

# Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

## Pentecost 14- September 6, 2020

Welcome

### Call to Worship

Invocation Pastor Ale Tulu

### 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

“Earth and All Stars”

ELW #731

### Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-11** *The prophet's responsibility to warn the people*

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*



**PSALM: PSALM 119:33-40**

*I desire the path of your commandments.*

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of | your commandments,  
for that is | my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-14**

*Live honorably as in the day*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20**

*Reconciliation in the community of faith*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

<sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**Sermon**

**You are Forever in Debt**

Pastor Ale Tulu

**Hymn of the Day**

“O God of Mercy, God of Light”

ELW # 714

**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 Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW #712

**Benediction**

Pentecost 14

September 6, 2020

Announcements

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**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:* Chet Camp

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**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Dale & Mavis Newton in memory of Loved Ones.

**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](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)

Aug 24-30 income: \$2,274.

August 1-31 income: \$26,584.

Year to Date income January 1– August 31: \$223,650.

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

**MASK DISTRIBUTION** – We gave away 314 masks on Monday bringing the total to 3,537 masks. We will not have a giveaway on Monday of Labor Day weekend. Our next giveaway will be Monday, September 14 from 2:00-4:00.

**FROM THE PARISH NURSE** Labor Day is arriving. To all our labor force; this includes everyone in many different types of work, workers present and in the past, along with our students young and old working hard to get a good education. We want to let you know that you all are valued and the work you do or did is greatly appreciated. May God's Love surround this work every day! Have a peaceful Labor Day!

**Backpack Blessing will be held in the parking lot at 9:30-10:30 am Sept. 13th for all students Pre-K - Gr. 12**

**Schedule for the week:**

**Monday, Sept 7:** Labor Day—Church/Offices closed

**Tuesday, Sept 8:** 7 PM Zion Council meeting

**Wednesday, Sept 9:** 2PM Family graveside service for Helen Wysocki; 8PM Silver Creek Council meeting

**Saturday, Sept 12:** Raymond Nelson & Deborah Ford Wedding

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

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