

Zion Lutheran Church



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
5:30 p.m. August 1st, 2020
9:00 a.m. August 2nd, 2020

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. As we worship together we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we receive the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you.
Worship details: In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices** are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** A **family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

"My Hope Is Built" by Bradbury-Graham

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" by Robert Graham

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C **Amen**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Reconciling God,

C **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN:

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

ELW # 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“All You Works of God, Bless the Lord”



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
 2 Hills and moun - tains, now sing his worth,
 3 Come hu - man - i - ty, sing a - long,
 4 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;
 all you green things that grow on earth;
 sing, you peo - ple of God, a song;
 all you hum - ble, his prais - es start;



come you heav - ens and powers that be,
 seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,
 priests and serv - ants, your Lord now bless,
 God the Fa - ther and Son a - dore,



praise the Lord and his maj - es - ty:
 beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales: Raise your voic - es high,
 join, you spir - its and souls at rest.
 bless the Spir - it for - ev - er - more!



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 MUSIC: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter (1925-1980)
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

Isaiah 55:1-5 *God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

R The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (read responsively)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Romans 9:1-5 *This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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Matthew 14:13-21 *After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he

ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

“Learning From a Miracle”

Pastor Mark Luepke

Stand

HYMN:

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW # 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.**

P In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. C And also with you.

Sit

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P God has blessed us in so many ways and with so many gifts. May God's gifts sustain you in these days. And may your sharing of God's gifts sustain others.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

ELW # 207



Thank-ful hearts and voice-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. **God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Nourish us through your gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

Stand

LORD'S PRAYER

P Throughout the scriptures we are encouraged to pray. Let us now pray together as Jesus encouraged his disciples:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of our trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C **Amen.**

HYMN:

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

ELW # 729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” by Hopkins-Graham

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WORSHIP LEADERS

5:30 pm

9:00 am

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ZION HAS A SINGLE ROOM AIR CONDITIONER available for a \$50.00 donation. If you are interested in this item, please contact Buildings and Grounds Chair, Wayne Van Note, at 563-357-9951.

ZION’S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, “THE COURIER” was mailed out this week. If you are not on the Courier mailing list, but would like to be, please contact the church office and share your name and mailing address.

Worship Procedures

Here is what you need to know in regards to how things will need to be for a while at Zion in order to do what we can to care for one another and keep each other well. (It is assumed that everyone knows that one should not come to worship if one feels ill.)

- 1) Please practice “**social distancing**” (maintain six feet between you and non-family members).
- 2) The CDC encourages the use of **cloth face coverings** (masks), especially when social distancing is difficult. These face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. Wanting to do what we can to provide choices and to welcome *all* to worship, we are **requiring masks to be worn at the Saturday evening service, while encouraging them at the Sunday morning service.** (Masks are available in the narthex for those who don’t have one. They are yours to keep.)
- 3) **Hand sanitizer** is available in both the narthex and the Gathering Space. **Coats or jackets** should be taken into the sanctuary with you.
- 4) The **building and sanctuary** furnishings will be cleaned after/before each worship gathering. Parts of the building will be “off limits” as we gather to worship.
- 5) The **hearing assist devices** available from the ushers will be cleaned, disinfected, and new earpads will be fitted after each worship service.
- 6) The **children’s room** at the rear of the sanctuary will not be open for use, nor will children’s activity bags be available.
- 7) **Worship bulletins and children’s bulletins** are on tables in the narthex. All “used” bulletins should be taken home after worship.
- 8) The **offering plates** will not be passed during the worship service. They are located at the entrances to the sanctuary so that you can place your offering in the plate before or after worship.
- 9) To maintain social distancing, every other pew is closed. Within the open **pews**, please maintain at least a six foot distance between you and your fellow worshipper. However, this does not apply to family members; they may sit together. (Saturday worship service seating will initially be only on the pulpit side of the sanctuary.)
- 10) **Singing** can increase the spread of aerosol particles (the droplets from one’s mouth). While one option is to not sing at all, other options presented are to sing only while masked, sing “quietly,” or make sure that you are at least 10-12 feet away from others if you are going to sing.
- 11) **Greeting** one another and **sharing the peace** within worship should be done in non-physical ways, while maintaining distance. Also, any **socializing** after worship should take place outside of the building, while still respecting social spacing guidelines.
- 12) Worshipers will be **ushered out** at the end of the service. When Holy Communion is not a part of the worship service, ushering out will begin from the back of the sanctuary and work towards the front.
- 13) We have been advised to not yet offer **Holy Communion** within our worship services.
- 14) For the Saturday evening service, women are asked to use the “Family **Restroom**” located off the coatrack hallway near the sanctuary – instead of the regular women’s restroom.

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