

Sunday Worship
September 6, 2026
Time After Pentecost

Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.

Romans 13:9

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus’ words in today’s gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Arr. Hayes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

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: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red Hymnal #731

Earth and All Stars

REETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

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.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 121



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

R: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn

from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

R: ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C: ³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

R: ³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C: ³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

R: ³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

C: ³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

R: ³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

C: ⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

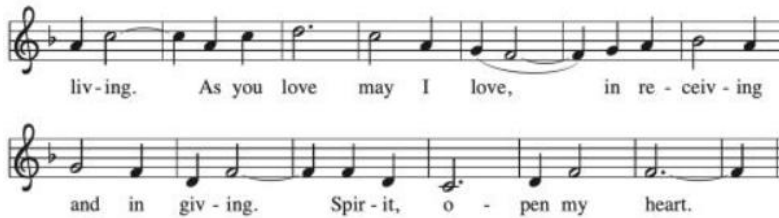
R: ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Purple Hymnal #1043 Spirit Open My Heart





HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 18:15-20**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #613

Thy Holy Wings

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

PRAYERS (*Response after each petition*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #583

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee:
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee:
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

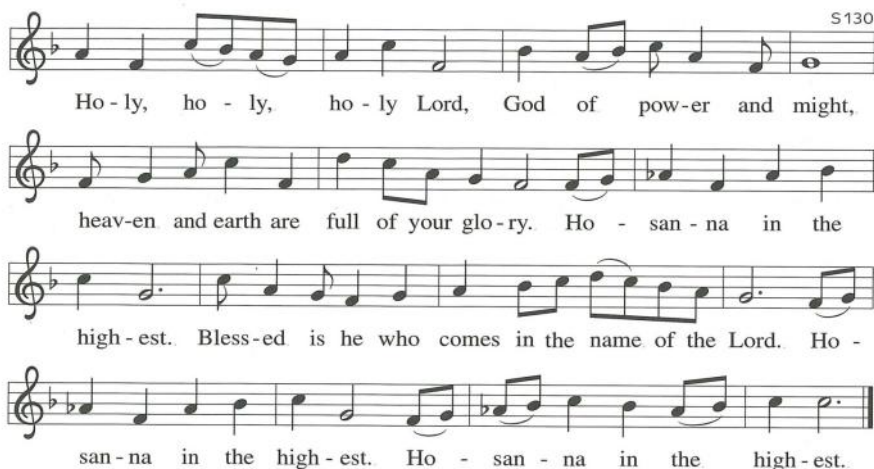
P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen**

HYMN Red hymnal #836

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

DISMISSAL

P: Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **We are disciples Rooted in Christ and Growing in Faith**

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *On Eagle's Wings with My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Arr. Tornquist

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Judy & Ken Bailey in memory of their fathers.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Nate Ewing
Communion Assist	Pam Sauls
Ushers	Matt & Pam Sauls
Greeters	Dale & Debbie Rudisill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: Weekend Backpack Program

Tipp Monroe Community Services created this program to supply nutritious food to children on the weekends and extended breaks from school. A representative from the schools picks up the bags and makes sure each child in the program receives one before leaving school on Fridays. Bags are discretely placed in the child's school locker. Each bag contains enough food for two breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and dinners. All food is non-perishable.

Food donations are needed. They must be single serving size and individually wrapped: Easy Mac, Beefaroni, Ravioli, peanut butter (16 oz), grape jelly, Jello cups, pudding cups, fruit cups (peaches, pears, pineapple or applesauce), salty snacks (Pringles, pretzels, Cheetos, Goldfish, Cheez-Its etc.), sweet treats (cookies, brownies, Teddy Grahams, etc.), single size cereal boxes (any brand), oatmeal packets, Capri Sun, chicken noodle soup, Nutrigrain bars, Pop Tarts, ramen noodles. Any other individually packaged fruites, vegetables, meals will be accepted. Please do not send potato chips. They do not travel well.

You may also donate money.

Questions: contact Carla Frame

A MOMENT FOR FELLOWSHIP We invite you to stay after worship for coffee, juice, and donuts in the narthex. We are looking for **two volunteers** each week to help with simple setup, brewing coffee, and cleanup. If you can help serve, a signup sheet is located on the fellowship table in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME We will be welcoming new members in worship on Saturday, **September 19th** and **Sunday, September 20th**. If you wish to become a member, please reach out to Pastor Jaren Summers. All are welcome to become members.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME SOON Join us as we begin a new season of music. Rehearsals start **THIS Wednesday, September 9th** at 7:00 pm. Interested in learning more? Talk to Lori Sebastian or Susie Gray. All are welcome - come sing with us.

INVITATION TO SERVE—COUNCIL OPENINGS FOR 2027

Three Council seats will be opening in 2027, and Zion invites members to prayerfully consider serving in this important ministry of leadership. Our Congregation Council helps guide the mission of the church, supports our staff, and ensures that our ministries remain strong, faithful, and connected to the life of our congregation. If you feel called to serve or would like to learn more, please speak with any current Council member.

RALLY DAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN on September 20th.

Kids, youth and adults will meet in the adult Sunday School room. The adults will be starting a series using the book "By Heart". Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Everyone is welcome!

ZION GARAGE SALE is Thursday & Friday, September 24 & 25.

We will begin setting up the sale on **Sunday, Sept. 20** and will be working on it that entire week. You may bring in your garage sale treasures beginning on Saturday, September 19, after worship, Sunday, September 20 after worship until 4:00 pm and Monday and Tuesday mornings, Sept. 21 & 22.

We do NOT accept clothing, bed pillows, large exercise equipment, TVs and car seats. ***We do not have room to store any donations at Zion until September 19***, so please hang on to your items until then.

Garage Sale Hours: Thursday 9-5 and Friday 9 - 8
We need **help** setting up and clerking. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU returns **September 21-23**. We need 3 people to work an hour and a half shift; 9:00 - 10:30 and 10:30 - noon, each day. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

FOOD PANTRY

While you're out shopping for the backpack food, remember to get something non-perishable for our food pantry collection. The barrel is in the Walnut Street entrance.

STAY CONNECTED

Check out everything Zion has to offer online! Simply scan the Linktree QR code to the right to access our website, social media, and more—all in one convenient place.



GIVE A GIFT ELECTRONICALLY

Zion Lutheran Church offers a simple and secure way to give online through Tithe.ly, a trusted platform used by churches across the country. To make a gift, just scan the QR code.



THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, September 7	Labor Day - Office is Closed	
Tuesday, September 8	10:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Council Meeting AA
Wednesday, September 9	Blood Drive 7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 13	10:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	200th Anniversary Service –Zion Celebration Dinner - Tipp Center Women of Zion

Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Susie Gray, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*

