

October 4, 2020
CONFIRMATION
Time after Pentecost



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INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
Prayer of St. Francis*

Arr. Mossing

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 Red hymnal #654 (vs. 1,3,5)

The Church's One Foundation

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: **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Jeff Slyman

R: ¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved

had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gary Groth

R; [Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CONFIRMATION SHARING

HYMN Red hymnal #826 (vs. 1,2,4)

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

CONFIRMATION / AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Confirmands: Anna Johnson, Lynnette McKibbin
Nicholas McKibbin, John Sebastian

Bible Verse:

- ◆ Anna Johnson Mentor: Carol Phillips
Isaiah 40:31
31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

- ◆ Lynnette McKibbin Mentor: Judy Tritle
Matthew 3:33-34
33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

- ◆ Nicholas McKibbin Mentor: Brad Kennedy
Matthew 6:22
22 The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good your whole body will be full of light.

- ◆ John Sebastian update verse Mentor: Steve Tritle

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.**

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

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.

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 #796

How Firm a Foundation

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

Give Me Peace

Arr. A.K. Organ

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

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

9/26 & 9/27

Total Attendance: 66

Unified Giving: \$3,650.00

Building Fund: \$ 640.00

TREASURER'S REPORT:

June 2020

July 2020

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *What is Operation Christmas Child?*

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. The Women of Zion have purchased 50 plastic shoebox size containers for the people of Zion to fill with Christmas gifts for children living in poverty overseas. These gifts not only bring hope they bring the Gospel of Jesus to each child through the Samaritan's Purse organization. Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "What to Pack" brochure located on the table under the youth board. (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.

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!

DO YOU WANT TO BE A SECRET SISTER?

The Women of Zion will not be holding their annual Christmas dinner this year. But we won't let covid stop our fun! To be a Secret Sister this is what you need to do:

E-mail Linda Holt if you want to participate: ljhbrass@frontier.com or ljhbrass1@gmail.com.

You will be matched with another woman who is participating and you and she will become Secret Sisters.

Beginning on **Sunday November 15 and through Sunday December 6**, put a small gift in her mailbox at church. Of course, don't reveal your identity! Gifts should be inexpensive inspirational items (bookmarks, pens, notecards, etc.), candy, Christmas ornaments or anything that you think your Secret Sister might enjoy.

Put the item in her mailbox at church. You can drop it off through the week during office hours or at worship services on Saturday or Sunday.

On **Sunday December 13**, the Women of Zion will hold a "reveal party". (Social

distancing and masks, please!) You will exchange a larger gift (\$10.00 or less).

Details for this will come later.

We hope you will join us to continue and encourage connections with our sisters!

For more information, contact Linda Holt – 947-2093.

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**.

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.

2021 WALL CALENDAR SALE

This sale is to benefit the Zion Youth Group. We have sold them in the past and the price is \$7.00. Please watch for the calendars.

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*