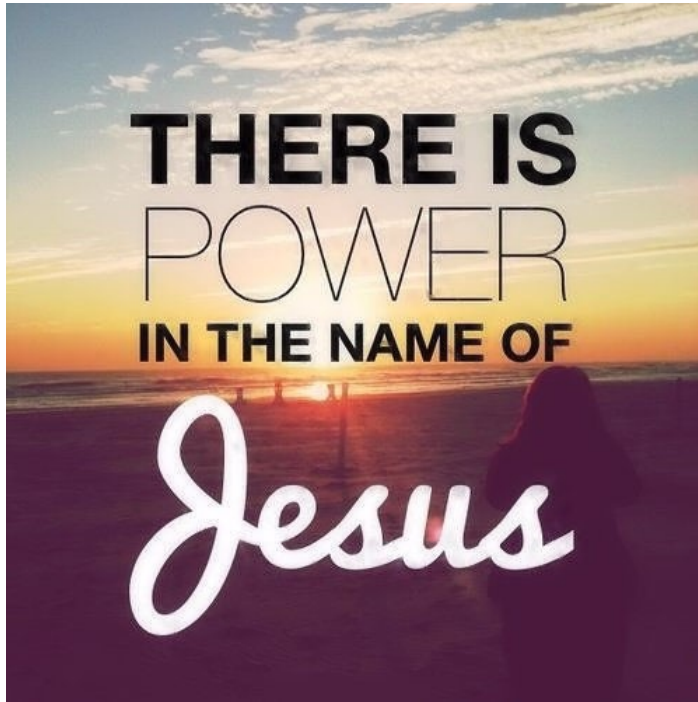


Time After Pentecost
Sunday, September 26, 2021



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INTRODUCTION

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Arr. Callahan

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 #636

How Small Our Span of Life

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: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Spirit, Open My Heart
Composer: Irish Melody

Director Bill Jones
Text by Ruth Duck

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

P: ⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50**

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

P: ³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were

thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN #712

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

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 Red hymnal #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**C: Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
abound!**

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 #557

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

QUILTS AND KITS OF HOPE BLESSING

P: God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

C: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

P: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

C: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

P: God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

C: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

P: God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

C: **Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.**

P: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

P: Recognizing God's abundant hope, go and be a sign of hope to our neighbors near and far: offering hands to hold, sweet scents of justice, and a feast of God's goodness. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 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: Go in peace. The Living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX—Benedetto Marcello

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Dale & Ginger Schaefer in celebration of 55 years of marriage.*

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

In Helpful Service

Greeters
Reader

Covert & Maureen Holley
Gary Groth

Total Attendance 9/18 & 9/19: 93

OFFERING: Total Unified: \$2,100.00

Total Building: \$ 215.00

TREASURER'S REPORT:

| | <u>June 2021</u> | <u>July 2021</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Unified Giving: | \$16,495.25 | \$15,339.20 |
| Expenses: | \$19,925.56 | \$18,494.51 |
| Building Fund Giving: | \$ 1,548.77 | \$ 1,598.43 |
| Mortgage Payment: | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Building Fund Balance: | \$25,426.66 | \$24,525.09 |

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the months of June & July 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.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday: Oct. 3 & 17

Saturday: Oct. 23

REMINDERS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

- ♦ **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: 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.

UPCOMING NEWS

Sept. 17—Oct. 1 Pastor on vacation
Monday, Oct. 4 6:00 pm Property Committee
Friday, Oct. 8 Life Line Screening
Sunday, October 10 5:00 pm Women of Zion Meeting
Tuesday, October 12 5:00 pm Communications/Welcoming Mtg.

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*