

Zion Lutheran Church

Pentecost 18- October 4, 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 Father’s World”

ELW #824

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 *The song of the vineyard*

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry! *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15

Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**

you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹You cleared the | ground for it;

it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered | by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea

and its branches | to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,**

so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O | God of hosts,**

look | down from heaven;

¹⁵behold and | tend this vine;

preserve what your right | hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 *Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ*

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and

straining forward to what lies ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

The parable of the vineyard owner's son

[Jesus said to the people:]³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon

Pastor Ale Tulu

Hymn of the Day

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

ELW # 686

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

Hymn

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679

Benediction

Pentecost 18
October 4, 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: Phyllis Dalager

Worship assistant: Millie Reiersen

Reader: Dan Bartsch

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Marie Engen in memory of Ron Engen.

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

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Dorothy Jury whose burial was held yesterday.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE Thank You to our Parish Planning Committee/Council for working hard over the last six months with the goal to bring us back to worship in person and do it with everyone's safety being considered. There are many challenges they have had to work through to accomplish this goal. We need your help in making this sustainable. It is important that each and everyone of us help slow the spread of Covid-19. We can do this: 1. Stay 6 feet away from others 2. Wash or Sanitize your hands often....REALLY OFTEN 3. Wear a mask in church and businesses to keep them open as well as in public buildings or outside in crowds 4. Stay home if you are ill. Some parish members may not feel comfortable returning yet or some members cannot wear a mask. If this is the situation we prayerfully ask you to join in on the great Radio/TV broadcast until we can make changes. You are all with us always! We can do this as we know we are not alone. May God give us all strength, courage, patience and understanding as we move forward, observing the viral spread and reacting appropriately. Think positive and share Gods Love!

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

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.

Holy Communion will be celebrated October 11th at 8:30 worship. Home communion may be picked up at Zion during the week for those worshipping from home.

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

Sept 21-27 income:\$2,575.

Sept 1-30 income: \$17,042.

Year to Date income January 1– Sept 30: \$240,693.

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

Schedule for the week:

Today, Oct 4: 8:30 in person Worship/Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio

9:30 Online Sunday School begins

10:00 Silver Creek in-person worship, Holy communion

Wednesday, October 7:

Confirmation Classes 8-10:"Next Faithful Move" Virtual Worship 7-8PM A link will be emailed to students

6PM—11th Grade Confirmation meeting at Zion

Sunday, October 11: 8:30 In-person worship/Holy communion; Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio

9:30 Online Sunday School classes

10:00 Silver Creek In-person Worship

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Office Phone: 681-3296 *Fax:* 681-3048

Alemayehu Tulu, *Associate Pastor* 681-1866 alezion@mncable.net

Linda Hamrick, *Office Manager* ziontrf@mncable.net; Tiffany Sterry & David Lee, *Custodial*

Madison Crane, *Youth & Family Ministries* rzyouthfam@gmail.com; Sandy Knutson, *Parish Nurse*