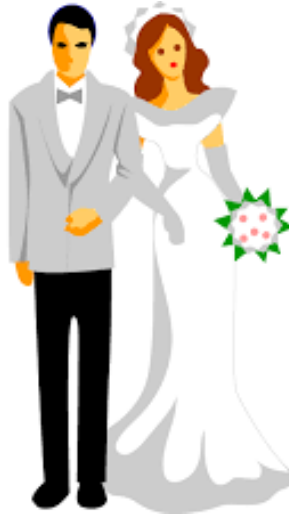


October 6, 2024

Time After Pentecost



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and be joined to his wife, and the two shall
become one flesh.' So they are no longer
two, but one flesh."

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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

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Reflection on Rhosymedre (Our Father, By Whose Name)* Arr. Portman

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 the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of

eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen

HYMN Purple hymnal #1064

Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

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 together the Prayer of the Day.

C: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, 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: Genesis 2:18-24

R: ¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 8

R: ¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!?

C: ²**You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; You have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

R: ³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

C: ⁴**what are mere mortals that You should be mindful of them, human beings that You should care for them?**

R: ⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor You crown them.

C: ⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; You have put all things under their feet:**

R: ⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

C: ⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

R: ⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

R: ¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and He sustains all things by his powerful word. When He had made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that You care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise You."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #124

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

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 10:2-16**

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

P: ²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart He wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made

them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that He might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Summers

HYMN Red hymnal #603

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

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....**

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 PRAYER / 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: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you
peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #835 (v1,2,4,6) *All Creatures, Worship God Most High*

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. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Arr. Michael Helman

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
Dale & Ginger Schaefer in celebration of their 58th Anniversary.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Linda Holt
Communion Assist.	Linda Holt
Ushers	Richard & Debby Geiman
Greeters	Co Holley & Beverly Bashore

Total Attendance: 9/26 & 9/27: 95
Unified Giving: \$3,445.00

Sunday School: Adults: 19
Youth & Children: 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Operation Christmas Child*

We will again be filling shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement, which will be delivered 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 "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochure located in the narthex (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.) Please include \$10 to cover the cost of shipping. If you pay by check, please make it payable to Samaritan's Purse.

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.

Please have boxes filled and returned by Sunday, November 3rd. Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

LUNCHEON & BABY SHOWER for baby girl Summers will be Sunday, **October 13th**, in the Fellowship Hall. Let's enjoy a lunch after service and shower Kendra with gifts for her daughter to be born in early November. Please sign up for the luncheon in the fellowship hallway. Kendra is registered at <https://my.babylist.com/babygirlsummers2>

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS will be here Tuesday, **October 15th**. Life Line Screenings is the Nation's leader in Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk screenings. Screenings are simple and painless. They are offering special pricing for \$159, which covers screenings for Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, plus Hypertension. Book an appointment by **calling** 888-814-0466, visit the **website** LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA or **text** the word "circle" to 216-279-1607.