

Zion Lutheran Church

10 am Worship – September
18, 2022

Community News &
Announcements

**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: #756 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save!

Prayer of the Day

God among us, 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.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "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,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

**²Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.

**⁴The Lord is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the Lord our God,
 who sits enthroned on high,
⁶**but stoops to behold**
the heavens and the earth?

⁷The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust
 and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,**
with the rulers of the people.

⁹**The Lord makes the woman of a childless house**
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!



A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 8: 23-27 **– Glory to You, O Lord!**

²³And when Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got

up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

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

REFLECTIONS

HYMN: #749 – O God of Love, O King of Peace

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.*)

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, Sunday School Teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters, Family Promise of Southern Ocean County and our local Food Pantry. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember by name all who are in need today. (Names are read aloud)

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet 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: #722 – O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

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.”