

Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches
Pentecost 17 - Holy Communion - Mission Sunday
September 27, 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

“This is My Song”

ELW #887

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:1-7

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²O mortal, propound a riddle, and speak an allegory to the house of Israel. ³Say: Thus says the Lord GOD: A great eagle, with great wings and long pinions, rich in plumage of many colors, came to the Lebanon. He took the top of the cedar, ⁴broke off its topmost shoot; he carried it to a land of trade, set it in a city of merchants. ⁵Then he took a seed from the land, placed it in fertile soil; a plant by abundant waters, he set it like a willow twig. ⁶It sprouted and became a vine spreading out, but low; its branches turned toward him, its roots remained where it stood. So it became a vine; it brought forth branches, put forth foliage. ⁷There was another great eagle, with great wings and much plumage. And see! This vine stretched out its roots toward him; it shot out its branches toward him, so that he might water it. From the bed where it was planted. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: PSALM 78:1-4,12-16

¹Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

³things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

⁴**We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.**

¹²In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

¹³**He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.**

¹⁴In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.

¹⁵**He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.**

¹⁶He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:23-32*A parable of doing God's will*

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Children's Message**Message** "Doing the Will of God...Got Any Compassion?"

Pastor Darrel Golnitz

Hymn of the Day*"A Time to Serve"**(tune Children of the Heavenly Father)*

Jesus hears his children crying.
Sees them hungry, lost, and dying;
Who will comfort all their sorrows?
Who will brighten their tomorrows?

Jesus pleads with us to reach them
With our gifts of love, and teach them
That the kindness we are giving
Is the Christian's way of living

When we aid the poor and lonely,
We're not caring for them only;
When our love some suff'ring eases,
We have done the same for Jesus.

Rise and follow! He will lead us;
Heed the cries of those who need us!
And when life has ended for us.
Heaven's glories lie before us.

When we join our Savior's service,
He will strengthen and preserve us;
He will guide our daily living,
And He'll bless the love we're giving.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came

down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

Words of Institution

The Song

Congregation: We share this food together, rememb'ring Christ;
we share a common treasure and know the price;
we share it without measure, a gift of love;
we share our life forever, with God above.

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Communion Distribution *(prepared home communion)*

Song after Communion "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" # 204

Prayer after Communion Response: Amen.

Hymn "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW #712

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 Reiersen

Reader: Madison Crane

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Mary Ann Lofberg in memory of her husband, Gary; and parents: Roman and Marie Didier and Art and Eileen Lofberg.

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

WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:

 Addison Lee Henningsen, daughter of Alex & Kristen Henningsen. Her sponsors are Allison & Brandon Lang, Allie Henningsen, Dustin Vickerman. (9/25/20)

CONGRATULATIONS to Jacob & Brooke (Beito) Joppru who were married yesterday.

OUR SYMPATHY TO Deb Fulton whose mother Delores Aune passed away in late August.

OUR SYMPATHY TO the family and friends of Patrick Sherman.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated thru the broadcast worship this morning. Please have your home communion prepared to commune together.

Food For The Poor does much more than feed millions of individuals. We drill life-giving water for those who otherwise wouldn't have clean drinking water; we provide life saving medical care; we build homes for families without adequate shelter; we provide skills training and micro-enterprise opportunities that enable the poor to work; and we give children an education that will enable them to break free from the cycle of poverty that has ensnared generations. Today, Pr. Darrell D. Gohnitz, Lutheran (ELCA) Pastor, will deliver the Message: "Doing the Will of God...Got Any Compassion?" You will be invited to participate in this ministry through a special offering. Envelopes are available in the church entry.

MASK DISTRIBUTION – Going Out of Business Sale Reducing Inventory! One last mask giveaway! Monday, September 28, 2:00-4:00 Come get your masks while they last!!!

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

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS Student/Parent meeting Wednesday, Sept. 30 viz Zoom. Link will be sent to the email on registration. 8th grade meeting at 6:30 PM, 9th & 10th grade meeting at 7:30 PM.

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. 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 7-14-21 income:\$6,530.

Year to Date income January 1– Sept. 21: \$237,173.

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

Schedule for the week:

Today, Sept 27: 8:30 Worship Broadcast, Holy Communion will be celebrated

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Confirmation Kick off Zoom meetings

6:30 8th grade

7:30 9th & 10th grades

Saturday, October 3: Graveside service for Dorothy Jury

Sunday, October 4: 8:30 In-person worship; Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio

9:30 Online Sunday School classes

10:00 Silver Creek In-person Worship

11:00 2nd Grade Bible Class on Zoom

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