

**Sunday Worship
September 18, 2022**

*Do not let your heart be
inclined to money.
Let your heart be filled
with Godly desires.*



**You
cannot
serve God
and
money.**

Luke 16:13

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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

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Wayfaring Stranger

Arr. Portman

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 #583

Take My Life, That I May Be

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, 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: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .

C: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CHANCEL CHOIR

Director: Susie Gray
Composer: David Lohman

God, We Gather as Your People
All Creation Sings hymn #1038

THE WORD

FIRST READING Amos 8:4-7

R: ⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7

R: ¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal #512

C: **Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace
Is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When
my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead
me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my
heart be good soil.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 16:1-13**

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

P: ¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Purple hymnal supplement #987

Guide My Feet

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, God's 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:
loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves 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: 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 Red hymnal #669

Rise Up, O Saints of God

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. Burkhardt

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Acolyte	Marissa Kessler
Greeter	May Fischvogt
Reader	Bob Keppel
Usher	

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

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Bill DeVenzio in celebration of Linda's birthday.

by Dale & Ginger Schaefer in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.

9/10 & 9/11

Total Attendance: 109

Total Unified Giving: \$6,320.00

Total Building: \$532.00

Sunday School

Kids & Youth: 11 Adults: 23

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.

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.

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 for September: **Saturday, 9/24**

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS are coming back to Zion Lutheran Church! On Saturday, October 1 around 6 pm we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for pizza, games and a movie! Please sign up so that we know how much pizza to order. Donations are appreciated in order to help purchase the pizza.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Sunday, September 18	12:00pm	Garage Sale Set-Up until 4 pm
Monday, September 19	9:00 am	Garage Sale Drop off until 12 pm
Tuesday, September 20	9:00 am	Garage Sale Drop off until 12 pm
	8:00 pm	AA, church basement until 9 pm
Wednesday, September 21	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, September 22	9:00 am	Garage Sale until 5:00 pm
Friday, September 23	9:00 am	Garage Sale until 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 25	11:00 am	Garage Sale Clean-Up

BRAT & SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

When: Saturday, October 8 **Hours:** 4 pm—7 pm

Soon a sign up sheet will be posted for help with this event. Please think about where you would like to help and sign up. Tickets this year will be \$8.00 for adults presale, and \$9.00 at the door. Children under 10 are \$5.00. Carryout will be available. **Menu:** Brat or Hot Dog, green Beans & Sauerkraut, Applesauce, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Pie & Beverage.

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*