gratitude; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

## Psalm 33:12-22

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;**

<sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,

<sup>15</sup>**he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

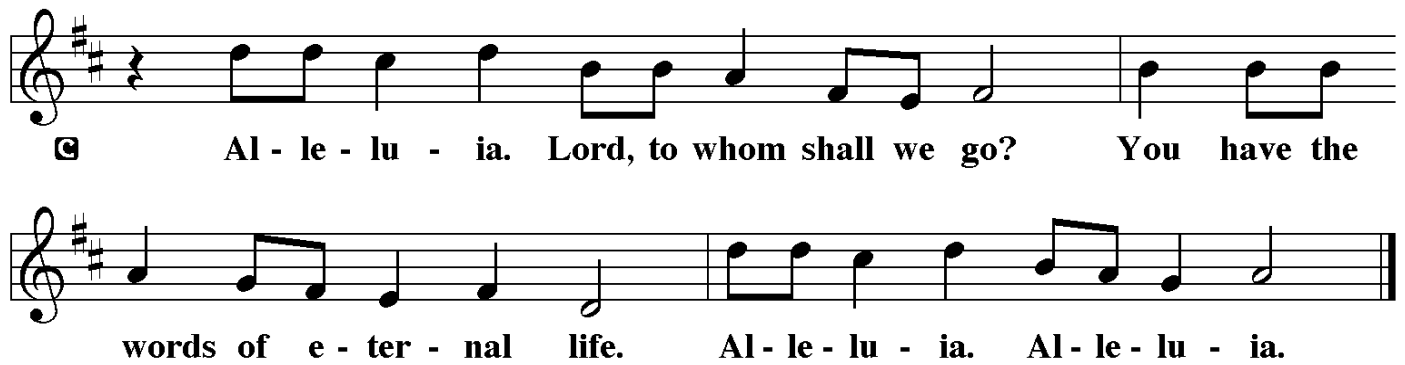
<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

<sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

*Please stand as able*



### **Gospel: Luke 12:22-40**

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

#### **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>{Jesus} said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. <sup>32</sup>Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>35</sup>Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and

finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Doxology**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Please be seated*

### **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

**Anthem** "How Great Thou Art" - Carl Boberg/Stuart Hine

Ricky Perrine, soprano

*Please stand as able*

### **Apostles’ Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

### **The Prayers**

**P** Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence for prayer*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

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.**

**Benediction**

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.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

Jesus Still Lead On

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Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;  
And, although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow, calm and fearless;  
Guide us by thy hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'er take us,  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many a foe To our home we go.



When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring  
Make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;  
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand In our fatherland! Amen.

### **Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ with one another following worship is encouraged.*

*Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes at the bottom of each staircase in the main entry way.*

### **Serving in Worship Today:**

***Presiding Worship Leader:***

**Pastor Karin Pejack**

***Minister of Technology:***

**Catherine Germann**

***AV on Site:***

**Bob Haas, John Cooper, Erica Jonas**

***Minister of Music:***

**Norma Swain**

***Pianist:***

**Judy Atticks**

***Vocalist:***

**Ricky Perrine**

***Lector:***

**Ann Pacey**

***Cantor:***

**Ricky Perrine**

***Responsive Reader:***

**Ricky Perrine**

### **Next Week's Readings:**

Jeremiah 23:16-29; Psalm 119:81-88; Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3; Luke 12:49-53

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**Announcements: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 10, 2025**

**Sunday School – 9:00am (in-person only)**

**Fellowship Class: Teacher – Judy Atticks, meets in the St. Timothy Room, behind the kitchen.**

**10:15 am Service of the Word**

***\*Communion available at the altar rail after the service.***

**7:00pm Service of Communion & Healing Prayer  
at Bethesda Mission Men's Shelter**

**Tuesday, August 12: TABLE TALK 5:30 – 7:00pm**

**August 12 Topic: Ways to Pray**

**at Yankee Doodle Restaurant, 860 N. Front Street, Wormleysburg, PA 17043  
Martin Luther enjoyed faithful and fun conversation over food and drinks. Join Pastor Karin, Todd, and Sam on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays for informal conversation relating Christian faith to everyday topics. Participants are responsible for purchasing their food and drinks. [in-person only]**

**Wednesday, August 13**

**12:10pm WOW (Worship on Wednesday)**

**Service of Word & Prayer (in-person & online)**

**Lunch fellowship afterwards**

**Thursday, August 14, at 6:30pm**

**Summer Outdoor Evening Worship Service**

**At Lee & Judy Atticks' House**

**Come enjoy fellowship, praise and singing in the Atticks' beautiful yard. The service will include communion. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs, and there will be some chairs available on site. The address is: 6441 Shatto Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111. *The rain date is Thursday, August 21.*  
Currently the event is in-person only.**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 17, 2025**

**Sunday School – 9:00am (in-person only)**

**Fellowship Class: Teacher – Judy Atticks, meets in the St. Timothy Room, behind the kitchen.**

**10:15 am Service of Holy Communion**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**DoOver Ministries Art Exhibit Reception**

**3-5pm on Saturday, August 23**

**In the Fellowship Hall at Zion Lutheran Church (15 S 4<sup>th</sup> St., Harrisburg)**

**Come enjoy light refreshments as you view the creative works on display.**

**DoOver Ministries exists to love others as Christ loves us. Our ministry includes community meals, prayer ministry and art classes for people who are in recovery from addiction and for the unhoused. Spending time creating art together brings a sense of accomplishment, healing, and peace.**

**Monday, August 25, at 6:30pm**

**Zoom Council Meeting**

**TABLE TALK: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:00pm**

**at Yankee Doodle Restaurant, 860 N. Front Street, Wormleysburg, PA 17043  
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**September 9     The Great Commission is Our Mission**

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday (Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and Festivals)**

**9:00am Sunday School (in-person only)**

**9:45am Fellowship (in-person only)**

**10:15am Worship Service (in-person & online)**

***VALIDATED PARKING FOR CHESTNUT STREET GARAGE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS.***

**Wednesday (Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)**  
**12:10pm WOW, Worship On Wednesday (in-person & online)**  
**12:35pm Lunch Fellowship (in-person only)**

**NOTES ON DETAILS, INCLUDING PARKING, for 12:10pm WOW Services:**  
**Bulletin documents, Zoom link, and YouTube Live streaming instructions will be available at Zion's website: [www.zionharrisburg.org](http://www.zionharrisburg.org)**

**Please enter at the chapel doors on 4th Street. An outdoor sign will mark the appropriate doorway. There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day on a weekday, so please plan to pay for parking if you park on the street. Parking in the lot below the train station is an option - Please pick up a notice from the church office for your dashboard when you park there that will indicate that you are attending a service at Zion.**

#### **Weekly Schedule & Zoom/YouTube Information**

**The Meeting ID and Passcode to attend our weekly online worship services on Zoom is listed are available on the church website. We also broadcast worship on our YouTube channel using YouTube Live.**