

Zion Lutheran Church
Sunday September 22, 2024 10:00 am
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Zion's Mission Statement

*As a body of believers, created by God, redeemed by
Christ, empowered by the Spirit, we are called to bear
witness to God's love.*

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Next Sunday September 29, 2024

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

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**Indicates Congregation Stands When Comfortably Able*

Introduction:

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Announcements:

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

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

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **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.**

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.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** ELW Hymn #641 All Are Welcome

***Apostolic Greeting:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Kyrie:** Page 203 in the front of the hymnal

***Hymn of Praise:** Page 204 in the front of the hymnal

***Prayer of the Day:**

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: *Jeremiah 11:18-20* Pew Bible on page 731 in the Old Testament

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Pew Bible page 220 in the New Testament

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation:** page 205 in the front of hymnal

The Holy Gospel is from Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel:** *Mark 9:30-37* Pew Bible page 42 in the New Testament

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child

and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: Norman Unterseher, LPA

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn #781 Children of the Heavenly Father

***Apostles' Creed:** Page 105 in the front of the ELW

***Prayers of Intercession:** Our response to Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

***Sharing the Peace:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Share the peace as you feel comfortable.

Offering Hymn: ELW Hymn #857 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Offering Prayer:

Blessed are you, O God, **source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface:**

***Holy, Holy, Holy:** Page 207 in the front of the ELW

***Words of Institution:**

***The Lord's Prayer:** Page 208 in the front of the ELW

***Invitation to Communion:** Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Communion Hymn: ELW Page 208 Lamb of God
ELW Hymn #595 Jesus Loves Me!

***Communion Blessing:**

***Prayer after Communion:**

Holy God, **you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing:**

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:** ELW Hymn #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

***Dismissal:**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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We encourage you to sign the pew sheets when they are passed to you. The black folder is on the inside aisle. We use them for our record of communion, and numbers are reported the Synod office. They also alert us to visitors and new people attending, and you may use them to leave a message to the pastor.

Prayers of the People Colossians 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer being vigilant in it with Thanksgiving”
Prayers for all impacted by the Coronavirus, and for their caretakers.
Prayers of Peace for Our Nation

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Food Bank: There is always a need of nonperishable food such as peanut butter, cereals, mac and cheese, boxed mixes, canned fruit, veggies and soup. Also, sugar and flour. You can drop your donations directly at the Food Bank or into the shopping cart in the Narthex.

Lutefisk and Meatballs: Zion’s traditional Lutefisk and Meatball dinner is Saturday, December 7th from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Donation sheets will be up soon. Come join the fun and fellowship the week of October 21st. Additional information will be in the bulletin.

Lutheran World Relief: ZLCW is collecting toothbrushes and bar soap for the ELCA layette and personal care kits. These items must be in original wrappings. Additional nail clippers would be appreciated. A basket is in the narthex for the month of September for donations.

Youth Director: Youth and Education Committee has posted the position of part time Youth Director, 15-20 hours per month. Contact Megan Kubesh at 406-939-1006 for more information.

Live Streaming: Remember we have the live streaming of the Sunday 10 am service when you are out of town with vacation, sports, or other events. Please check it out.

Prayer Chain: Contact the church office at 406 377-3369 and leave a message or email churchlady@zionlutheran.us for prayer requests.

Up Coming Events:
Lutefisk and Meatball dinner December 7
Culinary Kids October 4 & 18
Sunday School October 6, 13, 20

10:00 a.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Scouts

Monday September 23, 2024

9:00 a.m. Quilting

5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dan S & Bill M

7:00 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday September 24, 2024

Wednesday September 25, 2024

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle

Thursday September 26, 2024

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI

6:00 p.m. Worship

Friday September 27, 2024

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Makoshika Wellness-Glendive's Culinary Kids

Saturday September 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Furniture Room-Kristie

Sunday September 29, 2024

10:00 a.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Scouts