

**Time After Pentecost
September 20, 2020
Sunday Worship**



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INTRODUCTION *Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In Christ, There is No East or West

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 #733

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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 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: **Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

Linda Holt

R: ¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

Linda Holt

R: ²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit,

striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16**

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

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #770 (vs. 1,2,5)

Give Me Jesus

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 . . .**

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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

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

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #537

On Our Way Rejoicing

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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Arr. Hansen

***Please follow the guidance of the leaders as you exit to
participate in Holy Communion***

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
in celebration of the marriage of
Felicia Young and Wayne Fronczak yesterday.*

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

Giving 9/12 & 9/13:

Total Unified Giving: \$3,010.00
Total Building: \$ 320.00

TREASURER’S REPORT:

	<u>June 2020</u>	<u>July 2020</u>
Unified Giving:	\$17,769.00	\$15,102.50
Expenses:	\$19,843.20	\$12,435.84
Building Fund Giving :	\$ 2,223.97	\$ 1,928.85
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Building Fund Balance:	\$31,437.68	\$30,866.53

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, during Worship we will have a prayer blessing for Prayer Shawls, School Kits, Health Kits and Quilts. Thanks to all of those that have worked on any of these gifts that will be given to others in need.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Today Wayne Fronczak & Felicia Young were married. Wayne & Felicia’s new address will be:

2497 Meadowpoint Drive
Troy, OH 45373
Phone: 1 (937) 703-1272

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.

THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Wednesday, September 23. Please have any information to be included in the Tidings in by that date. Thank you.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday worship is going back to celebrating communion on the 4th Saturday of the month starting in September. Also, on the *4th Saturday of the month*, we will have drive by communion available right after the Saturday service 5:45 pm—6:00 pm.

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

THE WOMEN OF ZION will be accepting donations to defray the cost of shipping the nearly 100 handmade quilts our Zion Quilters have made this year, the ELCA school kits and the ELCA health kits that our members have donated. Last year's shipping cost for Zion's donations was over \$500 and most of that was paid for by your generous donations. Look for the shipping donation jar on the table outside the Fellowship Hall. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to *Women of Zion*.

THE CLOTHESLINE IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN!

Do you have two to three hours a month to help out at the Clothesline? Three to four of our Zion members volunteer on the second Monday of each month and on the fifth Monday when there are five Mondays in the month. But we need one or two more people to help out. This team sorts clothes that are donated to The Clothesline. The Women of Zion receive a share of the profit generated by the sale of clothing at the store. Please call Pam Sauls (1-937-901-0191) if you have any questions or if you're ready to sign up. If you're a "snowbird" and can't be here year round, we'll work around that!

Staff

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