

Sunday Worship
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Time After Pentecost



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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

In today’s second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus’ challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God’s boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come Thou Almighty King
Adena Brass & Organ

Arr. Anderson

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 #835 *All Creatures, Worship God Most High*
vs 1-2 all, v 3 men, v 4 women, vs 5-6 all

GREETING / 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, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Built On the Rock
Adena Brass

Arr: Marchand

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

R: ¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of

God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-13

R: ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

C: ² **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits -**

R: ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

C: ⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

R: ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

C: ⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

R: ⁷ You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

C: ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

R: ⁹ you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

C: ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

R: ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

C: ¹² **As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

R: ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

R: ¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days

to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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 18:21-35**

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

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave

released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.'²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.'³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahun

HYMN Red Hymnal #482

I Come with Joy

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.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 #504

A Mighty Fortress

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

La Rejouissance - by Handel
Adena Brass & Organ

Arr. Marlatt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Lil Nichols in memory of Larry.*

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

In Helpful Service

Bishop
Acolyte
Reader
Ushers
Greeters

Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt
Campbell Ewing
Jennifer Garvic
Bob & Deb Keppel
The Garvic Family

SPECIAL THANKS to Adena Brass for providing the music for our worship service today. Members include: Doug Albright and Bob Gray (trumpet), Julie Swank (French horn), Don Greiman (trombone), and Mike Galleheue (tuba).

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 fruits, 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 sign-up 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.

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.

LARGE PAPER GROCERY BAGS NEEDED by the Garage Sale organizers for their \$2.00 bag sale and they also need a few plastic shopping bags. Please bring any donations to the adult Sunday School room by September 20th and place them in the box labeled "Garage Sale Bags".

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

If you ordered a copy of "by heart" for the fall session of Adult Education, the book is in your mailbox. The cost of the book is \$18. Donations are appreciated, but not necessary. You may put the donation in the offering plate with a note that says 'for adult education book' or give the money to Annette in the office, Jessica Dorn, or Deb Keppel.

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.



THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, September 13	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Celebration Dinner - Tipp Center Women of Zion
Monday, September 14	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:00 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Property Committee Mtg.
Tuesday, September 15	10:00 am 5:30 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Bible & Brew - Chaffee's AA
Wednesday, September 16	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship & Music Meeting Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 20	9:00 am After Service	Sunday School Rally Day Garage Sale Set-up

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*