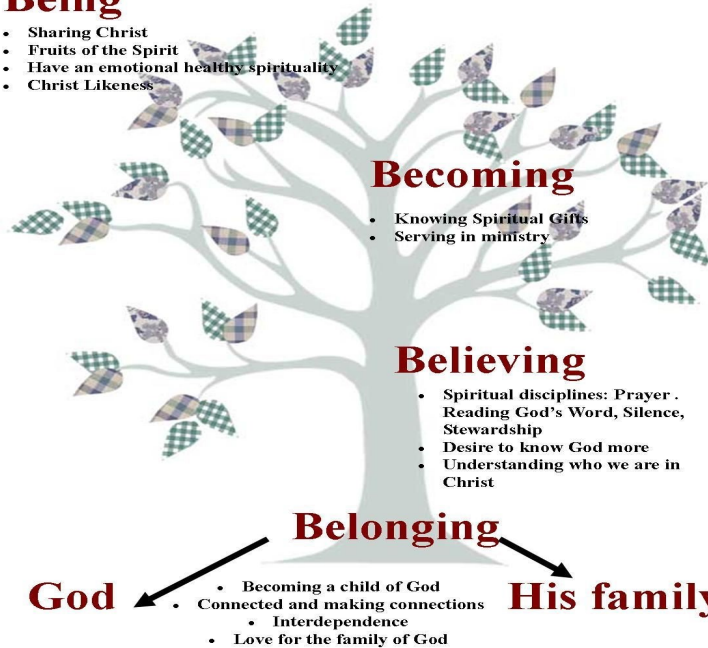


Sunday Morning Worship  
September 4, 2022

# Discipleship Process

## Being

- Sharing Christ
- Fruits of the Spirit
- Have an emotional healthy spirituality
- Christ Likeness



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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If this is your first visit, or if you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

## INTRODUCTION

*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**            *Lord, Jesus You Shall Be My Song*            Arr. Hansen

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:**     Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C:**     **Amen.**

**P:**     Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:**     God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C:**     **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

**P:**     Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C:**     **Amen.**

**HYMN** Red hymnal #574

*Here I Am, Lord*

### **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.

**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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

R: <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

R: <sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to  
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:  
<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I  
hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray  
that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the  
good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and  
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been  
refreshed through you, my brother.  
<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to  
do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul,  
do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am  
appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during  
my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed  
useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to  
you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your

place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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 14:25-33**

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

P: <sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Kristen Zimmann

**HYMN** Red hymnal #502

*The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*

## **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**

### **OFFERTORY 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: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.**

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN ACS #1000**

*God's Work Our Hands*

### **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, with Christ beside you.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

Arr. Wold

### **In Helpful Service**

Speaker	Kristen Zimmann
Acolyte	Hannah Kessler
Greeter	John & Jill Greer
Reader	Linda Holt
Usher	Deb Keppel

### **OFFERING 8/27 & 8/28**

Total Unified Giving: \$1,880.00

Total Building: \$622.00

### **TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 107**

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Bill & Kim Jones in celebration of Rachel & Emily's birthdays.*

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: Abuse Shelter**

Due to Covid the Abuse Shelter has switched to paper products. They are requesting paper products of any kind such as: Toilet paper, tissues, paper plates, bowl & cups, plastic ware etc. They are also in need of towels, washcloths, pajamas size 2T—adult and nightgowns. They have plenty of newborn sizes. Thrivent monies will be accessed to help with this project.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be a short meeting for anyone who will be helping with kids Sunday School on **tomorrow** September 4 after worship. If you'd like to help but cannot make it to that meeting, please talk to Jessica Dorn.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** will begin on September 11th. Linda Sumner will give a presentation on her trip to the Holy Land. On September 18 the series "Twelve Ordinary Men" will begin. Topics will focus on the twelve disciples and how the Master shaped his disciples for greatness and what he wants to do with you. Join us each Sunday at 9:00 in the Adult Sunday School Room. We are a lively bunch.

### **RALLY DAY**

Sunday School will begin on Sunday 9/11 at 9:00 am. Teachers and teachers helpers are needed. All teachers and helpers need to be background checked. If you are able to help out please sign up in the hall or talk to Jessica Dorn.

### **FAMILY FUN NIGHTS**

I would like to start back up the Family Fun Nights here at Zion. They would take place once a month after Saturday's worship. The evening will include food, a movie, board games, and anything else the Family Fun Team can dream up. If you are interested in helping out please contact Jessica Dorn.



## SHIPPING COSTS

Donations are being accepted for quilts, health kits and school kits which will be shipped out in October. Each health kit costs \$2.65 to ship; school kits are \$1.40; quilts are \$2.25 each. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to: **Women of Zion**. Look for the donation jar in the lounge area

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

September's schedule is as follows: **Saturday, 9/24—Sunday, 9/18**

## MUM FESTIVAL GARAGE SALE: Thursday & Friday, September 22 & 23

We need donations - furniture, toys, kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, CD's, DVD's, tools, sporting goods, seasonal decorations, garden items, home decor, etc. We ask that all donated items be in **good, clean condition and in working order**. **We Do NOT accept** clothing, bed pillows, TVs, treadmills or large exercise equipment, estate or garage sale leftovers.

Donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall beginning Saturday, Sept. 17 before or after the 5:00 service, Sunday, Sept. 18 after service until 4:00, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 19 & 20 until noon. The last day to bring in donations is noon on Tuesday, Sept. 20. If you need an item picked up, call Bob Keppel (937-689-3892).

We also need many folks to help with setting up the sale, picking up items, pricing, working the days of the sale and cleaning up when the sale is over. Look for the signup sheet in the hallway.

**If anyone has a surplus of brown paper bags we would be happy to have them at the garage sale.**

## Staff

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*  
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