

**Time After Pentecost
October 3, 2021
Communion**



Zion

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INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Arr. Linker

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 #796

How Firm a Foundation

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: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR *Sanctuary (with God's Holy Temple)* Director: Susie Gray
Randy Scruggs & John Thompson Arr. Lloyd Larson

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

R: ¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.

⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?"

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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 10:2-16**

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

P: ²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #656 *Blest be the Tie that Binds*

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 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!

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 Red hymnal #543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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

Now Thank We All Our God

Arr. Manz

In Helpful Service

Greeter Billie Fischer
Reader Dale Schaefer Communion Assistant

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Garry Yunker in memory of Phylis Yunker.*

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

Total Attendance 9/25 & 9/26: 70

OFFERING: Total Unified: \$3,576.00

Total Building: \$ 350.00

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

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday: Oct. 3 & Oct. 17

Saturday: Oct. 23

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *What is Operation Christmas Child?*

The Samaritan's Purse project *Operation Christmas Child* collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible

way. These gifts not only bring hope they bring the Gospel of Jesus to each child through the Samaritan's Purse organization.

Please pick up a preprinted empty box (or two) and a "What to Pack" brochure located on the table under the youth board. **Each packed box must include \$9.00 cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse placed inside the box for shipping. Do not include: candy, gum, food, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war related items, seeds, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass, aerosol cans. The deadline to return these boxes is Sunday, Nov. 7.**

You may also go online and pay for shipping by credit card at:

https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation_christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/ If you pay online you must print the labels with the bar scan and place on your boxes.

****Note:** if you want to help out but are unable to shop or prefer not to you can also help by making a donation to help with gifts and shipping. Any questions contact Jackie Glawe, 937-478-3318 or christianed@zionlutherantippcity.org

CHOIR NEWS

We had great rehearsals in September. Everyone was glad to get back to singing again! We heard many comments from the congregation like "We're glad the choir is back!" Co-directing is working out great, with both Susie and I feeling good about the arrangement. Choir member comments were similar, with "it's great to be back", as well as, "my voice is cracking!". Each rehearsal and pre-church warmup starts with gentle voice exercises. We also practice the hymns at rehearsal to help the congregation with singing on Sunday morning.

We welcomed a new member to the choir, Doug Jacobs, plus welcoming back 12 prior choir members. Thus we are currently 13 strong! We miss all the other members who have sung with us over the years.

After a few rehearsals, the choir is now rehearsing well into the future. This gives everyone time to learn their parts and feel comfortable. Everyone who loves to sing is welcome to join. Happy fall season everyone!

CHOIR NEWS: CHOIR CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct 3	10 AM	Choir Performs
Wednesday, Oct 6	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Oct 10	10 AM	Choir Performs
Wednesday, Oct 13	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Oct 17	10 AM	Choir Performs

Wednesday, Oct 20	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Oct 24	10 AM	Choir Performs
Wednesday, Oct 27	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Oct 31	10 AM	Choir Performs

UPCOMING NEWS

Monday, Oct. 4	6:00 pm	Property Committee
Friday, Oct. 8	8 am—6 pm	Life Line Screening
Sunday, Oct.10	5:00 pm	Women of Zion Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 12	5:00 pm	Communications/Welcoming Mtg.
Mon. & Tues. Oct. 25 & 26	5-9 pm	R.A.D.

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*