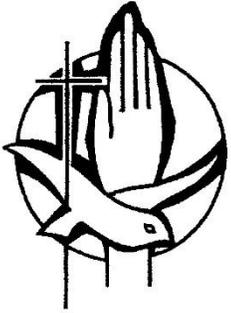


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement



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

Praise Team – Contemporary Service

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion

September 18, 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

The terms traditional, contemporary and blended are better used in the context of musical instrumentation and orchestration. To use a pipe organ as a tool to lead worship would probably place you in the traditional

category. To use a Hammond B-3 in your worship would probably place you in the contemporary category and if your church has a band, you would be considered contemporary.

Gathering

P- As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought for a price.

C- **The Lord lifts the poor from the ashes.** Psalm

113:7

P- “Christ Jesus, himself human,...gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

C- The Lord lifts the poor from the ashes. Psalm

113:7

**Gathering Song – Jesus Name
Above All Names**

Verse 1

Jesus name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word

Verse 2

Jesus loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches Son of God
Prince of Peace Wonderful
Counselor
Lord of the universe Light of the
world

Verse 3

Jesus Way of salvation
King of Kings, Lord of
Lords
The way the truth, and the Life

Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

Jesus, Name Above All Names

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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.

Children's Time – God Gives and Forgives

In Jesus's gospel parable there is a manager who forgives debts.

Who else does that? We do and

God does—if we believe the words we pray each week

("Forgive us **our debts** as we

forgive **our debtors**,” which is the most literal translation of the Lord’s Prayer.

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 8:4-7

Lector– *Amos was called by God*

to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over

so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small
and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false
balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of
sandals,
and selling the sweepings of
the wheat.”

The LORD has sworn by the pride
of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of
their deeds. Here ends this
reading.

Psalm 113 - God the Helper of the Needy

Read responsively.

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time on and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous

mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

1st Timothy 2:1-7

Lector – The pastoral epistles (letters) offer insight into how the early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus. Paul writes to Timothy:

Instructions concerning Prayer

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,

intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- God among us,

C- we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

Gospel – Luke 16:1-13

P- Jesus tells a curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him,

“What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A

hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may

welcome you into the eternal homes.”

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You

cannot serve God and wealth.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message – God Gives and Forgives

The dishonest manager is one of the more puzzling characters in Jesus’ parables, yet we may learn more from this parable if we can resist the tendency to reduce it to an allegory.

In Jesus’s gospel parable there is a manager who forgives debts. Who else does that? We do and

God does—if we believe the words we pray each week (“Forgive us **our debts** as we forgive **our debtors**,” which is the most literal translation of the Lord’s Prayer.

Offering Song – You Are My All in All

Verse 1

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l

Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Verse

2

Men: Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all

Women: When I fall down You
pick me up

When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
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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

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the
Father,
God from God, Light from
Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from**

heaven,

**was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius
Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was
buried.**

**On the third day he rose
again**

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church – *When the pastor says, “Lord in your*

*mercy” please respond by singing
“O Lord hear our prayer we
offer up to you: O Lord hear
our prayer.”*

Words of Institution - Song of Consecration

*Please join in singing the final
verse in bold print.*

The night of his betrayal, our Lord
took bread.

He broke it as he blest it, and
then he said,

“My body broken for you...is what
this means;

remember now my children what
you have seen!”

And then he took the chalice and
raised it high,

“*My* blood is given for you, a full
supply...

a covenant, a promise...a
cleansing stream;

remember now my children what
you have seen!”

**We share this food together,
remem’bring**

Christ:

**we share a common treasure
and know the price;**

**we share it without measure...a
gift of love;**

we share our life forever, with

God above!

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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.**

Invitation to Communion

**P- Christ invites you to this table.
Come taste and see.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

We will be doing communion at the rail for those able to come forward to partake. Please follow the usher's directions and maintain social distancing. A team will bring communion to those unable to come forward. For those who prefer the individual communion package, we have it available in the entryways.

Song During Communion - All Are Welcome

Chorus

All are welcome, friend and
stranger
At the banquet of the Savior
All are welcome, all are welcome

Verse 1

From the woman who comes
crying
Leaving tears at Jesus feet
To the man who knows the right
way but cannot see (chorus)

Verse 2

From the ones who feel forgotten
Those who sense their place is
gone
To the ones who live hunger,

Here you belong (chorus)

Verse 3

Go into the streets and cities

To the farms and families

Tell about the splendid table

Gods' mercy (chorus 2 x)

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Grace Alone

Verse 1

Ev'ry promise we can make
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry mountain we will climb
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone

Verse 2

Ev'ry soul we long to reach
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach

Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry loving word we say
Ev'ry tear we wipe away
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
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Prayer after Holy Communion

P- God of the abundant table,

**C- you have refreshed our
hearts in this**

meal

with bread for the journey.

**Give us your grace on the road
that we may serve our**

neighbors with joy;

for the sake of Jesus' name.

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 Song – Sending - Shout to the Lord

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

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Vital Statistics

Attendance 259
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Giving

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Monday

LWR Blanket Sewing 9am-3pm

Quartet Practice 6:30pm

Men's Choir Monday 7 pm

(Men's Choir sings Sunday 25th)

TUESDAY

LWR Blanket Sewing 9am-3pm

Wednesday

7th & 8th Confirmation 6pm

THURSDAY

6:30 Freeman SB Freeman Varsity v

NEXT Sunday

Sunday School 8:45

Breakfast Club/Adult SS 9am

Worship 10am

Helping out Next Sunday

**Acolytes: Hudson Fikar,
Jayden Wiese**

Reader: Kelly Lenner

**Greeters: James & Kelly
Lenners,**

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

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

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!

LWR Blanket Assembly: The blankets made for Lutheran World Relief go all over the world,

including Ukraine. No sewing ability or experience is necessary. If you use a stick pin, tie knots and even iron you can help make a blanket and enjoy a day, or part of a day of fellowship. We will meet in the Parish Hall basement on September 19 & 20 from 9 to 3. Come for a few hours or the day (bring a lunch). You can also volunteer to make a top or tie a blanket outside of these days. You can also arrange a group to assemble blanket(s) at another time. If you have questions, please contact Karen

Gilbreath (402) 661-9362 or
Denise Schlake-Ideus at (402)
806-2236.

Spend an Evening Tying LWR Blankets: On Wednesday, September 21st 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall, spend an evening in fellowship with others while tying LWR blankets. No sewing experience needed. We will just be tying knots with heavy crochet thread in blankets that have already been sewn together. Contact Karen or Denise if you have questions.

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 Sunday 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.

**The quartet will practice at 6:30
on Monday the 19th**

Men's Choir Practice on
Monday, September 19th 7 pm
and They will be singing in
church on Sunday, September
25th

CONFIRMATION SERVICE
PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

About four years ago, Connie

Thornburg organized our first confirmation service project with **Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Inc.** organization. **This year's fall confirmation community service project is 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 5th 2022!**

We will walk the roads leading to Zion picking up items (like q 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. **Parental participation** provides vehicles that drop off and pick up our walkers and bags of trash. And **ALL** this happens in about **30**

minutes start to finish. The amount of trash is then weighed (or calculated by Pr. Jer's expert eye) and reported to **Keep Beatrice Beautiful. Inc.**

I plan on grilling supper that night on my pellet grill for our group and I say "thank you" to Lynette Dorn for securing a Thrivent \$250 Action Grant for the food. 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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Marie Schoen

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