

Zion Lutheran Church

10 am Worship – September 11, 2022

Community News & Announcements

1. Sunset Cruise – We will set sail again on Monday Evening, September 12th @ 6pm. Tix see/call Judy Wyckoff 609-618-6533 or Sally – 609-494-7345.

2. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

– This annual celebration of service in the Lutheran Church throughout our country will take place on September 11th. All interested in serving September 11th will meet at the church at Noon to go to the Family Promise Center, just south on Rt. 9. Bring old clothes, work gloves and your generous heart!



Greetings and Welcome to our worshippers at home!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. *(Silence)*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

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.

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. **Amen.**

HYMN: #886 – Oh, For a 1000 Tongues to Sing!

Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 51:1-10

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**²Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my
wickedness.

**¹⁰Create in me a clean
heart, O God,
and renew a right
spirit within me.**





Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-10 – Glory to You, O Lord!

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

REFLECTIONS

HYMN: #697 – Just A Closer Walk With Thee

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. (*A brief silence.*)

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. **As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. We pray for the people of the Ukraine and Russia. Remember us in your mercy. **Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.**

Lord Jesus, You seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide healing for all who are sick, especially – NAMES ARE READ ALOUD.

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. **Build up the ministries of our community that we may continue to serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger into our midst.**

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives. **Bring your comfort to all of us who mourn.**



Gathered together in the communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Offertory

Prayer: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

WE REMEMBER ON THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS DIED...

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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come to the Table of the Lord.

[Ushers will escort you to the Communion Rail to receive.

After receiving the wafer,

(GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE)

*you will be able to take a small cup of wine (red) or
grape juice (white) from a tray.*

Deposit the empty cup in the basket. Then return to your seat.]

OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD



Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

HYMN: #883 – All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Dismissal - Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

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“God calls us to share our faith in Christ with the community in all seasons.”