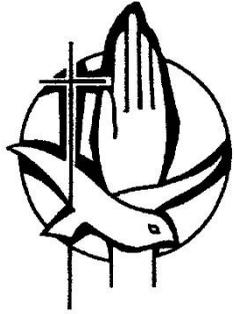


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.”*



## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 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**

*Hospitality and hosting are major themes throughout the summer lectionary. Jesus sends his disciples out to preach the gospel, instructing them to be guests in the homes of others. What can it mean that God chooses to act in the role of guest and calls on believers to do the same?*

### Gathering

P- Invited and inviting—that is the nature if the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s table.

**C- Praise the Lord!** Psalm 112:1

P- When by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue you among us, the church can be more inviting still!

**C- Praise the Lord!** Psalm  
112:1

**Gathering Hymn – You Servants of God** ELW 825

### 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, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C- Amen**

P- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P- Merciful God,

**C- we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before our self, we long to take the best seat at the table. When we meet those in need, we too often pass by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen**

P- Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting us pardon and peace. In the name of Jesus + Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are set free to love as God loves.

**C- Amen**

### Children’s Time – Attitude Check

P- Hey Zion, attitude check!

**C- Praise the Lord!**

P- And all God’s children said?

**C-A...men!**

## Readings

### Proverbs 25:6-7

Lector – *The book of Proverbs, is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. In today's reading, the writer warns about the sin of pride, proclaiming that God will utterly overthrow the proud.*

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. Here ends this reading.

### Psalm 112, Blessings of the Righteous - *Read responsively.*

Praise the LORD!

**Happy are those who fear the LORD,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.**

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
**and their righteousness endures forever.**

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
**they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**  
It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
**who conduct their affairs with justice.**

For the righteous will never be moved;

**they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings;

**their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.**

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;

**in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

**their righteousness endures forever;**

**their horn is exalted in honor.**

The wicked see it and are angry;

**they gnash their teeth and melt away;**

**the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

### Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Lector – *The conclusion to the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

### Service Well-Pleasing to God

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake

you.’ So we can say with confidence,  
“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Here ends this reading.

### **Prayer of the Day**

*As you are able, please stand.*

P- O God,

**C- you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **Gospel – Luke 14:1, 7-14**

P- Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God’s gracious hospitality to those in need.

### **Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

### **Humility and Hospitality**

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. **“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place’, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

[Jesus] said also to the one who had invited him, **“When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Message – Why the Attitude?**

Last Sunday I asked, “How often in our lives do we **slouch** in our Christian faith?” And my answer to that question was, “**Slouch** is another word for **hunch** and **slouch** means, “to stand, move, or sit in a lazy, drooping way” ...so if you are a **slouching** in your Christian faith **stand up straight right now!**” This Sunday I ask, “Why the attitude?”

### **Offering Hymn – God of Grace, God of Glory** ELW 705

#### **Offering Prayer**

*As you are able, please stand.*

P- God of abundance,

**C- you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**

**As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all  
in Jesus’ name. 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. *Please be seated.*

### Announcements in the Life of Our Church

#### Blessing & Dismissal

*As you are able, please stand.*

P- The God of peace,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and comfort,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

#### **C\_Amen.**

P- Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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

**Sending Hymn – Have No Fear, Little Flock** ELW 764

**Pastor Jer's phone number – 402-404-0494**  
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Gilbreath  
Organist..... Alnora Daubendiek  
Acolytes..... London Meints,  
Kameron Riha  
Reader..... Stan Lenner

#### **Vital Statistics**

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#### **This Week**

Worship 9 am

#### **NEXT Sunday**

Worship 9 am

## **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!

**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

**BACK TO SCHOOL SALES HAVE BEGUN....** So lets talk Lutheran world relief school kits! 2022 goal-100 kits! Greatest needs.. 400-70 sheet notebooks wide/college ruled 500-Black/Blue ballpoint pens ( no gel ink) Other needs: 100 Rulers, 80 Blunt scissors, 100 16/24 count crayons

**Men's Choir practice on Monday August 29 at 7 o' clock.** It has been a difficult year losing 3 faithful members. We would love to have new members join us.

## **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!*

**The Current Elevator Balance due is approximately \$9,000.**

**We will start having greeters on Sunday Mornings again! Greeters will begin on Rally Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Praise Team** is excited to regroup and begin leading worship music this fall! We will begin practice Sunday morning September 11th @ 8:45 am in the choir loft. Anyone that would like to share your talent of singing with the group or join our musicians, we would love to have you!

**Mark your Calendars!** The WELCA General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Election of officers will be held and refreshments will be served. All women are invited!

**Zion's Phone service has been cancelled. To contact the Church you can contact Pastor Jerry @ 402-404-0494 or Britan Meints @ 308-730-0599**

**Movie Night at Fuller Park** Zion's Movie Ministry is looking forward to an evening in the park! Come join us Sunday September 25 @ 7:30

**Please Join us for fellowship after church in the fellowship room!**

### **Helping out Next Sunday**

**Acolytes:** Cale Behrens, Bella Buhr

**Reader:** Sandy Meints

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

**September Altar Guild:** Rhonda Fossler, Linda Ideus, DeAnn Oltman, Karen Gilbreath, Annette Wiese

### **SHUT INS**

**Gold Crest** –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

**Homestead House** – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman

**Whispering Winds Cottage** – LaVern Parde

**Our Homes Assisted Living** – Randy Oltman