

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Time After Pentecost
Communion



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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness* *Arr. A.K. Organ*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #807

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Linda Holt

R: ⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD

has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."
¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Linda Holt

R: ¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30**

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

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN #785 (vs. 1,2,4)

When Peace Like a River

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.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH 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: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

HYMN #693 (vs. 1 & 4)

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

BLESSING OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

P: Loving God, we pray for your blessing of these shoeboxes for the mission of Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child."

C: Loving God, we ask for your blessing.

P: We pray for the hurting children and their families whose lives will be impacted by these boxes and the contents we've packed with love.

C: Loving God, we pray for your loving touch.

P: We pray especially that through these gifts the hearts of the children and their families will be opened to your love and the message of your grace through Jesus Christ.

C: Loving God, we pray for your grace to be made known.

P: We pray also for the children and their families who are suffering in the desperate circumstances of poverty, sickness or war, that you will meet their physical needs.

C: Providing God, we pray for your bounty.

P: We pray also that these shoeboxes will be useful tools to open doors for the proclamation of the gospel.

- C: Providing God, we pray for open doors.**
 P: We pray, also for all those who are participating in some way to the mission of Operation Christmas, and for the process of collecting, processing, transporting and delivering of the boxes to their rightful destinations.
C: Providing God, we pray that you would smooth the way for these shoeboxes to be delivered to the right people who need to know about your love. To this end, in faith, we ask for your blessing. 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: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Have Thine Own Way Lord* *Arr. Stevens*

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.

Total Attendance 11/7 & 11/8: 88
OFFERING: Total Unified: \$4,682.00
Total Building: \$ 310.00

TREASURER’S REPORT: September 2020
 Unified Giving: \$14,833.00
 Expenses: \$17,161.50
 Building Fund Giving: \$1,948.72
 Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00
Building Fund Balance: \$29,919.10

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of September 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: Adopt A Family

A Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the lounge area just outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s), and return them to the tree by the designated date. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD . . . If you wish to fill out an estimate of giving card for 2021 there are some on the table that is located right outside the sanctuary. Please give the estimate of giving card to Pastor. Thanks!

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Red, White, Pink or Marble Poinsettia plants can be ordered now through Nov. 11th. They are \$7.00 per plant. Order forms are available outside the fellowship hall and in the church office.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday all items for the December Tidings must be in by Friday, Nov. 20. Thank you.

NEW ADDRESS

Cris Kister is at Springmeade and her new address is 35 Marigold Lane, Rm. 4, Tipp City 45371. Please make the change in your photo directory.

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

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