

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Tim & Rita Sheldon in memory of Rita's grandmother Louis Kern.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Tim & Rita Sheldon in memory of their Loved Ones.

Zion's 3rd Annual Oktoberfest was a great success! We thank God for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship, and for providing blue skies with no rain! Thanks to all the folks who helped with planning and site preparation in the days prior to the event, who set-up and served during the event, and who cleaned up tirelessly afterwards. This event couldn't have happened without the Lord working through each of you! Finally, a big thank you to our local business sponsors who donated generously to our event. When you visit these businesses, please be sure to thank the manager/owner for their support of Zion's Oktoberfest fundraiser! This year's sponsors include: Armstrong's Restaurant/Armstrong's Express, Bee'z Restaurant, Northwest Savings Bank, Shop N Save (Washington Pike store), Tambellini Bridgeville Restaurant, and Warchol Funeral Home.

Mortgage Campaign Final Week!!! The Campaign to retire the mortgage is now entering the final week. If you are able to contribute to this cause, please use your Campaign Envelopes or, if needed, please simply use a plain envelope, mark it with Your CMS Envelope Number, (if you want to be able to deduct it as a charitable contribution), and put the words: "Mortgage Campaign" on the envelope. If you are unable to donate, please continue to pray for the success of this campaign. We are within \$18,000 of entirely paying off this mortgage, so we are really close! THANK YOU all for your prayers and donations thus far!!! **The Campaign ends on September 25th.** So let's all pull together and give it our best effort---we are really close.

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

This week, our focus is again on the Gospel of John, as our Lord Jesus faces Caiaphas, the high priest in Israel, and testifies to what he has done. We will also listen to Peter deny the Lord Jesus three times. The Lord's faithfulness; human faithlessness.

When it comes to our salvation and relationship with God, we are told by many people... "experts"... that we NEED to be or do this or that. The reality is that God doesn't make us jump through hoops to gain his love, favor and forgiveness. We don't have to perform circus tricks to get his attention. We don't need to out-pious our neighbor.

The reality is that God wants to forgive us, be in a relationship with us, and give us eternal life. So he is the one who did everything necessary for it to happen. He fulfilled the Law for us, he died on the cross in our place, he brought us to faith, he gave us the Holy Spirit, and he is the one who will keep us "in Christ" until the end of the age.

This morning in worship, we will see God perform his saving work in the life of Ella Hunsberger as he puts his name on her in Holy Baptism. We will also have God perform his work on us through the hearing of the gospel and in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This morning at Zion Lutheran Church, God is at work! It's time for worship...

-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service

The Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

(please stand)

Opening Hymn: With the Lord Begin Your Task 869

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Matthew 28:18-20)

Pastor: Before we hear God's Word, confess our faith, sing our praises and receive the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper, let us leave our sins at the foot of the cross of Jesus, and receive His forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

(Luke 18:13)

The Absolution (spoken by the Pastor)

People: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

The Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast 155

The Collect

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us pray. Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us without all doubt to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that, following his steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Baptism of Ella Hunsberger (10:30)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 22:28

Keep this verse in mind when we get to the Gospel lesson!

“You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people.”

The New Testament Lesson: Acts 22:30-23:5

Paul affirms the command given in Exodus 22:28.

But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.

And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.” And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.

Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”

Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?” And Paul said, “[I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people’.”

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 18th Chapter.

People: **Glory to Thee, O Lord!**

The Gospel: John 18:12-27

The Testimony of Jesus and Denials of Peter.

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “[I am not.” Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, “[I have spoken openly to the world. I have

always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” Jesus answered him, “If what I said was wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” Anna then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **(sing) Praise be to thee, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

The Children’s Message

The Sermon Hymn: Jesus I Will Ponder Now

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The Creed: Nicene Creed

191

(Please be seated)

The Collection of the Offering

(Please stand)

The Prayer of the Church

215

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Service of the Sacrament (177)

Pastor: As we approach the Lord's Table, may the Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with

all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayer; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Here us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sharing of the Peace

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) (180)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

The Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.

- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken 439

Post Communion Collect 183

Pastor: Let us pray.

(Please stand)

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love for one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

Benediction

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

The Recessional: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 790

The Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Elikier
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Missy Radovich & Ryan Harris
The Greeters:	Gene & Sharon Koop and George & Jane Kozak
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Ben Ivancza, Jack Oelschlager, & Larry Zreliak and Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan, Robert Oelschlager, & Richard Quinlan
Altar Guild:	Rose Steranko, Paula Jones, & Pam Larson

