

Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

Pentecost 15- September 13, 2020



Welcome

Call to Worship

Invocation

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ELW #815

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21 *Joseph reconciles with his brothers*

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 *LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy.*

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s | holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**
³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
⁴**who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**
⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
⁶**O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**
⁷You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**
⁹you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**
¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.
¹²**As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
¹³As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12 *Accepting diversity in the community of faith*

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35 *A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith*

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon

Pastor Ale Tulu

Hymn of the Day

"Amazing Grace"

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Apostle's Creed ELW page 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 into hell. 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 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 Intercession *response: hear our prayer*

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.

Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly"

ELW #608

Benediction

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Announcements

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician: Laura Rude

Worship assistant: Millie Reierson

Reader: Glenice Johnson

OUR SYMPATHY to Chaslin Janzow on the death of her father, Paul Magner.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Millie Reierson in memory of Gordy & Jeanette Reierson.

ZION'S WEBSITE for September is sponsored by Zion memorials.

REMINDER to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us.

***Please check Zion's website for schedule updates. There may be many changes in the next weeks/months and the website will be the quickest way to keep everyone informed.**

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 8:30AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS are available for pick up outside the church office entrance.

E-BULLETIN - If you would like to be added to the emailed bulletin list, please send an email to ziontrf@mncable.net with a message to add you to the bulletin list. Bulletins are also posted on Zion's website.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Simply Giving/ Silver Creek included in all totals)

Sept 1-6 income:\$4,008.

Year to Date income January 1– Sept. 6: \$227,659.

2020 Budget \$389,621. /\$7,493. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses

MASK DISTRIBUTION – Our next giveaway will be Monday, September 14 from 2:00-4:00.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE We are moving in many areas to get some important things back in our lives safely. May God give us all strength, courage, patience and understanding as we work towards these goals, while observing the viral activity in our community. We can do it as we know we are not alone. Remember to think positive and SHARE Gods Love!

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated thru the broadcast worship on **Sept. 27th**. Home communion cups & wafers will again be available to pick up at the church. A sign-in sheet will be available for communion record.

MISSION SUNDAY is **Sept. 27th** – **“Food for the Poor”** Pastor Darrell Golnitz will be the guest speaker, sharing information on “Food for the Poor”. This interdenominational Christian ministry began in 1982 in Jamaica and serves the poor in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. They provide food, housing, health care, education, fresh water, emergency relief, and much more. Their work is built on compassion and love, bringing relief to the poorest of the poor, based on Matthew 25 which encourages us to serve the “least of these”. ***Please stop by the Zion office entry and pick up a “Food for the Poor” brochure which further describes this important mission project and an opportunity for donations.*

BACKPACK BLESSING will be held in the parking lot at 9:30-10:30 am Today for all students Pre-K - Gr. 12

REGISTRATION FORMS for Little Lambs, Pre-K, Sunday School and Confirmation are going on Zion's website and thru the Remind App.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS please register on the Google form by Sept. 23rd to get details for the Student/Parent meeting on Sept. 30.

Schedule for the week:

Today, Sept 13: 8:30 Worship Broadcast, 9:30 Backpack Blessing in Parking Lot

11:00 Dennis Bakke graveside service

Monday, Sept. 14: 2:00—4:00 Mask distribution in parking lot

Tuesday, Sept. 15: 5:15 Zoom Christian Ed/Youth Board meeting

The Semi-Annual Meeting which was to be Sept. 27th has been Cancelled.