

**Sunday Worship
Time after Pentecost**



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INTRODUCTION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth.. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

This is My Song

Arr. Bottomley

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #532

Gather Us In

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: Benevolent God,
C: **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Reader: Dale Schaefer

R: ¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

Reader: Dale Schaefer

R: ¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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 **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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

P: ¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,
"This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #759

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #879

For the Beauty of the Earth

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. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars

Arr. Burkhardt

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Jeff & Jaque Mitchell in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.*

8/21 & 8/22

Total Attendance: 80

Total Unified Giving: \$3,485.00

Total Building: \$290.00

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Lori Sebastian, *Organist*;
Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*; Linda Short, *Office Manager*;
Susan Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

TREASURER'S REPORT: May 2021

Unified Giving: \$18,146.20

Expenses: \$25,836.24

Building Fund Giving: \$1,924.20

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance: \$26,377.89

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the months of May 2021 on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SCHEDULES FOR September—December are in the mailboxes. Please stop by your mailbox and pick them up.

REMINDERS FOR: Next Saturday & Sunday, September 4 & 5

- **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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH For August 2021

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

These kits will be shipped overseas to help children learn, in disadvantaged areas. Each school kit needs the following items:

One 30-centimeter ruler, with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band.

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide ruled paper. No loose leaf paper.

One pencil sharpener

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One pair **blunt** scissors. (No pointed scissors)

One 2 ½ " eraser

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band

Stop by the church doors on Walnut St. and pick up a *School backpack* to get started, and fill the School Kit with necessary items above. Any questions, ask Action Team Leader Kathy Groth. Thanks for your help.

A “**packing party**” will be held on Sunday, September 12 at 7 p.m. Thrivent Financial is sponsoring \$250.00 for our Action Team shoppers/packers of School Kits. The backpacks purchased by Women of Zion and Thrivent Financial are already here. Now we need to fill them up!

ZION’S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED—Monday, Sept. 6 for the Labor Day holiday.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the choir please come to the practice. We will sing Sun., Sept. 12 at the 10:00 worship service. **Please note the corrected date for rehearsal.**

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday: Sept. 5 & 19 **Saturday:** Sept. 25

**YES! There will be a Mum Festival Garage Sale in Zion’s Fellowship Hall !
Thursday & Friday, September 23 &24**

We will need donations of furniture, toys, kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, tools, sporting goods, seasonal decorations, garden items, home décor, etc. We ask that all donated items be in good, clean condition and in working order. We do **NOT** accept clothing (you can take clothes to *The Clothesline*), TVs, treadmills, or large exercise equipment.

We will accept your donations beginning on Saturday, September 18 through Tuesday, September 21. Please do **NOT** bring donations before September 18th. All proceeds benefit the Women of Zion outreach ministry.

The sign-up sheet for the Mum Festival Garage Sale is up and waiting for you to put your name on one or more spots. We need lots of help to pull off this outreach ministry fundraiser.