

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 22, 2019
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



Introduction to the Day

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

Welcome to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church!

If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the ***Welcome to Zion!*** cards. You are invited to stay around after the service for some time of food and fellowship.

The restrooms are out the door in the back of the right side of the worship space, up the ramp to the left, across that room, and down the hall to the offices on the right side before you get to the offices.

If you need the nursery, go out the door in the back of the right side of the worship space, down the steps to the right, and through the door at the bottom of the steps to your right. It has a sign on it. There is a changing table and a rocker available there. The nursery is not staffed.

Communion Statement

The belief of this congregation is that participation in the Lord's Supper is the reception of "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166). We believe that "a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,' is really worthy and well prepared. However, a person who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, because the words 'for you' require truly believing hearts" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166).

Prayers for before worship and before receiving communion can be found on page 72 in the front of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

At this service, communion is distributed continuously. When you come forward, you will be given a piece of bread to eat. If you need gluten-free bread, just ask. Then you move to the next person and you be given a small cup filled with wine to drink. If you need grape juice, just ask. Then you move to the next person and put the empty small cup in the tray.

Prayers for after receiving communion and after worship can be found on pages 72 and 73 in the front of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

May the Spirit bless our time of worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Sarabande* G.F. Handel

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,
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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG:

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (ELW 864)

- 1 **Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!**

- 2 **God be praised for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

- 3 **Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the great Eternal One!**

- 4 **Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

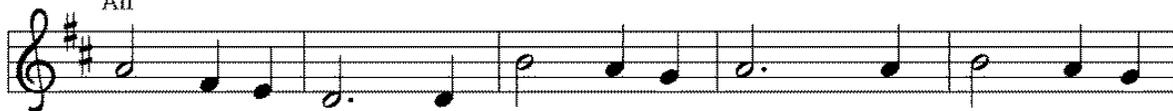
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

(8:00) CHOIR ANTHEM: *River In Judea*

Jack Feldman
Arr. by John Leavitt

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

A reading from Amos.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a
herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'
³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'
⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'
⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing

with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***All Depends on Our Possessing (ELW 589)***

- 1 All depends on our possessing
God's free grace and constant blessing,
though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
by their God are not forsaken
and will keep a dauntless heart.**

- 2 God, who hitherto has fed me
and to many joys has led me,
is and ever shall be mine.
God, who did so gently school me
and who daily guides and rules me,
will remain my help divine.**

- 3 When with sorrow I am stricken,
hope my heart anew will quicken,
all my longing shall be stilled.
To your lovingkindness tender
all my being I surrender:
Lord, on you alone I build.**
- 4 Well you know what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt your wisdom never;
as you will, so be it ever;
I commit to you my way.**
- 5 If on earth my days should lengthen,
God, my weary soul still strengthen;
all my trust in you I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding;
like a stream away it's gliding;
safe I anchor in your grace.**

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:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PRAYER LIST

Jim Mitchell	Jimmy Mitchell	Caleb Stockmaster
Virginia Pollack	Ciara Plasman	Chris Sellers
Bill Harrison	Phyllis Harrison	Lisa Minier
Emily Crosley	Roger Rowland	Mr. Lieb
Jan Yapple	Charles Parker	Bill Angstrom
Susan Klohn	Buzz Brennan	Sheila Cerny
Emmalyn McCall	Roger Braun	Esther Braun
Rhonda Pollack		

**Youth and Young Adults*

The prayer concludes:

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. We would like to receive an update on those for whom we have been praying, especially answers to prayer! At the end of every month, this list will start over. If you want someone's name to continue on the list, please contact the church office before the end of each month.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY: *Andante in G* R.M. Stults

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERING HYMN: ***We Are an Offering (ELW 692)***

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

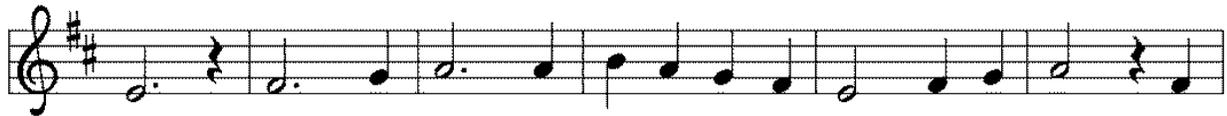
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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG



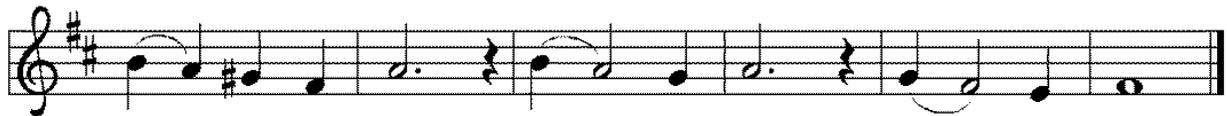
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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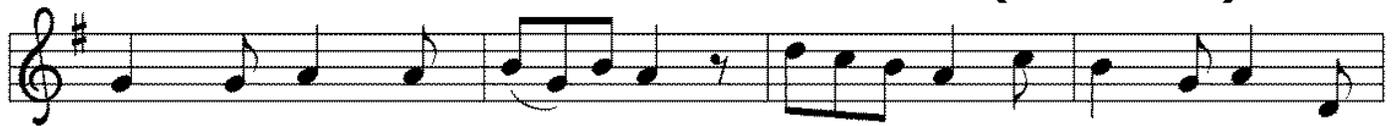


sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

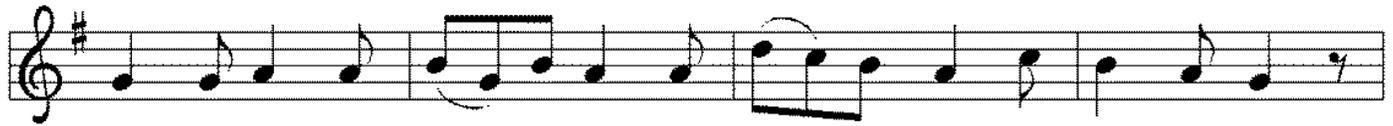
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (ELW 814)***

**Take, oh, take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

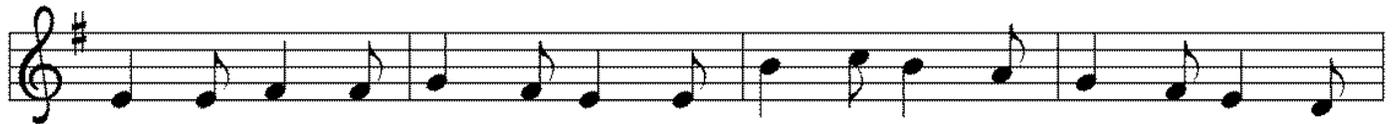
SONG AFTER COMMUNION:
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW 207)



Thank-ful hearts and voic-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.

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ***We Are Called (ELW 720)***

**1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.** Refrain

**3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.** Refrain

MISSION STATEMENT

We live as friends following Jesus.

We help families and friends communicate their faith.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Marche Religieuse*

Mozart

Worship leaders today are:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab

Assisting Minister: Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt

Organist: Cathy Nye

Saturday Pianist: Judy Burrows

Acolyte: (8:00) Jareemiah Todi (10:30)

Lector: (8:00) Laurie Mears (10:30) Vicki Boesch

Prayers of the People: Judy Burrows

Children's Message: Marj Burton

Serving Bread: Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Carol Albert & Carla Mitchell

(10:30) Suzanne Jeffery & Chet Leser

Sound Board: (8:00) Andy Gundlach (10:30) Dan Willey

Ushers: (8:00) Diane Ernst, Savannah Castello, Andy Castello

Patty Pascoe, Chris Antel

(10:30) Earl & Bea Rosen, Al & Juanita Mitchell, and

Julie Kessler

Gathering Host: (8:00) Savannah & Andrew Castello

(10:30) Dianne Farrar & Kay Thompson

Greeter: Bill & Joyce Dahnke

Altar Guild: Anna Johnson



One side vase is given by **Chris Antel** in loving memory of **Mike Antel**. The center vase is given in loving memory of **Marcia Kluding** by **Jim Kluding**.

Attendance/Offering

September 14-15th **(209)** General Fund Offering received **\$5,655.00**

Midweek General Fund received **\$1,546.00**

Weekly budgeted amount **\$7,480.77**

Total General Fund amount received **\$7,201.00**



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146,
1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

**CARE & SHARE VOLUNTEERS
For Monday, September 23rd:**

Jim & Barb Thom and Ron & Carol Albert



"Many thanks for the cards and notes and song celebrating my birthday." – Pastor Eric



For those who listen to the service via radio, you can tune into either 1450 AM or 93.5 FM. Both are WLEC and carry the same broadcast.

The quilters of Zion will be displaying quilts the first weekend in October. This year you will have the opportunity to purchase a quilt with a donation of \$40.00 or more. The money will be split with some used to ship the quilts and the rest to buy batting for making future quilts. To purchase, please see Kit David following the Saturday, Oct. 5th, service or Hope Bailey following the 8/10:30 am worship services on Sunday, Oct. 6th.



**Lutheran
World
Relief**

The weekends of Oct. 5-6th and 12-13th, there will be envelopes provided for your donations for Lutheran World Relief quilt and health care kit shipments. Thank you for your support!



View the full calendar of events for the month at: **Zionsandusky.org**
Join us on Facebook at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. (You must use Evangelical in name in order to access the current Facebook page.)

Sunday, September 22

8:00/10:30 am Worship
9:15 am COZ and Adult Forums

Monday, September 23

5:30 pm Temple Caretakers
6:30 pm Quilters
7:00 pm Firelands Chorus
7:00 pm FLAMe Board Mtg. – St. John
7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts Court of Honor (Dessert Potluck)

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 am Quilters
12:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Pastor Eric-Mr. Smith's
1:00 pm Lectionary Study – Mr. Smith's
2:30 pm FLAMe Rostered Leaders Mtg.
7:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Elaine

Wednesday, September 25

7:30 am Lectionary Study
9:30 am Staff Meeting
2:30 pm Book Connection
4:30 pm Nehemiah Café
5:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Property & Facilities

Thursday, September 26

9:00 am Card Making
9:30 am Year of Scripture with Marj
2:00 pm 2019 Lakeside Planning at Grace, Fremont
6:00 pm Year of Scripture with Carolyn
6:30 pm Troop 8 Scouts Recruitment Event
7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 27

Church Office is Closed

Saturday, September 28

6:00 pm Worship

Rev. Dr. Eric. L. Bodenstab, Pastor Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt
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Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission (FLAMe)

Our 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast each Sunday over WLEC 1450 AM and 93.5 FM