

Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA / www.zionharrisburg.org
October 12, 2025, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Harvest Home
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: "Give Thanks" – Henry Smith, arr. Mark Hayes

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

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Red 363 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in; Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide; For our wants to be supplied:
Come, to God's own temple come; Raise the song of harvest-home.

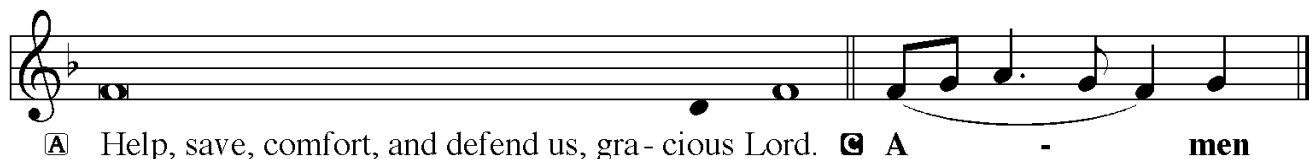
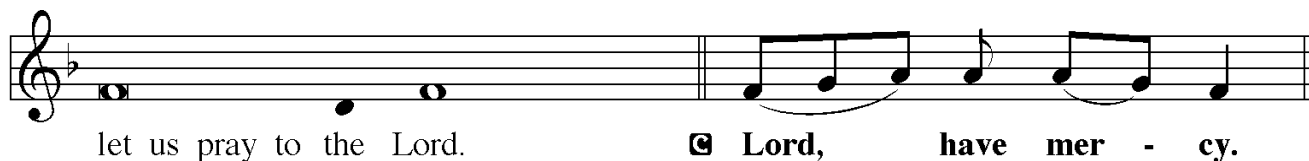
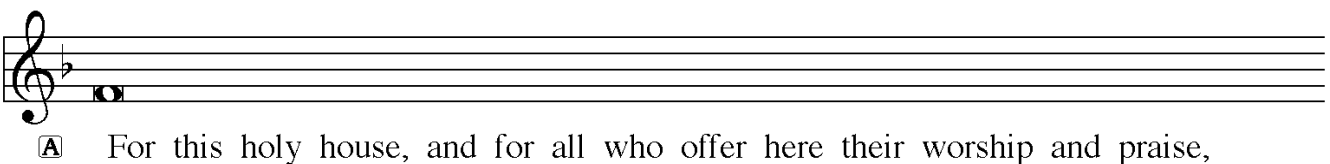
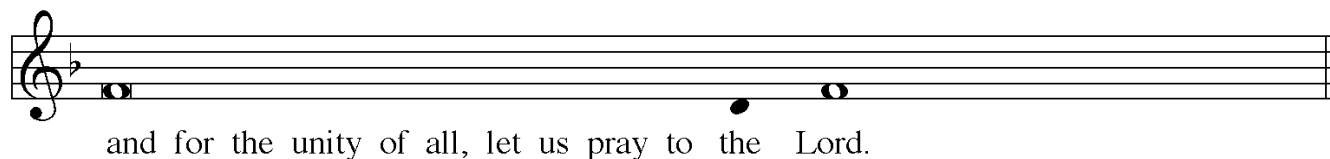
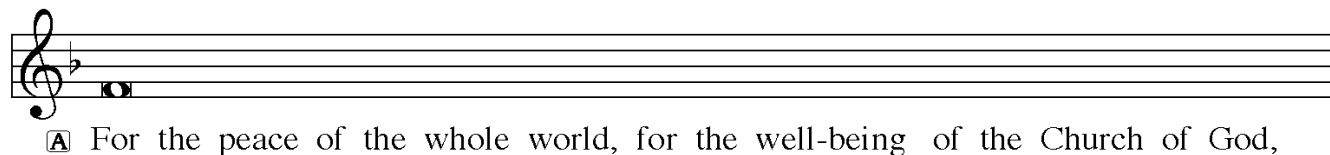
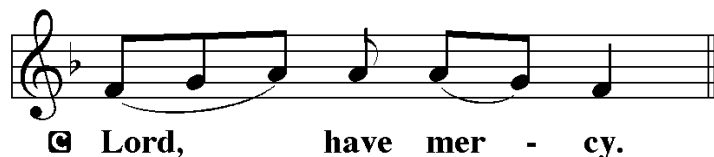
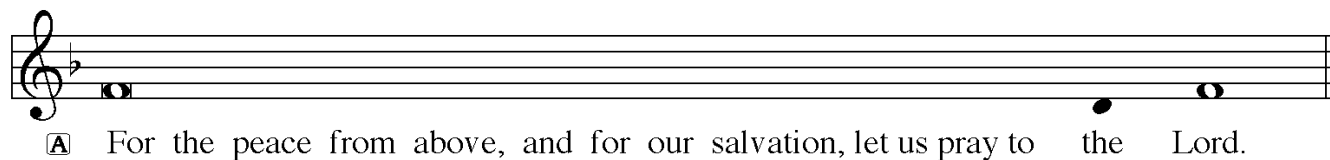
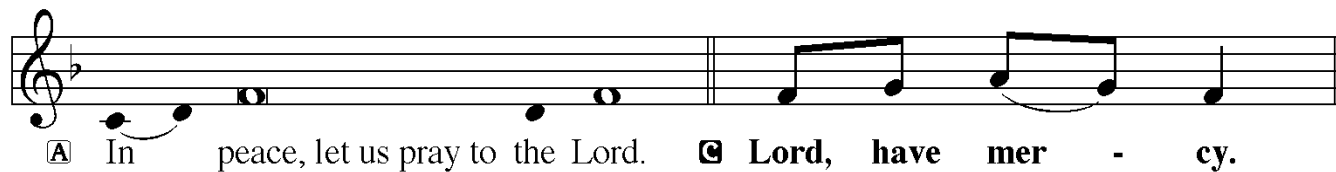
All the world is God's own field; Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown; Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To thy final harvest-home;
Gather thou thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified, In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home. 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: Almighty God, who opens your hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing: We give you thanks that you have blessed the fields and permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth; and we pray that you would bless and protect the living seed of your word sown in our hearts, that in the abounding fruits of righteousness we may always present to you an acceptable offering of thanksgiving; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

“When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

⁵ “And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. ¹¹ And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Psalm 65

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

²**O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.**

³When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

⁴**Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!**

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

⁶**the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might;**

⁷who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,

⁸**so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰**You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

¹²**The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,**

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!



Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you

find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Anthem "Praise the Lord of Harvest" – David Catherwood

Zion Chancel Choir

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

Bringing In the Sheaves

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Tho' the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

A brief check-in with the in-person & online community for greetings, updates, prayer requests.

Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**** On Service of the Word Sundays (2nd & 4th) following the Dismissal, those who wish to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail in front of the pulpit to receive the Sacrament.***

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

Vocalists:

Zion Chancel Choir

Cantor & Responsive Reader:

Ricky Perrine

Lector:

Ann Pacey

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 32:22-30; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Announcements: Sunday, October 12, Harvest Home Sunday

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

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

10:15am 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

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be

enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

-2 Corinthians 9:10-11

On this Sunday, we give thanks for the Lord who provides daily bread and for all who work to bring food to our tables. We also pray that God will guide us in sowing the seeds of the Good News of Christ as we care for those in need. In past years on this Sunday, we collected non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Harrisburg Area Food Pantry (formerly the Ecumenical Food Pantry). In October, members and friends are encouraged to make contributions (non-perishable food and other items or monetary) to local organizations providing food and basic necessities to those in need. Some local suggestions are listed below:

Harrisburg Area Food Pantry <https://hfoodpantry.org/>; Downtown Daily Bread <https://downtowndailybread.org/>; Central Pennsylvania Food Bank <https://www.centralpafoodbank.org/>

Sunday, October 5, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

10:15am Service of Holy Communion

Tuesday, October 14, 5:30 – 7:00pm

TABLE TALK, Theme - The Ministry of Healing

**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 and Todd for informal conversation about Christian faith and the impact on our daily lives. Participants are responsible for purchasing their food and drinks.**

Wednesday, October 15

12:10pm WOW Service (Worship on Wednesday)

WEDNESDAYS WITH SAINT AUGUSTINE

Lunch fellowship afterwards

Festival of St. Luke - Sunday, October 19

During the 10:15am worship service, we remember the witness of St. Luke, Evangelist, and the church's ministry of healing prayer. As is the custom on communion Sundays at Zion, individual healing prayer with laying on of hands and anointing with oil will be offered during the worship service.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Pastor Taking Time Away to Care for Family 10/20-25: Pr. Karin will be helping her parents as her mom recovers from back surgery. Todd will be covering WOW, and he and Judy Atticks will be available for emergency prayer visits.

Reformation Sunday Celebration & Meal – October 26

October 27 is Reformation Sunday! Following our 10:15am Worship Service in the upstairs worship space with organ music, we will host a traditional German meal. *To help us plan for the meal, please let us know if you plan to attend by signing-up in the Fellowship Hall or by calling or emailing the church office.*

Operation Christmas Child Update

Operation Christmas Child- fall will soon be here and Christmas will be right around the corner. We have been working on buying supplies since February and have filled 100 shoeboxes by the time you read this report. All this was possible because of the donations that you have given us so far, for which I am so grateful. Also last month we applied for a Thrivent Action Team grant and Thrivent gave us \$250, and we thank them for this blessing. The last few years we have been having everyone come at the same time to pack boxes in our basement, but due to all the supplies and limited space, this year I am encouraging anyone who would like to come and pack for 2 hours, please call me and I will make sure the boxes are made and the supplies for that age child are all in place. This has also allowed us to encourage some children to help and to tell them about the ministry. How many boxes are we packing? Whatever the Lord plants on peoples' hearts to give so we can buy supplies, we will be faithful in carrying out His work to spread the gospel. If you wish to send a donation or help please contact, Judy Atticks, 6441 Shatto Drive Harrisburg, Pa 17111 phone 717-903-1229

Weekly Schedule

Sunday (Communion on 1st and 3rd 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 1st 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

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.