

**October 13, 2024**

**Time After Pentecost**



[Jesus, said] "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

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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

*The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*O God of Every Nation*

Arr. Organ

## 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 Red hymnal #532**

*Gather Us In*

**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: **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, 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.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Variations on The Ash Grove*  
Flute—Kristen Zimmann

Arr. Organ

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

R: <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or He will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth  
<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 90: 12-17

R: <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C: <sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

R: <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: <sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

R: <sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

C: <sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

R: <sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the One to whom we must

render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

<sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 10:17-31**

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

P: <sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

<sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with

persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON** Pastor Summers

**HYMN** Red hymnal #583

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

## **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 #713

*O God of Every Nation*

### 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

*God of Grace, and God of Glory*

Arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by  
Brad & Jamie Kennedy in memory of May Jenkins.*

*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	Doug Jacobs
Communion Assist.	Bob Keppel
Ushers	Judy & Ken Bailey
Greeters	Carly & Matt Breen

**Total Attendance: 10/5 & 10/6:** 95  
**Unified Giving:** \$6,560.00

**Sunday School:** Adults: 14  
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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

**LUNCHEON & BABY SHOWER** for baby girl Summers is **TODAY**, 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.

**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](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA) or **text** the word "circle" to 216-279-1607.

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR SUMMERS** In addition to being Reformation Sunday, **October 27<sup>th</sup>** will also be the Installation service for Pastor Jaren Summers. Please plan to arrive by 9:45am, since there will be a festival trumpet / organ trio prior to the service with the hymn processional beginning at 10am. There will be a reception with light refreshments following the service. Please join us as we officially welcome our new Zion pastor.

**HOSTING CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING** We will be offering the attendees of the Winter's Yuletide Gathering on **November 9th** a respite with a fun, classic movie and lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers to show our guests Zion hospitality. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.