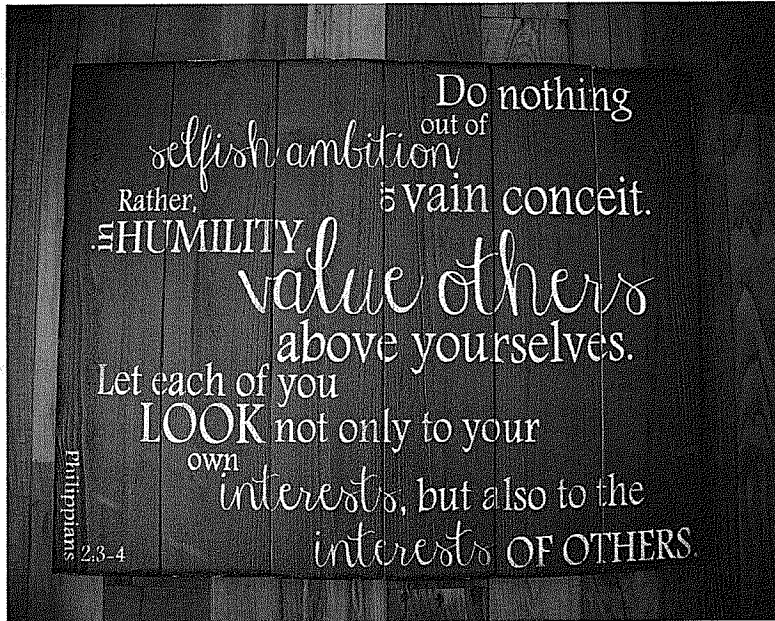


SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Time After Pentecost
September 26, 2020



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church offers many opportunities to enrich your spiritual lives from Saturday and Sunday worship, social ministry and fellowship in youth and women's groups. If this is your first visit, please sign the guest registers in the pews. Our mission statement includes this phrase: "Serving Christ through serving others". Our Saturday service is informal. If you have any prayer requests, please make us aware of them. We hope your worship experience is meaningful. Let us praise the Lord!

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

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: **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

P: ¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

P: ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

P: ³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: ⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

P: ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

P: ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C: ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

P: ⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

P: ¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #685 (vs. 1,2,3,6)

Take My Life, That I May Be

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 21:23-32**

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

P: ²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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.**

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

DISTRIBUTION (*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 #888

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

DEDICATION OF THE QUILTS, SCHOOL KITS, HEALTH KITS AND PRAYER SHAWLS

P: The eyes of all look to you, O God,

C: **and you give them their food in due season.**

P: You open your hand,

C: **Satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

P: Anywhere your children suffer from heat and cold,

C: **Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.**

P: Where life is war-torn and brims with strife and stress,

C: **Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.**

P: In lands parched with drought and abounding in hunger,

C: **Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.**

P: Where the earth is broken with quakes or wrecked with wind and wave,

C: **Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.**

P: Where poverty is a prison and survival fills the daily hours,
C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.
P: Here too, where lives are filled with bounty.
C: Our eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.
P: You open your hand,
C: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.
P: You open your hand and tie tops to quilts for relief from sun and shield against cold;
C: God, take our hands in yours.
P: You open your hand and coins clatter buying toothbrushes for lives lived happier in health;
C: God, take our hands in yours.
P: You open your hand bundling fabric for people to learn the skills of a tailor;
C: God, take our hands in yours.
P: You open your hand and gather pencils, pens and tools for a child's learning;
C: God take our hands in yours.
P: You open your hand to sew blankets baby-sized for wrapping little ones in warmth and love,
C: God take our hands in yours,
P: Bless the hands that have made these prayer shawls. Bless those who receive these prayer shawls.
C: By grace it's the season due for our serving.
P: So bless these quilts, school kits, health kits, and prayer shawls, Gracious God, as you have blessed our eyes, our hands and our hearts in their making.
C: and bless those who receive them with life secure, sustainable and beloved. Amen.

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.

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor Jeff Glawe
Keyboard Deb Keppel

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

Total Attendance 9/19 & 9/20: 58

OFFERING: Total Unified: \$2,750.00

Total Building: \$ 400.00

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

REMINDERS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

- ◆ **Food Pantry Collection** is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel across from the elevator. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.
- ◆ **Thank Offering** will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Zion. The money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion. This fund assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

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.

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 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 on 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!

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday worship is going back to celebrating communion on the 4th Saturday of the month. 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.

Starting in October, for the Sunday worship service, communion 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*;
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Susan Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*