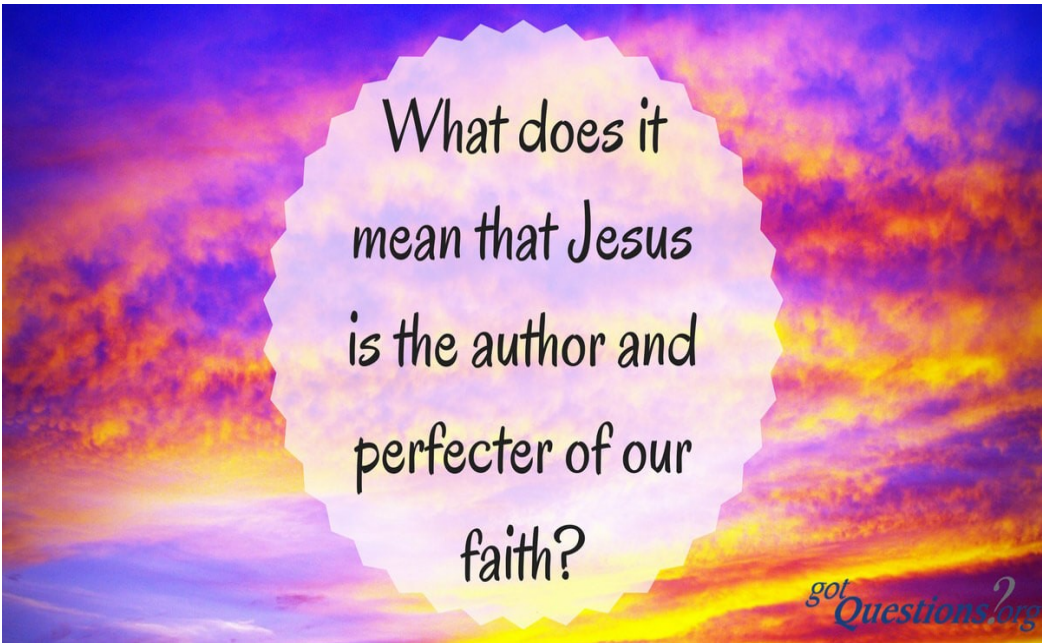


**Sunday Worship  
Time after Pentecost  
August 14, 2022**



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## INTRODUCTION

*The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

*Arr. Hansen*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN Red hymnal #838

*Beautiful Savior*

## KYRIE Music on page 138

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 140

**C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**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, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

P: <sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill

heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

P: <sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

<sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him

endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Music on page 142**

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 12:49-56**

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

P: [Jesus said:]<sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens.

<sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Dale Schaefer

**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 #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.**

**BLESSING**

**P:** The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C:** **Amen**

**HYMN Red hymnal #731**

*Earth and All Stars*

**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. Love your neighbor.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**In Helpful Service**

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Greeters	John & Jill Greer
Ushers	Erma & Chuck Swanson

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Barbra Kruse in memory of mother and  
son Michael’s birthday.*

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

**8/6 & 8/7**

**Total Attendance: 102**

Total Unified Giving: \$6,918.00

Total Building: \$1,407.00

**Staff**

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn *Christian Education Director*  
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE WOMEN OF ZION** will meet this evening at 7:00 pm in the adult Sunday school room. All women of Zion Lutheran Church are members of Women of Zion. See you this evening.

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: 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** 2 ½ " eraser,

**One** pair **blunt** scissors, (**no** pointed scissors). **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 11. 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!

### **COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

**August's** schedule is as follows: **Saturday, 8/27—Sunday, 8/21**

### **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