

**Sunday Worship  
Time after Pentecost  
September 13, 2020**



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## 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

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*Arr. Hansen*

## 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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN #834 (vs. 1,3,4)

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## KYRIE

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**

*Refrain* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

*Refrain* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**2. 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.**

*Refrain* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**3. 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.**

*Refrain* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

## **GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

## **THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21**

**Bob Keppel**

**R:** <sup>15</sup>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?"  
<sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died,  
<sup>17</sup>'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. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

**Bob Keppel**

R: <sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants 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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

C: **Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Gospel according to **Matthew 18:21-35**

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

**P:** <sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>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.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>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.**

**SERMON** Kervyn Mach

**HYMN #785**

*It is Well with My Soul*

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

## **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 OF THE CHURCH** (*Response after each petition*)

**P:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer . . .**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C:** **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.**

## **OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues**

### **OFFERING SONG**

**C:** **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 every power 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.**

## **BLESSING**

P: Mothering God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: **Amen.**

## **HYMN #665 (vs.1,2,4)**

*Rise, Shine, You People*

## **DISMISSAL**

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:  
“Serving Christ through serving others.”**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*I Come with Joy*

*Arr. Bottomley*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.*

## **OFFERING 9/5 & 9/6**

Total Unified Giving: \$4,175.00

Total Building: \$585.00

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Unified Giving: \$17,324.00

Building Fund Giving: \$ 2,113.60

Building Fund Balance: \$31,713.71

## **Month of May 2020 Finances**

Expenses: \$14,844.37

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of May 2020, on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor and Jackie** will be on vacation from Sept. 1—Sept. 13.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** *Lutheran World Relief Health Kits*

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

ONE **light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")**, dark color recommended

TWO or three **bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping**

ONE **adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\***

ONE **sturdy comb, remove packaging**

ONE **metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging**

**Two ways to help with kit:** **1** - You may purchase the items listed, put them unassembled in a bag and place in collecting box in narthex **2** - Donate money that a group of shoppers may use to purchase the items listed. Give Donna a call if you have any questions @ 902-1038.

### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

**Saturday worship** is going back to celebrating communion on the 4th Saturday of the month starting in September.

**The Sunday worship** communion schedule is September 20. Starting in October it will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month.

### Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;  
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