



PETER DECLARES THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

AUGUST 23, 2026 • 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE II

ZION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

PROCLAIMING CHRIST THROUGH FAITH, WORSHIP, AND EDUCATION.

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. —Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor



ZION'S NURSERY — 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 staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

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.

9 :30 AM
✠ DIVINE SERVICE II ✠
LSB 167

The Service portions that vary from week to week (Propers) are printed below.

**The Service itself including the Responses may be found
in Lutheran Service Book (LSB), beginning on page 167**

PRELUDE

Please stand and face the Processional Cross, turning as it passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Praise My Soul the King Of Heaven* LSB 793

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
LSB 167

INVOCATION

EXHORTATION

CONFESSION OF SINS

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD
LSB 168

KYRIE (*Stand*) LSB 168

HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria in Excelsis* LSB 170

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY LSB 172

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
 you who seek the LORD:
 look to the rock from which you were hewn,
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.
 Look to Abraham your father
 and to Sarah who bore you;
 for he was but one when I called him,
 that I might bless him and multiply him.
 For the LORD comforts Zion;
 he comforts all her waste places
 and makes her wilderness like Eden,
 her desert like the garden of the LORD;
 joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.
 “Give attention to me, my people,
 and give ear to me, my nation;
 for a law will go out from me,
 and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
 My righteousness draws near,
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will judge the peoples;
 the coastlands hope for me,
 and for my arm they wait.
 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
 and look at the earth beneath;
 for the heavens vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”



This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Stand*)

LSB 173

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And

Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Sit)* *Built on the Rock the Church shall stand* LSB 645

HOMILY

NICENE CREED *(Stand)* LSB 174

INSTALLATION OF DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Ron Dupree

PRAYER FOR THE SCHOOL: *For our 8th Graders and their families, and our classroom teacher Mrs. Barbara Hinkel.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 175

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY *(Sit)* *Rise Up, O men of God* Kenneth Jennings

OFFERTORY *(Stand)* LSB 176

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
LSB 177-181

PREFACE

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION *(Sit)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS Anthem: <i>Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>	Ruth Schramm
<i>Shepherd of Tender Youth</i>	LSB 864
<i>Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend</i>	LSB 866
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (<i>Stand</i>) <i>Thank the Lord</i>	LSB 181
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT	LSB 183
BENEDICTION	
RECESSIONAL HYMN <i>Christ Be My Leader</i>	LSB 861

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Celebrant/Homilist	Rev. James Ebersole
Assisting Minister	Rev. Fred Gersch
Lector	Daniel Reisdorf
Organist	Dr. Scott Hyslop
Sacristan	Valerie R. Green
Ushers	Board of Elders
Audio and Facilities Arrangements	Larry Wagner, Caleb Jeffcoat

IN OUR PRAYERS

THE HOMEBOUND: Arit Aqua, Don Fontana, Millie Gomoll, Helen Gronholz, Virginia Hood, Carolyn McDaniel, Ruth Miller, Margaret Porter, Linda Preece, Tom Sanchez, Lenora Smith, June Tesauro, Ben Thieme, Lucretia Watson, Ken & Shirley Wethe, Bobby Young, Rosemary Francis, Laura Pappas, Lovis Miller.

THE SICK AND RECOVERING: Jack Harris, Mike Caruthers, Juli Schkade, Oran Schrank, Mary Gray, *Cheryl Gray's mother*; Nicki & David, *friend of Janis Ekanem*; Taylor, *great granddaughter of Laura G*; Richard Magers, Karen Lashley, Cheryl Gray, Sandra Magers, Amy Coffman, Zion's book keeper; John M, cousin of *William Matthews*, suffered from heart attack; Edison, grandson of *Matthews* friend, bleeding.

THOSE GRIEVING: The family of Rick Allmon; *memorial service 8/29*.