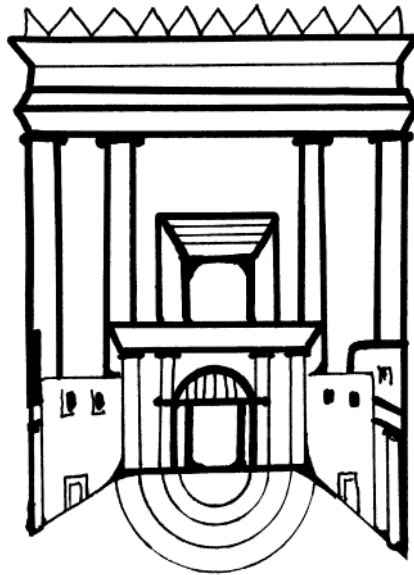


Sunday Worship
September 27, 2026
Time After Pentecost



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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

Jesus’ parable about two sons who don’t do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Arr. Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
To you, O God,

C: **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red Hymnal #613

Thy Holy Wings

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: **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE Purple Hymnal Page 12



1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



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2 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!

3 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!

TEMPLE TALK - Connie Mentzer

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

R: ¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

R: ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

R: ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: ⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

R: ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in

R: you have I trusted all the day long.

C: ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

R: ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord

C: ⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

R: ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

R: ¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Purple Hymnal #14



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in-deed.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 21:23-32**

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

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #818

O Master Let Me Walk with You

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 #691

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God...As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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 OF THE QUILTS, SCHOOL KITS & HEALTH KITS

BLESSING

P: God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth +
bless you all, now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN Purple hymnal #954 *You Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

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

Tocatta in Seven

Arr. Rutter

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Linda & Alex Short in loving memory of Bill DeVenzio.*

*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	Mitch Tayse
Communion Assist	John Williams
Ushers	John & Dianne LeGros
Greeter	John, Ann & Jaxson Williams

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

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.

BLESSING OF THE PETS & ROOT BEER FLOAT SOCIAL October 2nd

Drive through blessing under the portico from 7:00 - 7:30 and in front of the church from 7:30 - 8:30. Root beer float social goes from 7:15 - 8:30. If you are interested in helping to set-up or hand out root beer floats there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway.

ANNUAL BRAT SUPPER is October 17th. This is a church fundraiser and there is something everyone can do to help. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hallway. If you are unable to physically help, you can buy meals or donate money. Tickets are on sale 10/3-4 & 10/10-11 in the narthex. \$8.00 adult, \$5:00 child.

LIFELINE SCREENINGS - Wednesday, October 7th - Fellowship Hall

Life Line Screenings is the Nation's leader in Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk screenings. Screenings are simple and painless. They are offering special pricing for \$129, which covers screenings for Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, plus Hypertension. Book an appointment by **calling** 888-324-9458 and use **code HABC001** visit the **website** LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC or **text** the word "circle" to 216-279-1607.

BACK BAY MISSION TRIP VIDEO PRESENTATION - October 18th After Service

Join us as we show the video presentation of our 2026 Back Bay Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi, once again! Whether you enjoyed the presentation the first time, missed it, or are simply curious about what a mission trip is all about, we invite you to come and see how God worked through our team and the ministry of Back Bay Mission. Interested in joining us for the May 2027 mission trip? This is a great opportunity to learn more about the trip, the work we do, and how you can be part of this meaningful experience of service, fellowship, and faith. Everyone is welcome! Come see what Back Bay Mission is all about – and consider joining us in 2027!

COSTUME PARADE & TRUNK OR TREAT - Monday, October 19th, 5:30 - 7:30

Tipp Monroe Community Services will once again hold their costume parade with the Zion parking lot as their final destination. In addition to costume judging, games and activities will be held in our parking lot. We plan to have "Trunk or Treat" to pass out items to the participants. We need volunteers to join the fun by dressing in costume & handing out candy from your decorated trunk. Trunk decorating ideas are on You Tube. See Jessica Dorn if you are interested in helping. We also need volunteers to buy candy for us to pass out. A container is in the fellowship hall beside the pew closest to the Christian Ed office.

BUNCO RETURNS Saturday, October 24th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be served and a love offering will be taken to cover the cost. Please bring a snack to share. If you don't know how to play, no worries, we will teach you. Sign up in the fellowship hallway.

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.

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

Sunday, September 27	Storypoint Outreach	
Monday, September 28	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, September 29	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	8:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, September 30	10:00 am	Women’s Fellowship
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 2	7:00 - 8:30	Blessing Pets/Root Beer Social

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*