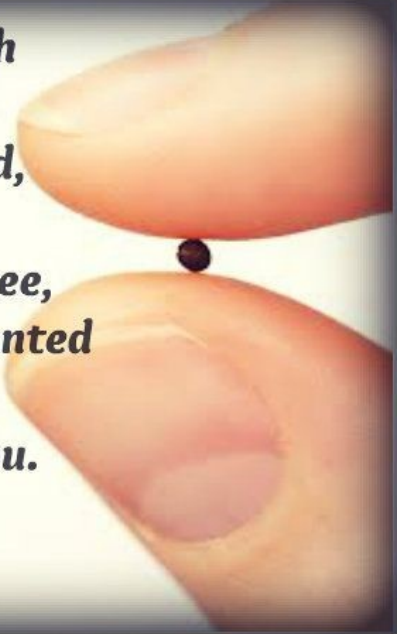


**Sunday Worship  
October 2, 2022**



***“If you have faith  
as small  
as a mustard seed,  
you can say  
to this mulberry tree,  
‘Be uprooted and planted  
in the sea,’  
and it will obey you.***

**LUKE 17: 6**

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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

*A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*A Mighty Fortress (Fughetta)*

Arr. Costello

## 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 Purple hymnal ACS #1043**

*Spirit, Open My Heart!*

## **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: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Director: Bill Jones

*There is a Longing in Our Heart*

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

R: <sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

R: <sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the

promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 17:5-10**

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

P: <sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Dale Schaefer

**HYMN** Red hymnal #759

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

## **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**

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.

#### **QUILT AND KITS OF HOPE BLESSING**

##### **Scripture**

Read together the beginning of the early church found in Acts 2:43-47.

##### **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.

**HYMN Red hymnal #822**

*Oh, Sing to the Lord!*

### **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.**



## In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Acolyte	Hannah Kessler
Greeter	Covert Holley
Reader	Brad Kennedy
Communion Asst.	Susie Gray
Usher	John & Dianne LeGros

*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  
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

**9/24 & 9/25**

**Total Attendance: 105**

Total Unified Giving: \$1,732.00

Total Building: \$2,500.00

**Sunday School**

Kids & Youth: 13    Adults: 18

Mortgage reduction: \$18,270.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: Operation Christmas Child**

*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. Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "What to Pack" brochure located on the table under the youth board. (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.) 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.

### **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.

## THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Thank you for your generous donations for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. 68 kits were collected!
- ◆ Thank you for the paper products that were collected for the Abuse Shelter. We will have an itemized list in the November Tidings of those items that were donated. Thrivent monies were accessed to help with this project. Our congregation is most generous.

## 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 October:

**Saturday, 10/22**

**Sunday, Every week beginning October 16th**

## HOSPICE CHRISTMAS TREES

The annual Christmas ornament event—making small ornaments for Hospice of Miami County Christmas trees—will take place in the adult Sunday school room of Zion, on Tuesday, November 15, from 10:30—2:30 or so. Everyone interested is invited. Even if you do not make ornaments, there are other tasks to keep the process moving. Come whenever you can get there and stay as long as you can. And, we'll turn this into a party with a pot lunch! For questions, please contact Lil Nichols. Please mark your calendars.

## THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<b>Monday, October 3</b>	6:00 pm	Property Committee Mtg.
<b>Wednesday, October 5</b>	6:00 pm	Worship & Music Mtg.
<b>Saturday, October 8</b>	<b>4-7 pm</b>	<b>Brat Supper</b>
	5:00 pm	Worship

## 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*