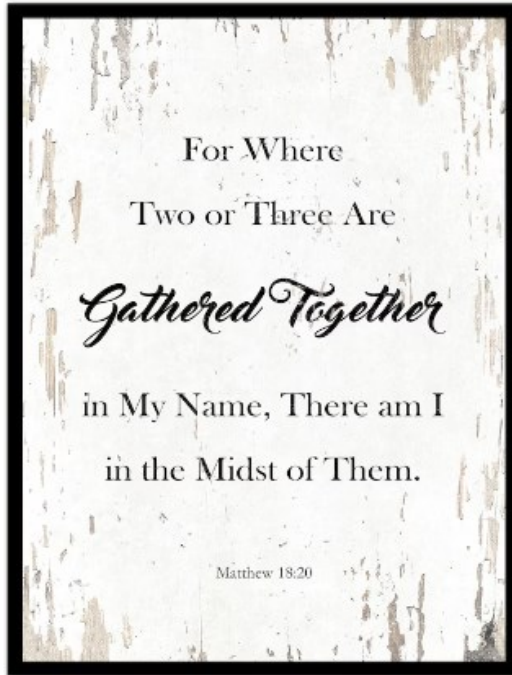


Sunday Worship
September 10, 2023
Time After Pentecost



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or 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

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be God, the One who forms us **+** Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: **You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow You. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and Your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from You and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to You and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #864

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

KYRIE Red hymnal #120

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 Red hymnal #121

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, and**

peace to God's people on earth. 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. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

R: ⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

R: ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C: ³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

R: ³⁵Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for that is my desire.

C: ³⁶**Incline my heart to Your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

R: ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in Your way.

C: ³⁸**Fulfill Your promise to Your servant, which is for those who fear You.**

R: ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because Your judgments are good.

C: ⁴⁰**Behold, I long for Your commandments; by Your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

P: ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit

adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #401

C: **Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It's Your leading that we're needing, help us to follow You. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ. Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 18:15-20**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red Hymnal #608

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

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 *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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. 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 PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, 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. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Madelyn & Mason Lopez in honor of Jessica’s birthday.

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Acolyte	Madison Dorn
Communion Assist	Linda Holt
Reader	Chuck Drake
Ushers	Judy & Ken Bailey
Greeters	Richard & Debby Geiman

ATTENDANCE 9/2 & 3: 81

Unified Giving 9/2 & 3: \$4,940.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *MIAMI COUNTY FAMILY ABUSE SHELTER*

Here are some examples of NEW, unopened donations they will gladly accept:

PJ's – Adult & child	Toothbrushes & toothpaste	Blankets
Toilet paper	Lysol wipes	Baby wipes
Trash bags	Shampoo	Baby clothes
Paper towels	Conditioner	Children's clothes 1-8
Tissues	Deodorant	Toys
Cleaning products	Body wash	Canned Formula
Twin sheets	Feminine hygiene products	Diapers (all sizes)

Thrivent monies will be accessed to help with this project.

If you have questions, contact Ginger Schaefer at 419-250-0236.

GARAGE SALE: The Mum Festival Garage Sale sign-up is up and waiting for you to put your name on it! We need workers! We will feed you and we promise you'll have a good time! We also need paper grocery sacks for the bag sale and some plastic bags. You can bring these in and put them in the Fellowship Hall after September 16th.

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS: Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Zion on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque),
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening,
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA),
- Atrial Fibrillation.

The 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes. To register call 1-844-591-7160.

SIMPLY GIVE: The Needy Basket Food Pantry is participating in the Meijer *Simply Give* program at the Troy store now through September 30. The program encourages customers to purchase \$10 *Simply Give* donation cards, which are then converted into Meijer food-only gift cards for use by Needy Basket.

In addition to purchasing cards at the Troy store, donations can also be sent directly to Needy Basket at 330 South Fifth St., Tipp City, OH 45371, for submission on a double match day. The *Simply Give* program is a way for Meijer customer to support the food banks and pantries that feed families in need in their own communities.

