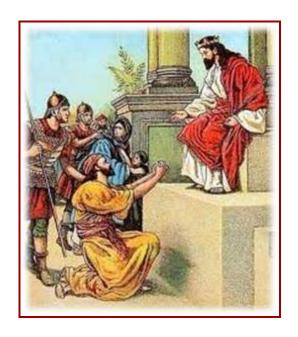
Zion Lutheran Church



September 13th, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- zlcb.org – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.

Opening Hymn - Now Thank We All Our God

- Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessèd peace to cheer us

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- And keep us in His grace
 And guide us when perplexed
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next!
- △ 3 All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and Him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven,
 The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heav'n adore;
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.

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- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit



- P Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! I have fled to you for | refuge!
- In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

 Enter not into judgment with your | servant,
 for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! I have fled to you for | refuge!

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



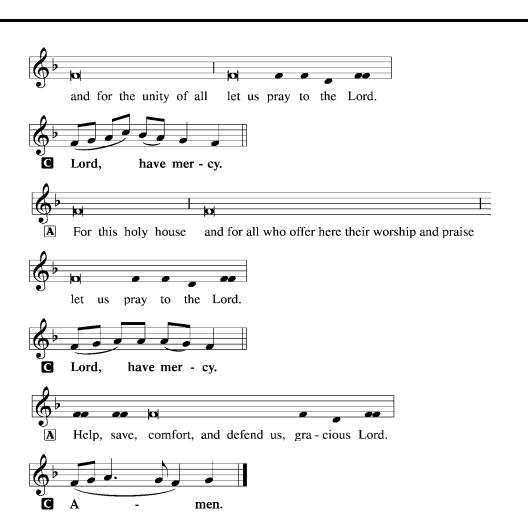
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

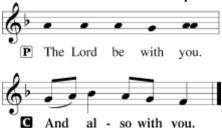


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading -- Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading -- Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

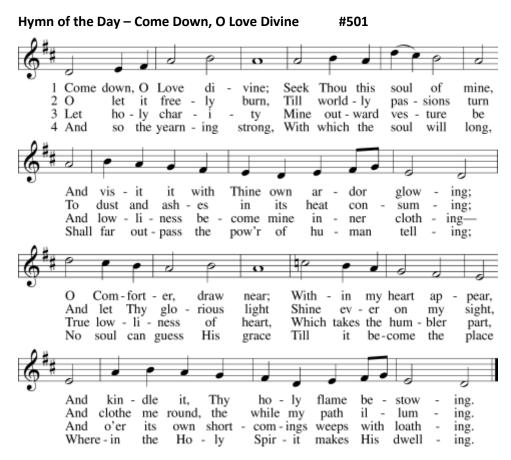


Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

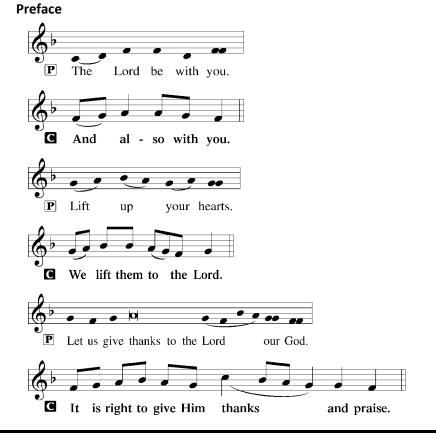
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

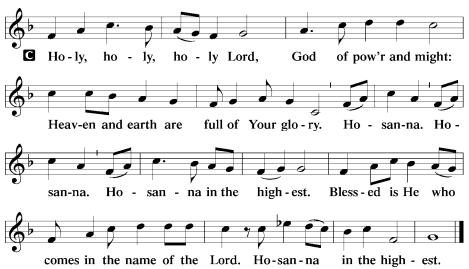
- **P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.
- C ... Lord have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament



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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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 His 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 prayers; 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.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

 In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

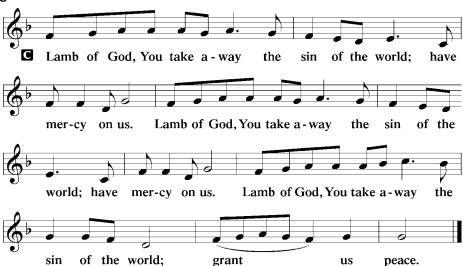




P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei

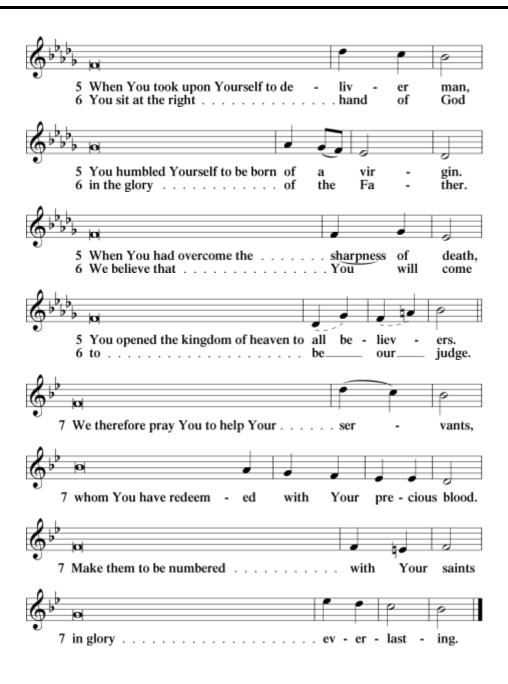


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Distribution Hymns

Chief of Sinners Though I Be	#611
I Lay My Sins on Jesus	#606
Where Charity and Love Prevail	#845





Post-Communion Collect



Let us pray.

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 toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





Closing Hymn – Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure #533



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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.
- -Healing for: Nick Terminato, Mamie Papeaka, Ken Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For those who serve: Christopher Malachosky who is serving in Texas and Jacob Linsenbigler who is deployed in Iraq.
- -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

- -For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.
- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.
- -For those whose work it is to protect us.
- -For godly care of the earth.

† Service Participants **†**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein Music Director: Mark Killinger The Organist: Sandy Quinlan The Elders: John Gielarowski & Mike Wallace The Acolyte: Will Schrag (8:00)

Olivia Bonacci (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the Klemash family in celebration of Nancy's 64thth birthday, and by the Hayes family to the Glory of the Triune God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Bernice DeBoe in memory of her brother-in-law Joseph Trylko and Sidney Finney.

FROM ZION'S MUSIC DIRECTOR ... our Faith Bell Choir is in need of ringers! Rehearsals are every Monday evening from 8:15-9:15. Ladies, if you have a high voice and love to sing, we need you in the adult choir! Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7:15-8:15. Contact Mark Killinger at killingermued@hotmail.com if you'd like to join us!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY will resume in-person **TODAY at 9:15** in the Fellowship Hall. Whether you've been part of our Bible Study for years -- or this will be your first session -- it's always a great time to study God's word!

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/6) – 26 (8 am); 70 (10:30 am) Wednesday Worship Attendance (9/9) -- 13 Saturday Worship Attendance (9/5) -- 13 Sunday Offering (9/6) – \$2766.00 Online Offering – \$1980.00

~Online giving is available by going to the Zion's website: www.zlcb.org/donate

The Week Ahead at Zion

SUNDAY 9/13	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Rally Day – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS resume in person 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 9/14	6:00 PM – 1st year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2nd year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
TUESDAY 9/15	
WEDNESDAY 9/16	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion
THURSDAY 9/17	
FRIDAY 9/18	
SATURDAY 9/19	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion. RSVP at www.signupgenius.com or call Susie at 412-977-9066
SUNDAY 9/20	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Resumes Today ... Rally Day!

Survey says . . . You spoke, we listened. A survey was emailed to all Zion parents with Sunday school-aged children. Results showed that most families are interested in resuming traditional classes in September. Teachers are excited and have been hard at work so that teaching and learning from God's Word can be provided in a safe, Christ-centered environment. Please refer to the email sent out by SS Director Katie Gielarowski for details about what you need to know before, upon arrival, and leaving Sunday school.

Join us for RALLY DAY **today at 9:20 am** where we focus on this verse: "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God", Psalm 42:2. Parents: Pastor's Adult/Teen Bible Study will resume in the Fellowship Hall on the same day!

September Teachers and Helpers

Sept Dates	Sept Lessons	Pre - K	Gr 1 - 2 Classroom 208	Gr 3 - 4 Classroom 207	Gr 5 - 6 Lower Conf. Rm
		Classroom 205			
Sept 6	LABOR DAY NO CLASS				
Sept 13	Daniel in the Lion's Den			U. A. W	
Sept 20	God's People Go Home	Megan Glasser	Megan Meyer	Linda Kroeger	Tess Carter
Sept 27	Esther	0.03361	ineyer.	Andy Weldon	

September Apologetics Topics (Post-Confirmation age)

September 6	What is Apologetics?	
September 13	What is a Worldview?	
September 20	What are Law & Gospel? Why do they matter?	
September 27 How do we speak the truth in love with our neigh		

Teacher: Michelle Wallace

Classroom: Upper Conference Room

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverto 22.6

A Special Offering to Support our Homebound Members Sunday 9/20 & 9/27

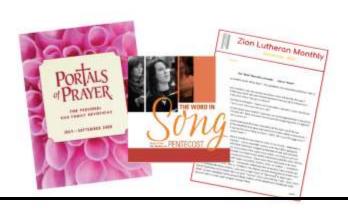
While the pandemic has had an impact on each of us, recent months have been especially difficult for our dear homebound members. Most have experienced major changes in their daily routines, as well as physical and emotional isolation.



Zion's church office has been working hard to stay connected with homebound members and encourage them with the love of Christ. We've been sending devotional materials, such as Sunday bulletins & sermons, Portals of Prayer, hymn studies, and church newsletters. In the weeks ahead we'll send a fall fruit basket and advent wreath to each homebound member.



You can partner with us by financially supporting these efforts. Donations will fund the cost associated with the purchase and mailing of items like these. Offerings may be given online at zlcb.org; under "church contributions" please find a special tab marked "Homebound Support." Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, or mailed directly to Zion. Make checks out to "Zion Lutheran" and in the memo line write "Homebound Support." Thank you for your generosity!







What is the "pulpit"?

You probably noticed that the pastor preaches to the congregation from the same place in the church almost every time. This place is called the pulpit. The word "pulpit" comes from the Latin word "pulpitum," meaning "scaffold." Do you know what a scaffold is?

A scaffold is a platform which is raised high up into the air. If you have ever seen someone washing windows on a building, they were probably standing on a scaffold.

Why do pastors preach from a pulpit?

Before the invention of the microphone, it was sometimes hard to hear what the pastor was saying. By raising the place where the pastor preaches, he could better project his voice for all of the people present to hear the wonderful Gospel. Raising the pulpit above everything else also helps to signify the importance of proclaiming God's pure Word. What a wonderful invention the pulpit is!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the pulpit to get a better look. Encourage them to step into the pulpit to get a view of the congregation. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, before the sermon, remind them that pastor is about to preach God's Word and that the pulpit will help them to see and hear him clearly!



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