

Sunday Worship  
Time after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021

Discipleship:  
Becoming More Like  
**CHRiST**  
EPHESIANS 2:10

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## INTRODUCTION

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Lift High the Cross*

Arr. Behnke

## 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 #834

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## 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:** 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: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* Director Bill Jones  
Composer: Julie von Hausmann & Friedrich Silcher

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

R: <sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

R: <sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes

strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Music on page 124*

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 8:27-38**

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

P: <sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

<sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #798

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

## 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:** 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 Red hymnal #733

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

#### 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

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

*Arr. Hobby*

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Bill DeVenzio with love and appreciation for Linda Short,  
and in celebration of her birthday on the 18th of September.*

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

### **In Helpful Service**

**Reader**            Jeff Slyman  
**Greeters**        Jeff & Donna Slyman

### **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**

**Pastor and Jackie** will be on vacation from September 17—October 1.

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran World Relief Health Kits**

**INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT**

- 1**     light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3** bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- 1**     sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1**     adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- 1**     metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.

***Two ways to help with the kit:*** 1—You may purchase the items listed, put them unassembled in a bag and place in the collecting box in the 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 @ 1 (937) 902-1038.



## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday: Sept. 19 & Oct. 3 & 17

Saturday: Sept. 25 & Oct. 23

## UPCOMING NEWS

Sunday, Sept, 12	11:00 am	Youth Gathering Meeting
	7:00 pm	Women of Zion / Packing Party-School kits
Tuesday, Sept. 14	5:00 pm	Communications/Welcoming Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Church Council Mtg.
<b>Sept. 17—Oct. 1</b>	<b>Pastor on vacation</b>	
Thursday, Sept. 16	1:00 pm	Blood Drive until 7:00 pm
Saturday, Sept. 18	5-6 pm	Garage Sale Drop Off
Sunday, Sept. 19	12-4 pm	Garage Sale Drop off & Set up
	TBA	Terri Darrah tree planting at the church
Sunday, Sept. 21	Last day to drop off Garage Sale items	
Thursday, Sept. 23	9 am—5 pm	<b>Garage Sale</b>
Friday, Sept. 24	9 am—8 pm	<b>Garage Sale</b>
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 18<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds Benefit the Women of Zion outreach ministry.

**A 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 the outreach ministry fundraiser.**

### **Staff**

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Lori Sebastian, *Organist*;  
Choir Directors; Bill Jones & Susie Gray  
Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*; Linda Short, *Office Manager*;  
Susan Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*