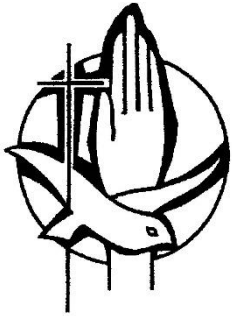


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

August 14, 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- The Word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history.

C- Arise, O God, and rule the earth. Psalm 82:8

P- Today in worship we are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses.” We are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

C- Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

Psalm 82:8

Gathering Hymn – Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult ELW 696

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Lane Andrew Frost

Children’s Time – *Most of us, including children, carry a fondness for those who have shaped our lives and faith--parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, Sunday school teachers, teachers, church council members, pastors, and even the people we regularly sit next to in worship. They are also a great cloud of witnesses that cheer you on in life. The Christian Wave!*

Readings

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Lector – *Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God’s judgment, he suffers rejection. Today’s reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat: the other like worthless straw.*

“Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?” Here ends this reading.

Psalm 82 - *Read responsively.*

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:
“How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, “You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.”

Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Lector – *The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

The Example of Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- O God, judge eternal,

C- you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal of truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Gospel – Luke 12:49-56

P- Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

Jesus the Cause of Division

[The Lord answered:] **“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:**

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Interpreting the Time

He also said to the crowds, **“When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message – Tough Talk from Jesus! C.S. Lewis gives a great summary of today's Hebrews text in **Mere Christianity**: “I didn't go to religion to make happy. I always knew a bottle of Port would do that. If you want religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity.”

Offering Hymn - Break Now the Bread of Life ELW 515

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 – Take My Life and Let It Be ELW 685

*Church council will usher out from the back to the front in order to
maintain social distancing.*

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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 g0al-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 August 22 and 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.

Congratulations Lane Andrew Frost on your baptism. May God bless you and your family. Sponsored by: Hailey McAreavey, Jack McAreavey, Madysin Frost, Like Hesterman. Parents: Hayden and Madison Frost.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed to benefit the many children's programs in our community of Beatrice, THIS Sunday, August 14th, 7:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St. Beatrice. Adults \$9, children (to age 12) \$5 at the door. Children 3 and under eat free!

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!

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

Helping out Next Sunday

Acolytes: Cale Behrens, Kyson Kolm

Reader: Marcia Busboom

August Table Troop: Duane Zulauf, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Jeff Busboom, Doug Parde, Steve Gronewold, Stan Lenner, Mary Lenner, Al Wiese.

August Altar Guild: Dorothy Trauernicht, Rose Gronewold, Cindy Jurgens, Carrie Reed, Janet Harms

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Gold Crest –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

Homestead House – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman

Whispering Winds Cottage – LaVern Parde

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman