

# Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

Pentecost 16- September 20, 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

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

ELW #763

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10--4:11**

*God’s concern for the city of Nineveh*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose,



God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

**PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8**

*The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my | God and king,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day | will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!  
There is no end | to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works | to another  
and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty  
and all your | marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,  
and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30**

*Standing firm in the gospel*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

<sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

<sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16***The parable of the vineyard workers*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**Sermon**

“DON’T JUST BE FAIR”

Pastor Ale Tulu

**Hymn of the Day**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW # 733

**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**

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW #765

**Benediction**

**Pentecost 16**  
**September 20, 2020**

**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 Reiersen

*Reader:* Kaylynn Wold

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Charlie & Kittie Cornell in memory of Don & Ruth Acheson and Bill & Alma Cornell.

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



**WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:**

- + Lincoln Eugene Dennis Fortune, son of Scott & Sarah Fortune. Sponsors are Ryan & Jody Bakke. (9/15/20)
- + Jerrold Asp, adult baptism (9/18/20)
- + Patrick Sherman, adult baptism (9/18/20)
- + Brycen Brian Gustin, son of Benjamin & Jennifer Gustin. Sponsors are Josh Tangen & Justine John (9/20/20)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** to Ida Nordvall who will reach 100 years on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Raymond & Deborah (Ford) Nelson who were married September 12, 2020.

**OUR PRAYERS TO** Irene Dosser who is hospitalized at Sanford, Fargo.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO** Richard Jorde on the death of his sister, Linda Magner.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated thru the broadcast worship on **Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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 next Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – “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.*

**MASK DISTRIBUTION – Zion's last mask giveaway is Monday, September 21, from 2:00-4:00**



As Christians we are called to be God's hands in a hurting world. Once a week since the beginning of April, Zion has shared masks with neighbors and strangers. To date it has distributed 3,537 masks, each made by women who share the belief, “I became a mask maker, because your life is worth my time.”

Zion would like to thank the countless people who have been part of the mask making mission, whether it was through Zion or TRF Mask Makers. Thousands of masks have been sewn by dedicated women and given to hospitals, nursing homes, businesses, schools and individuals. Hundreds of dollars, countless yards of fabric, thread and elastic, and hundreds of hours have been donated to this effort. You are truly God's hands in a hurting time. May He bless you all. (Masks are still available. Call the church office or Darlene at 681-1047)

**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!

**REGISTRATION FORMS** for Little Lambs, Pre-K, Sunday School and Confirmation are on Zion's website and thru the Remind App. Please register by Sept. 23rd.

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

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

**\*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](http://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](mailto: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 7-13 income:\$2,984.

Year to Date income January 1– Sept. 13: \$230,643.

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

**Schedule for the week:**

**Today, Sept 20:** 8:30 Worship Broadcast, Holy Communion will be celebrated

**Monday, Sept. 21:** 2:00—4:00 Mask distribution in parking lot

**Friday, Sept. 25:** 3PM Baptism

**Saturday, Sept. 26:** Beito/Joppru Wedding, offsite

**Sunday, Sept 27:** 8:30 Broadcasts; Mission Sunday, Holy Communion

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

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