

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Vision of Zion Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered, growing, spiritual home for ♦ Worshiping God ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Nurturing faith ♦ Educating ♦ Loving and Caring for people



November 19, A.D. 2023
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 A.M. Divine Service III
10:30 A.M. Morning Prayer



WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today. Do come and worship the Lord again with us. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church. — The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Preece, Senior Pastor

ZION'S NURSERY — The Nursery is not staffed at this time. We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the nursery located through Trinity Hall, keeping a safe distance from other parents and children.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

AS WE GATHER — The Day of the Lord is “*near and hastening fast,*” and it will be “*a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation*” (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish “*the men who are complacent*” concerning His Word, “*who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud*” (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: “*Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them*” (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are “*good and faithful*” stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and “*the master of those servants*” settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, “*God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also “*put on the breastplate of faith and love*” in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

LAST SUNDAY WE WELCOMED The Rev. James H. Ebersole as Associate Pastor together with his wife, Allison, and their children, Sky, Milo, and Rylee. He came to us by Divine Call and previously served at St. Paul Parish, Kingsville, Texas. Senior Pastor Preece was duly authorized by Texas District, LCMS President, The Rev. Michael W. Newman to install Pastor Ebersole. His first pastoral acts were to assist in the Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament, offering the Dismissal, and portions of the concluding Communion Liturgy. His first preaching opportunities are scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, November 23, and Advent I, December 3. Welcome to the Pulpit and the Altar, Pastor Ebersole!

A brief introduction to the whole family is printed on page 12. May we be a blessing to them and they to us, in Christ.

PRELUDE

DIVINE SERVICE III

LSB 184

(Please rise.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lord God, Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 1:14–16

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.
A day of wrath is that day, day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

You are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God. (*Please rise.*)

ALLELUIA

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents

more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C



NICENE CREED

People: **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 † of the world to come. Amen. (Please be seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508

HOMILY

“People of the DARK or People of the LIGH”.

I Thess 5-11

- 1) Spiritual Darkness includes **INTELLECTUAL** darkness **does not KNOW THE TRUTH** and **MORAL** darkness **WILL NOT DO WHAT IS RIGHT!**
- 2) There is an **inseparable link** between our **NATURE** as believer and our **BEHAVIOR**:
“SO THEN let us not sleep as other do.”
- 3) Paul reminds us the **Gospel promise** that empowers and directs the believer’s life: *God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.* Therefore we do **NOT FEAR** the coming **WRATH** of God.

And while we wait we commit ourselves to the MISSION of the Church: **SEEK** the lost; **STRENGTHEN** the saved; **SEND** the gift into ministry; and **SUPPORT** the mission.

OFFERTORY (*Please rise.*)

LSB 192

OFFERING & VOLUNTARY (*Please be seated*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please rise.*)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 194

DISTRIBUTION (*Please be seated*)

HYMNS

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Be Strong in the Lord*

LSB 621

LSB 665

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Please rise*)

LSB 199

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516

WELCOME OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Preece
Homilist	The Rev. Richard E. Kurth
Assisting	The Rev. James H. Ebersole, The Rev. Benyam Weldtensai
Organist and Conductor	Dr. Scott Hyslop
Ushers	Mr. Richard Magers; Board of Elders
Sacristan	Mrs. Valerie R. Green
Audio and Facilities Arrangements	Mr. Larry Wagner



IN OUR PRAYERS

THE HOMEBOUND (due to age, illness or disability): Gary Wesson; Lucretia Watson; Ben Thieme; Tom Sanchez; Richard & Margaret Porter; Dina McDonald; Dolores Lutz; Millie Gomoll; Trudy Dennard; John David Benjamin; Arit Aqua; Sherry (Shan) Tucker; Linda Preece; Myrna Schulz; and David Formet.

THE SICK AND RECOVERING: Maren Devine; Lance & Karen Lashley; Lovis Miller; Karen Matthews; Barbara Mitchell; and Erin O'Brien, knee repair.

THE FRIENDS AND KINFOLK OF OUR PARISHIONERS: Cindy; Judy; Lynda and Jim; Eve; Bobbie; Stephanie; Jackie; Bertha; Terry; Martha; Stan; The Rev. Robert Hill; Dana; and Wendy.

THE NEWLYWED

Melissa Feith and Adam Tonn, married 11/11 at Zion by Pastor Preece. Adam is the son of Kitty and Jerry Tonn.

CHURCH WORKERS IN TRAINING: Parishioners **Emma Schnegelberger**, at Concordia, Chicago to be a Teacher, and **Chris Knepper**, at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 11/19 Don Heckmann, Nathan Bahta; 11/20 Nena Zorn, Coulter Adams, Charline Keller, Sky Noyd, Jane Haner, Susan Dumas; 11/21 Jeannette Harris, Libby Gifford, Fred Gersch; 11/22 Caroline Lewis, Beatrice Cordova; 11/23 Brian Bunge, Nate Reinert; 11/24 Doug Tucker; 11/25 Madeline Devine, Alexandra Dervisevic.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! 11/22 June & Richard Tesauro

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Needed per Sunday: \$28,846

Received 11/12: \$13,611

Thank you for your support!



For Adult Bible Studies on Weekdays, please see the Church Center Calendar for details.

Bible Walk will not be happening on 11/24. Happy Thanksgiving!

BOOKS 'N BREWS—December the 8th at Lakewood Brewing Company on Garland Road from 5:30-7:00. See calendar for details.

Zion Youth (Grades 6-12)



TurkeyBowl 23 is tonight from 6:00-7:30pm! We'll have food and spend time in God's word too! If you haven't already, please email or talk to DCE Amy if you plan to attend.

Christmas Party will be on Sunday, **December 3, at Noon**. More details in the weekly Youth email.



Fellowship Club does not meet in November. We meet in December on the 12th. Games and conversation begin at 10:00 in Trinity Hall. Bring your own lunch to eat at 11:15. At noon the Zion School Students will sing Advent and Christmas music for us. Come join us for a delightful time with friends.

BREAKFAST TACO FUNDRAISER



DEC. 3 | PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT ZION YOUTH

WARMTH DRIVE

Help out families in need. Bring in new or used clothes, shoes, sweaters, socks, jackets, pants, blankets, and hats.



Throughout All November

Drop off in Narthex
Sponsored by NJHS



It's PJ's for Keteema's Kids time of year! Let's help her love on the refugee and Muslim families with providing PJ's for those children. The best way to help is to donate \$\$\$ (any amount will help) or contact Donna Pipes (Keteema's elf) to get a list of sizes for a family. Money will be used for purchasing PJ's, gift bags, tissue paper, and a Christ-centered card for each family so that they will come to know the love of Christ through His people.

Thank you for ALL the help in the past years! Let's make this year even brighter for these families that don't know Christ! — Donna Pipes- 214-533-6878

Zion Quilters were busy bees this year. They completed a record **58 quilts**. You read that right **58 quilts** which are on their way to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse. We thank everyone who donated material and money for this wonderful ministry. If you would like to join the Quilters, please contact Barbara Symmank or Donna Pipes. You don't have to sew; if you can pin and tie we'd love to have you join us **every Thursday at 10:30** in the basement of the school.

THANK YOU TO ALL (100+) WORKDAY WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE TASKS ACCOMPLISHED!

Breakfast tacos delivered, pastries picked up; U-Haul trailer picked up and returned; tools loaded at parsonage 4a, and returned at 1p (early with wedding at 4p); roof above Church Office and Trinity Hall cleared; trimmed, raked around all buildings; mowed, edged along Lovers & Skillman; mowed weeds in soccer field; weed-eated along alley fence; light poles moved; south lawn of sanctuary, moved weeds and rocks; removed weeds and stones in ROC area; edged all sidewalks and curbs; cleaned lot in front of sport court; weed-eated stone wall around sanctuary; trees removed outside 6th grade classroom; beds mulched in parking lot; west lot, disciples terrace, EC playground leaves and acorns removed; ROC plaque installed; youth room, school conference room, cafeteria window leaks sealed; youth room cabinets organized; replaced water stained tiles in church conference room; seats vacuumed, pens replaced in sanctuary; exit lights replaced in sacristy and narthex; bulbs in main entrance replaced; door stop replaced on P3 door; bulbs replaced in school library, kitchen and girl's restroom; carpet moved from stage; realigned shed rock; janitor closets cleaned; mulched east beds and outdoor altar; cleaned and cleared Garden of Meditation; western lot cleared and cleaned; trash picked up all around the Parish Close; 2 runs made to Fair Park Transfer Station.

The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Preece; Bill Muenchinger; Claudio Vera (taco delivery); Ingram's Donuts Staff; Fair Oaks Staff; Home Depot personnel; Brian Pienciak; Paul Vandermeer; Kyle Hranitzky; Allan Zreet; Chuck and Valerie Green; The Rev. James Ebersole; Daniel Rountree; Stephen Wegren; Caleb Stone; Amy Heuer; Michael Stamp; John and Nathan Siggins; Carlos Hernandez; Ron Knapp; Russell Treece; Michael and Susan Fuchs; David, Monica, Jackson and Hayes Murrell; Ann Medley; James Kuhlmann; Jennifer O'Brien; Andy and Evan Gustafson; Todd, Juli, Channing, Naomi and Noah Schkade; Hudson Lockett; Aaron and Rachel Schnegelberger; Clay, Barbara, Alyssa and RuthAnne Hinkel; Kelly and Carrie Jones; Bryan, Valerie, Vivian, Charlotte, Jeffery and Patrick Green; Wendy Justice; Janis Davis; Cheryl Gray; Jerry and Barbara Knippa; Laura and Aubrey Sockwell; Allison and Addison Underwood; Charles and Ruth Moncrief; Rosemary Goodwin; Gloria Olness; Cordell Crew; Larry Wagner; and as always, The Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit.

And thanks to the Call Committee, Chuck and Valerie Green, and all those who helped with set up, serve food, and clean up after Pastor Ebersole's post-Installation Service luncheon. Thank you to those who brought delicious desserts. Special thanks to our expert BBQers: Bryan Wendt, Aaron Schnegelberger, and Chris Hendricks.

The ROC is being used as a vessel for Gospel sharing. Activities currently include School Sports, Zion Pickleball, Morning Prayer Yoga, and Friday morning Bible Walk. It's a good start!



Faith Development Classes 9:20 – 10:15am Maps are posted in the lobby.



Class (Age)	Description	Teacher(s) and location
Toddlin to Jesus (0-2 + parents)	Help your child start the faith development habit join us as we share the love of Jesus through songs, Bible stories and crafts. Meets the third week of the month. Nursery available other weeks.	Beth Dedrick and Kelly Tiffey, Nursery
Enduring Faith (PK – 4 th grade)	Children launch with prayer and praise before learning the Bible story and living it out through activities that help them hide God's word in their heart when they leave.	Various, Launch in the Music Room, Learn in Kinder/1 st classrooms, Live/Leave in the 2 nd grade classroom
God's Story is My Story (5 th - 6 th grade)	Students learn how God's story and plan of salvation applies to their lives as they begin to understand how they fit into God's big story.	Jennifer Knepper, 3 rd grade classroom
Confirmation (7 th grade)	Students study God's Word and Luther's Small Catechism as they prepare to confirm and proclaim their faith in the Triune God	Jack Harris, Amy Heuer, Amy Kuhlmann, Pastor Preece, 5 th grade classroom
The Chosen (8 th – 12 th grade)	Students will watch and discuss Season 3 of The Chosen, compare it to Scripture, and apply it to their lives.	Jack Harris, Amy Heuer, Amy Kuhlmann, Youth Room (basement)
Romans (Adults)	A deep dive into Romans, explore the historical context and Old Testament connections to better understand Paul's letter.	Bryan Wendt and Michael Rossi, 6 th grade classroom
Lutheran Confessions (Adults)	Learn more about important texts including the Augsburg Confession and Book of Concord that support our faith.	Pastor Kurth, 8 th grade classroom

Adult Inquirers/New Member Class begins December 3 at 9:20a in the Church Conference Room

A message from Zion Lutheran Church Council & Zion Lutheran School Board:

The holidays are approaching, and we have an opportunity to give back to Zion staff members through a monetary gift. The “Christmas Fund” proceeds will go directly to Zion Church and School staff members. We are incredibly blessed by such dedicated, talented, and loving staff who generously give their time and talents to our Zion community. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation!

Decorated boxes are in the Church Office hallway and in the School Offices. You may drop a check into one of these boxes, include as an itemized gift in your normal offerings, give online, or turn in to Mrs. O’Brien through backpack mail. Checks may be made out to “**Zion Lutheran Church**” with “**Christmas Fund**” in the memo line.

Any contribution would be greatly appreciated, and all gifts are tax deductible. —Allison OHalloran, School Board Chair



GETTING TO KNOW OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY

Allison: Allison was born and raised in San Antonio, TX. She enjoys arts and crafts, baking, and watching medical shows on tv. Allison (Allie) went to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran School and Lutheran High School. During High School Allison played softball as a pitcher. She has a cannon!

After High School she attended the University of Incarnate Word. During her studies she met Pastor Ebersole and moved to seminary with him while finishing her studies. Currently, she is attending the University of A&M Kingsville online working on her Counseling Degree.

Pastor Ebersole: Pastor grew up in San Antonio, TX. Pastor enjoys playing any and all sports. He played basketball and sang in the choir in high school. After high school, pastor attended Concordia College in Bronxville, NY. He enjoyed visiting NYC by train and running cross country during that time. After CCNY, he took a year in San Antonio to work as a coach and substitute teacher. After that year, he attended the seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. It was after the first-year pastor brought his wife up to seminary with him! He played basketball at the seminary which helped him with the rigorous studies. Pastor served at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kingsville, TX before being called to Zion, and is working on earning his master's degree in counseling with Allison.

Sky, Milo, and Rylee: Pastor and Allison have been blessed with three wonderful children. Sky is a creative girl who likes to explore new things. Milo loves sports and wrestling with Dad. Rylee is very precise with her things and loves to match her toys in particular ways.

The Ebersoles have a passion for Jesus because of all that He has done for us—by giving us grace upon grace and defeating sin, death, and the devil for us. We look forward to being part of our new Church Family here at Zion!



PRELUDE

10:30 A.M.
MORNING PRAYER
LSB 235

VERSICLES AND PSALMODY

LSB 235

OFFICE HYMN

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508

READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:4-10

You are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

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C Thanks be to God. (*We remain seated for the Gospel in Morning Prayer.*)

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P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

- 4) Spiritual Darkness includes **INTELLECTUAL** darkness **does not KNOW THE TRUTH** and **MORAL** darkness **WILL NOT DO WHAT IS RIGHT!**
- 5) There is an **inseparable link** between our **NATURE** as believer and our **BEHAVIOR**: **“SO THEN let us not sleep as other do.”**
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CANTICLE (*Stand*)*Song of Zechariah*

LSB 238

OFFERING AND VOLUNTARY (*Sit*)

PRAYER
LSB 241

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Stand*)

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

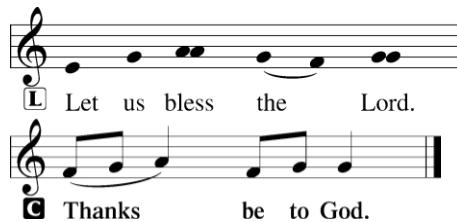
C Amen.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING
COLLECT FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

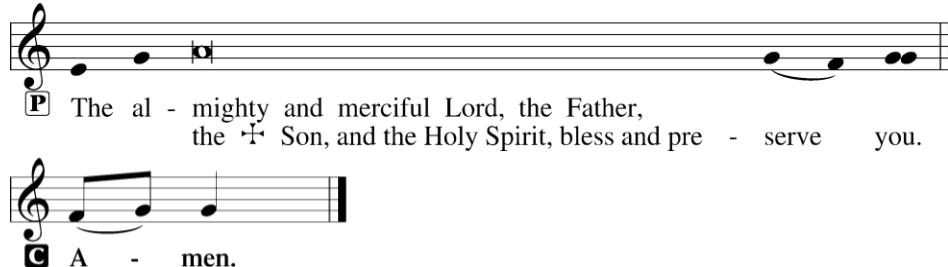
C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The al - mighty and merciful Lord, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.
C A - men.

RECESSIONAL

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist
Homilist
Assisting
Children's Homilist
Organist
Ushers
Sacristan
Audio and Facilities Arrangements

The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Preece
The Rev. Richard E. Kurth
The Rev. James H. Ebersole
Ms. Amy Heuer, DCE
Dr. Scott Hyslop
Board of Elders
Mrs. Valerie R. Green
Mr. Larry Wagner