

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday September 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to all gathering together with us in worship today! May our time together in God's Word be blessed by Him. We are glad to be gathering together once more!

Receiving Communion – 5:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m.

In preparation, examine yourself by asking these questions:

Am I truly sorry for my sins?

Do I believe I am forgiven because of Jesus' suffering and death?

Do I believe in the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament?

Do I desire to be strengthened in faith to live a God-pleasing life, and to forgive others?

This is the faith expressed by the LCMS and those in fellowship with us. All members of fellow LCMS congregations may commune with us. If it is your first time with us, please speak to the pastor before communing.

Prayers

For Healing: Larry Meyer, Carolyn (Tolley) Nimmons, Paul Frerichs, Roberta Roberts, Memphis LaFuria, Janet Keiser, Melonie Pence, Joe McNeal, Laura Mueller, Steve Steelman, Jeff Lutz, JoAnn Fuchs, Florence Collman, Heath Beccue, Dee Galyon, and Declan Treece.

Zion Lutheran School

Government Officials and Nation

Military and all First Responders

THANKS to all my church family who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday. Thanks also for all of the beautiful cards that I received. I give God the glory for the blessings He has given me for 90 years! Dorothy Mansholt

CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION- Applications are being taken for a part-time position as Zion's church secretary. The job includes a flexible schedule Monday through Friday, working approximately 20 hours per week during the school year. Summer hours will vary. Basic secretarial skills are preferred. Please contact Pastor Fred (217-324-2033) or Mike Helgen, chairman of the congregation (217-246-2142) if you are interested

ADULT INFORMTION CLASSES will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday beginning September 13th through November 22nd. These classes are offered to all who wish to become a member, learn more about the Lutheran Faith and also to current members who wish to take a refresher course. For further information feel free to contact our church office at (217) 324-2033.

The Moores, who bought the parsonage across the street on State Street, have decided to sell the house since they have moved. Zion has first right of refusal for the sale of that house. At this time the leadership of the congregation have determined it would not be in the best interest of the church to purchase the house back. We are letting the congregation know so that if anyone has desire to purchase the house it will be coming up on market. Or, if you have thoughts or questions concerning this decision please contact Mike Helgen or Jim Martin.

MISSION SERVICE The collections for Zion Lutheran School are in the grocery cart in the hallway. If you would still like to contribute, they have asked for pint, quart, or gallon ziplock bags, plain yellow pencils (not mechanical), Crayola brand crayons and colored pencils. Scissors (adult size), Scotch brand tape, and Sticky tac, are also always in high demand. We will be emptying the cart after the 10:30 service on Sept. 4th. Thanks for your help!

Educational Grants - Applications are being accepted from those that are enrolled in an approved LCMS college or seminary. Grants are in the amount of \$500.00 for the 2023 spring term. Applicant must be an active member of Zion Lutheran Church, Litchfield, IL., and must maintain at least a "C" grade average to qualify. Applications can be picked up in the church office and must be submitted to the church office for approval by October 1, 2022. Please include a copy of your most recent transcript.

SERVING US THIS WEEKEND

Pastor - Rev. Fred Kraemer

Organist - Keith Marburger

Elder - 5:30 p.m Doug Martin

8:00 a.m. Tom Frerichs & Stan Diestelhorst

10:30 Brad Bowles

Last Week's Attendance - 5:30 p.m. - 42

8:00 a.m. - 63

10:30 a.m. - 40

Plate Offering - \$6,905.00

E-Giving - \$1,688.32

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday September 6 - **School Board** - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday September 6 - **Missions & Evangelism** - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday September 7 - **Chapel** - 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday September 7 - **Confirmation**- 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday September 7 - **Festival Bells** - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday September 7 - **Adult Choir** - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday September 8 - **Berean Bible Class** - 9:15 a.m.

Thursday September 8 - **Church Council** - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday September 10 - **Worship/Traditional**- 5:30 p.m.

Sunday September 11 - **Worship/Traditional**- 8:00a.m.

Sunday September 11 - **Bible Study** - 9:15 a.m.

Sunday September 11 - **Worship/Contemporary(Communion)**- 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION LSB 791 *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
- 3 O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

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ORDER OF SERVICE Divine Service Setting One, Page 151

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

INTROIT *Psalm 1*

¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers

²**but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and
for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Page 155 *"Gloria in Excelsis"*

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT Page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Philemon 1-21*

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever,

¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

ALLELUIA & VERSE Page 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Fourteenth Chapter.

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

GOSPEL *Luke 14:25-35*

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 688 *"Come, Follow Me," The Savior Spake*

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "all in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, take My example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way, a godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show how you must sojourn here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, my soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, with meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, my all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, from sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul and lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, in suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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SERMON *"All for a Cross, and a Cross for All" Luke 14:27*

HYMN OF RESPONSE LSB 427 *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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APOSTLES CREED Page 159

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

LORD'S PRAYER Page 192

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.

BENEDICTION Page 166

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen.**

DEPARTURE HYMN LSB 685 *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; help me there Your joy to know.

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.