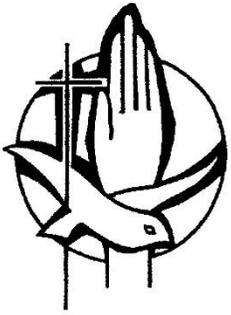


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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask an usher or council member for one and they will show you how to use it.

Prelude – Bell

Gathering

P- Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship.

C- The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed. Ps. 146:7

P- It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

C- The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed. Ps. 146:7

Gathering Hymn – Praise & Thanksgiving ELW 689

Verse 1

Praise and thanksgiving
Father we offer
For all things living
You have made good
Harvest of sown fields
Fruits of the orchard

Hay from the mown fields
Blossom and wood

Verse 2

Lord bless the labour
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbour
We may be fed
Sowing or tilling
We would work with You
Harvesting milling
For daily bread

Verse 3

Father providing
Food for Your children
Your wisdom guiding
Teaches us share
One with another
So that rejoicing
Sister and brother
May know Your care

Verse 4

Then will Your blessing
Reach every people
Each one confessing
Your gracious hand
When You are reigning
No one will hunger
Your love sustaining
Fruitful the land

Confession & Forgiveness

As you are able, please stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as pastor begins.

P- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

C- Amen

P- Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P- God of mercy and forgiveness,

C- we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen

P- Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C- Amen

**Children's Time – Sharing is at the Heart of Stewardship:
Sharing the Time, Talent and Treasure God has given us.**

**Children's Church – *Children's Church is for children between the
ages of 2 and 6. They will be supervised in the basement by great***

guides. They will do crafts, maybe a video, and a Bible lesson. They will return to us during the offering.

Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Lector— The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have

forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealth will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 146 - Praise for God's Help

Read responsively.

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

1st Timothy 6:6-19

Lector – Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich. Paul writes:

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can

take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- O God, rich in mercy,

C- you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that only comes

**from you, through you Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

P- Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but as old as Moses and the prophets. Jesus spoke the parable of **The Rich Man and Lazarus**:

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ” The Gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Lord! Please be seated.

Special Music – *Faith of Our Father - by the Men’s Choir*

Message - Sharing is at the Heart of Stewardship: Sharing the Time, Talent and Treasure that God has given us.

When we consider the rich man in fine linen of today’s parable, it is easy to picture the superrich elites who are so visible in the public eye. However, when we truly consider the global economy, most of our people in our churches have more in common with the rich man than with Lazarus. The website givingwhatwecan.org has a quick “How Rich Are You?” calculator. You may be surprised to learn that a family of four in the US earning \$60,000 per year is in the richest 8 percent of global population (roughly 54,000,000 out of 7,975,105,156).

Offering Hymn – O God of Mercy, God of Light ELW 714

1 O God of mercy, God of light,
in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you.

2 You sent your Son to die for all,
that our lost world might hear your call;
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
We rest our hope in you.

3 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
to feel for those his blood has bought,
that ev'ry deed and word and thought
may work a work for you.

4 For all are kindred, both far and wide,
since Jesus Christ for all has died;
grant us the will, and grace provide,
to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;

may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

Offering Prayer

*As you are able, please
stand.*

P- Gracious God,

**C- in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ. Amen**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker 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 to the dead.

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 the Church – *When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy” please respond with “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.**

Announcements in the Life of Our Church

Blessing & Dismissal

P- God who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the Holy Trinity, + one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C – Amen.

P- Go in peace. With Christ beside you.

C- Thanks be to God! ZION...a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn – Take My Life, that I May Be ELW 685

*1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.*

*4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.*

*5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

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Special Music..... Men's
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Acolytes..... Hudson Fikar, Jayden
Wiese
Reader.....Kelly
Lenners
Greeter.....Dave & Karla Holland and James & Kelly
Lenners
Breakfast Club.....Linda
Blackwell
Children's Church.....Heather Hippen & Allison
Lane

Vital Statistics

Church Attendance 151 Giving 4209.00

Sunday School 74 Giving 54.25

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

Movie Night at Fuller Park 7:30 pm

Monday

Meal Prep for Warrens Table -Parish Hall 5 pm

Quartet Practice 7:30 pm (singing Oct 2nd)

NO Men's Choir

Wednesday

7th & 8th Confirmation 6pm

THURSDAY

Ladies Aid

Freeman SB vs Centennial

JV 5 pm Varsity 6:30pm

NEXT Sunday

Sunday School 8:45

Breakfast Club/Adult SS 9am

Worship/Communion/Baptism 10am

Mission Sunday/Dedication LWR

Quilts and School Kits

Helping out Next Sunday

Acolytes: Nicole Davison, Avery Busboom

Lector: Dorothy Trauernicht

Greeters: Council

Children's Church: Need Volunteers

Breakfast Club: Iris Wiese

September Table Troop: Linda & Robert Ideus, Les & Mert Rademacher, Don Schuster, John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers

October Table Troop: John & Marcia Busboom, Doug & Rhonda Dorn, Gary Wiese, Duane & Janice Parde

October Altar Guild: Susan Newman, Lorene Wallman, Sandy Meints, Marcella Rademacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask that you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the unity room. We are so glad you are here!

Zion's Phone service/fax has been disconnected. To contact the Church, you can contact Pastor Jerry @ 402-404-0494 or Karen Gilbreath 402-661-9362

HANDICAP PARKING - We encourage you to reserve parking between the parsonage and the north doors for those joining us with mobility difficulties. Thank you! ~ The Church Council

Our sympathies to the family of Lavern Parde who passed away on Wednesday at the Beatrice Hospital. Funeral will be here at Zion on Tuesday, September 27 at 10:30.

Zion's Phone Directory Update!

To be honest, whenever we print a new, updated phone directory it is already obsolete due to missed changes of address, cell phone numbers, disconnected landlines, and additions to family. Please contact Karen Gilbreath at 402-661-9362 by call or text, with those changes that keep Zion's Phone Directory current and fresh. Thank you!

Movie Night at Fuller Park Zion's Movie Ministry is looking forward to an evening in the park! We will be watching the movie "The Great Outdoors". Come join us **TONIGHT** September 25 @ 7:30 at the tabernacle at Fuller Park. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and we will provide the popcorn, pop and water.

Zion is updating the Time & Talent sheets. Through Covid these have become outdated. Please use this link (<https://forms.gle/NdZ4VCwHjuFax7388>) or scan the QR code with your phone to complete your time and talent sheet or grab a copy in the entry ways or see a council member for your copy.



Our Contemporary service is led by our praise team and musicians Janelle on keyboard and Derek on guitar. We would love to add to our group a bass guitar and drummer with trap set talent or if someone has another instrument talent they would like to add. Anyone that would want to share those talents with us, we would love to have you!! Age doesn't matter! If you need more info join us on a practice on Sunday in the loft @ 8:45am (check calendar) or visit with Janelle 402.806.3410. As always, voices are always welcome too!

FARM FRESH EGGS! Donny and Gayle Schuster have eggs for sale in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will go to future projects. It is a free will offering with a suggested donation of \$3.00 minimum. Thank you!



Mission Sunday + Blessing of the LWR Quilt & School Kits 10 am Sunday, October 2, 2022

Beatrice Community Food Pantry Karen Mains will be our guest speaker for Mission Sunday. All the offering will go to Beatrice Community Food Pantry

unless designated otherwise. Karen Mains said the food pantry is short of many items. A list of these items is as follows if anyone would like to buy and drop off at the food pantry in Beatrice or bring to Church October 2nd. Food the pantry is running short of are soups, juices, crackers, spaghetti sauce, pudding & jello, condiments, green beans & corn, jelly, hamburger or tuna helper, shampoo, bar soap and canned pasta.

October 30th Fifth Sunday offering is designated to Zion's Endowment account.

Welcome to Karen Gilbreath, who will be assuming the position for Zion's secretary. Please contact Karen for bulletin announcements, and/or newsletter articles.

Good Neighbor & New Member Recognition Sunday 10 am
October 9, 2022 These

people have come to us from other congregations and have had their membership transferred into our community of faith.

Jacob & Nicole Behrends, and Jake, Carson & Henry
Hayden & Madison Frost and son, Lane
Jon & Emily Gronewold and Ada
Brooke Mason & Daniel Barr
Ray & Deborah Rinne, and Reagan & Colt
Sharla Wendeln, Debreigh and Aceson

Please welcome these new members of Zion Lutheran Church joining with us in worshiping God, hearing his Word and sharing supper, proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

THANK YOU'S Best wishes to Britan Meints following her resignation as church secretary to be able to spend more time with their growing family. Thank you for your dedication and help the last few months. God's Blessing to you and your family. ~ Church Council

A huge thank you to Alex for his help in getting the Praise Team set up with the new sound and to council for working with us in getting us all in one space!

Thank you for the \$500.00 donation to our Beatrice Teammates chapter. The gift will be used to support our mentors and youth with games, crafts and fun activities in school. Thanks again!
Christian Lyons, Co-Coordinator

Zion Lutheran is updating our photo directory.

Camille Dorn, of Camille Dorn Photography, will be offering mini sessions at Zion for \$40 which include the photo session and access to your online gallery with 10 photos to download and print.

Sessions will be offered on: Sunday: October 2, 11:20 - 12:20
Tuesday: October 4,



5:00 - 6:00

Sunday, October 9, 11:20 - 12:20

Sunday: October 23, 11:20 - 12:20

Wednesday: October 26, 5:30 - 6:30

Sunday: October 30, 11:20 - 12:20

Please use this

link (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-6y3cPPayahO2t5U0Zb-5HWTETudNUv6OdA5Gdm2n2s/edit>) or the attached QR code to register online.

You can also register by signing up on the signup sheet in the welcome center.

We are planning to accept other photos with copyright permission for use by the photographer.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our confirmation service project with **Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Inc.** organization is **6 p.m. Wednesday, October 5th 2022!**

We will walk the roads leading to Zion picking up items (like a pickup hitch to electric weed eaters) along with trash of all kinds that somehow accumulates along our roadside ditches. **Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Inc.** provides trash bags, gloves, safety vests, roadside warning signs plus \$50 a mile cleaned by confirmation students and their parents. Many of our parents often sit in their car as they wait for the hour of class to end, **NOW** you can get **30 minutes of walking exercise!**

Parental supervision is important as we walk both roadside ditches back to the church. **Adults** have a better awareness of possible hazards like passing traffic.

The menu for that evening will be burgers, hotdogs, hamburger & coney buns, ketchup & mustard, pickles & onion, variety of individual chips, Gatorade & bottled water, and cookies for dessert! What I need is a ballpark number of people to feed that night. I know we have **twenty confirmands** plus Cindy, Marcia, Connie, Karen and I (5), but I need to know a rough number of parents/adults that will be part of this community service. I also am inviting the church council so they can get to know better our confirmation students and parents.

Last year we walked six miles of roads leading to Zion which raised \$300 and that money goes to pay expenses for the next Confirmation Sunday (Sunday, April 30, 2023). Expenses like robe rental, flowers, photographer, etc. What is important is that the **PRIDE** of community service goes into the hearts and minds of both our confirmation kids and parents. We have been lucky weather-wise the past four years with sunshine and mild breezes. I hope and pray this continues weather-wise. God bless!

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Gold Crest –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

Homestead House – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman, Evelyn Meints

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman