



Welcome

August 30, 2026

I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122: 1

Practice of Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of faith, which is confessed at this altar, we request that only those who are members at Zion or another LCMS congregation take part today. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about this. The center of the tray holds non-alcoholic wine. If you would like the option of a gluten free wafer, please let pastor know before the service.

Fellowship Brunch: Join us today, Sunday, August 30th after worship for donuts, bagels, sausage sticks and cheese, along with coffee and juice near the gazebo east of the church. Sponsored by the Fellowship Team with funds from a Thrivent Grant.

Attention Crafters, Bakers, and Gardeners: Donations of handcrafted, homemade, and homegrown items are needed to sell at the **Annual Country Store** to be held on October 4th & 5th this year. Your donations may be dropped off on Saturday the 4th by noon.

Serving this Weekend

Church attendance last weekend:

Saturday: 77 C: 64

Sunday: 207 C: 129

Serving today:

Altar Guild: Stephanie Martin

Organist: Amanda Koch

Saturday Elders: No Worship

Ushers: No Worship

Sunday Elders: Randy Hebel & Pat Morand

Ushers: Clayton & Kevin Miller, Leroy Engelhardt, John Olson

A New Membership Class will begin on Sunday, September 27th. The class will meet in the school during the Bible hour beginning at 10:15AM on Sundays. Pastor Hemme will lead the 7-to-8-week class and will cover the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism. This is an opportunity for prospective members to learn more about what we believe and why. There is no commitment to join Zion after completion of the class. Furthermore, all are welcome to attend. It can be a good refresher for current members as well. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Hemme with any questions or to let him know of your interest.

In honor of John & Judy Tomke's 80th birthdays a gift was given to the Cemetery Fund from Emmitt & Vicki Simpson.

In honor of Ross Koch's 95th birthday a gift was given to the General Fund from Randy Tompke and Sherrie VanHouten.

In celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary, Allan & Mary Jo Brandt have given a gift to the Dorothy Stieve Student Aid Fund.

Who wants to play softball? Zion is hoping to have a softball game or two on the weekend of September 19th and 20th. If you'd like to see this happen and are able and willing to play, please write your name and availability on the signup sheet in the narthex or contact the church office. Stay tuned.

Drive-Thru Smorgasbord & Country Store will take place on Sunday, October 5th from 11:00AM-2:00PM. Each meal is \$15. The Country Store will open at 10:00AM.

Smorgasbord: Donation request postcards will be mailed in the first part of September. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Deb Shufelt (989) 662-2496 or Gail Wegener (989) 415-8170. Thank you very much for your support.

T.E.A.M.'s annual Apple Pie Fundraiser is held every October. *This year's workdays will be Wednesday, October 7th through Saturday, October 10th.* We love to see the church and the school come together to make 3,000 pies or more. This is a great time to spend with friends and enjoy some fellowship. ***Please mark your calendar.*** Apple Pie Order forms are available in the Narthex. **Orders are due Friday, September 18th.**

Message from Valley Lutheran: Welcome to a new school year from Valley Lutheran! We are excited to begin another year serving the students and families of the Great Lakes Bay Region in preparing students for life with Christ as our foundation. Our theme is “Forward in Faith”, drawing from the words of Moses in Deuteronomy 31:8, “It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” May we boldly walk forward this year, knowing God goes before us and beside us, and will never leave us. What do we have to fear? May God bless your upcoming year in Him!

Save the Date for the VLHS Parent Organization Mum Sale! Friday, September 11th, beginning at 1:00 pm in the VL parking lot.

Blood Drive at Zion September 16th 2:30pm-7:00pm: Michigan blood donors are needed. Versiti had about 15,000 fewer donations during June and July. Eligible Michigan donors are encouraged to schedule in the coming days to help strengthen the blood supply for local patients. Appointments are preferred. You can call 866-642-5663 to schedule or visit versiti.org/mi. There is also a QR code on the flyer you can scan to schedule an appointment.

Calendar of Events

Sat	29	No Worship
Sun	30	Worship w/communion 9:00 AM <i>Fellowship Brunch</i>
Fri	4	No School
Sat	5	Worship 5:30 PM
Sun	6	Worship 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
Mon	7	No School-Labor Day-Office Closed

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

Divine Service Setting Four

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Greeting Time

Those in attendance are invited to greet those seated near them. As the bell rings, please return to your seat for the opening hymn.

Ring of the Bell

♪ “With the Lord Begin Your Task”

LSB #869

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| <p>1 With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
Be to Him commended.</p> <p>2 Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev’ry care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter’s might,
With His presence cheer you.</p> <p>3 With your Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.</p> | <p>4 If your task be thus begun
With the Savior’s blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev’rywhere
While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.</p> <p>5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev’ry task
Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun
Be the day’s endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Your praise forever.</p> |
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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

G Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

P Delight yourself in the LORD,

C and he will give you the desires of your heart.

P Commit your way to the LORD;

C trust in him, and he will act.

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C and your justice as the noonday.

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

C fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Delight yourself in the LORD,

C and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Kyrie

LSB 204

♪ **C** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

1 To God on high be glory
 And peace to all the earth;
 Goodwill from God in heaven
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Father;
 Your holy name, we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glory,
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
 The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,
 You take our sins away.
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;
 Receive our heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated
 At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
 You only are the Lord.
 Forever and forever,
 Be worshiped and adored;
 You with the Holy Spirit
 Alone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Father's glory.
 "Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this

people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

🎵 **C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me,

Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G 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.

Sit

♪ “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB #685

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
 Since by death He conquered death,
 He will free us from destruction,
 Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion
 That would lead us into sin;
 And the grave that shuts us in
 Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
 Jesus, here with You I die,
 There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
 He has risen from the dead
 That to life we may awaken.
 Jesus, You are now our head.
 We are Your own living members;
 Where You live, there we shall be
 In Your presence constantly,
 Living there with You forever.
 Jesus, let me faithful be,
 Life eternal grant to me.

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Sermon

Stand

Prayers of the Church

- For Sally Goodsell (sister of Esther Gerzeski), Roxanne and Sergii Boilore (daughter and grandson of Esther Gerzeski), Austin Huebner and family, Lee Davis, Lori Peters, Valerie Walter, Diana Mansfield (daughter of Augusta Etelamaki), Ron Murphy, Polly Oates (sister-in-law of Augusta Etelamaki), Diana Hebel, Kathy Dowd (friend of Eileen Rosenbrock), Herb Leinberger, John Bartys, Wheston Behmlander (nephew of Deb Shufelt), Tom Kowalkowski, Valerie Satkowiak, Glenn Kohn (brother of Dean Kohn), June DuRussel, Catherine Riker, Sarah Olker (niece of Susan Klauer), Marian Brattin (relative of Augusta Etelamaki), Johnnie Meissner, Louie Meisel, and Carol Westphal.
- For the staff and students at Zion.
- For all who serve this country, here and beyond our borders.
- For those suffering with mental illness and for their loved ones.
- For peace in all war-torn countries.

Sit

Offering- To give online, go to zionauburn.com and click on the "Donate" tab.
(At this time, we ask that members as well as guests sign the pew book.)

Stewardship Verse

Romans 12:13 "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

**♪ C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

♪ "Christ Be My Leader"

LSB #861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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♪ "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB #623

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.
- C** Amen.

Sit

♪ “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

LSB #819

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God’s almighty pow’r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother’s tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!
- 5 All who confess Christ’s holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow’r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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Next week’s readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:1-10, & Matthew 18:1-20