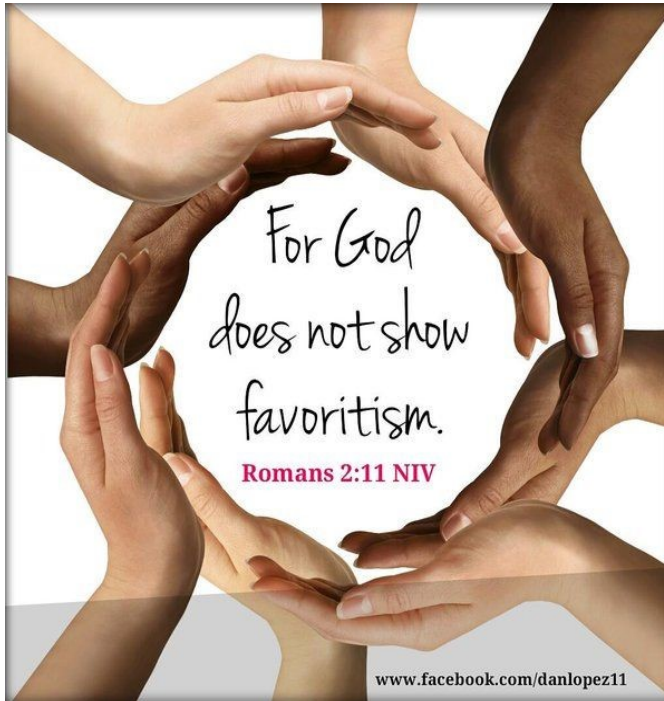


**Sunday Worship
Time After Pentecost
September 5, 2021
Communion**



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INTRODUCTION

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Arr. Turner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #883

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

KYRIE

Music on page 120

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

Music on page 121

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: From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let us pray . . .
C: **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

R: ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

P: ¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

[¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

P: 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 7:24-37**

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

P: ²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter."³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #612

Healer of Our Every Ill

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

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #583

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: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #719 (vs. 1,3,4,6)

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Sue Coon in memory of Gary Coon.*

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

In Helpful Service

Reader	Linda Holt	Communion Assistant
Greeters	Jack & Sharon Byrd	
Ushers	Erma & Chuck Swanson	

8/28 & 8/29

Total Attendance: 101

Total Unified Giving: \$3,665.00

Total Building: \$340.00

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

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.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

September's schedule is as follows: **Sunday, 9/5 & 9/19—Saturday, 9/25**

UPCOMING NEWS

Wednesday, Sept. 8	1:00 pm	Worship & Music Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Sept. 12	9:00 am	1st Day of Sunday School
	7:00 pm	Women of Zion
Tuesday, Sept. 14	5:00 pm	Communications/Welcoming Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 16	1:00 pm	Blood Drive until 7:00 pm
Sept. 17—Oct. 1		Pastor & Jackie on vacation
Saturday, Sept. 18	5-6 pm	Garage Sale Drop Off
Sunday, Sept. 19	12-4 pm	Garage Sale Drop off & Set up
Sunday, Sept. 21		Last day to drop off Garage Sale items
Thursday, Sept. 23	9 am—5 pm	Garage Sale
Friday, Sept. 24	9 am—8 pm	Garage Sale
Saturday, Sept. 25		Garage Sale Clean Up

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 your name to be added! Please commit to a shift or two during this important outreach fundraiser.

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Lori Sebastian, *Organist*;
Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*; Linda Short, *Office Manager*,
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