



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost August 7, 2022

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Ninth Sunday After PentecostAugust 7, 2022Zion Lutheran ChurchPresiding Minister –Rev. Willie RosinAssisting Minister -Music Minister – Charles PotterHoly Communion, ELW Setting 10

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

WORSHIP NOTES:

All responses marked in bold are said by the whole congregation.

The + indicates the congregation stands as they are able. Holy Communion at Zion – We practice an open table of Holy Communion for all of the baptized body of Christ. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate this feast with us regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

PRELUDE	Earth and All Stars (David N. Johnson)	Charles Potter
	My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Hal H. Hopson)	

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

*Ride the Chariot (*arr. William Henry Smith)

Wesley Men's Chorus

‡ GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

+GATHERING HYMN

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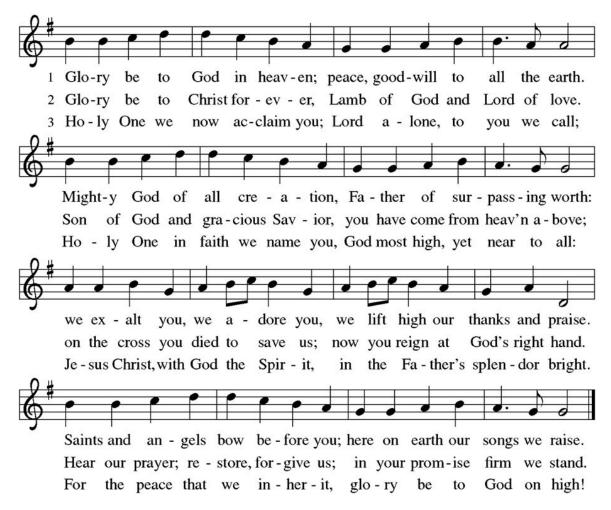
+GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+KYRIE



+CANTICLE OF PRAISE



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray: Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡ WORD ‡

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

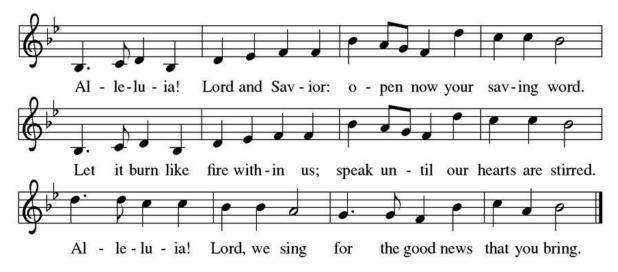
SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had

opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



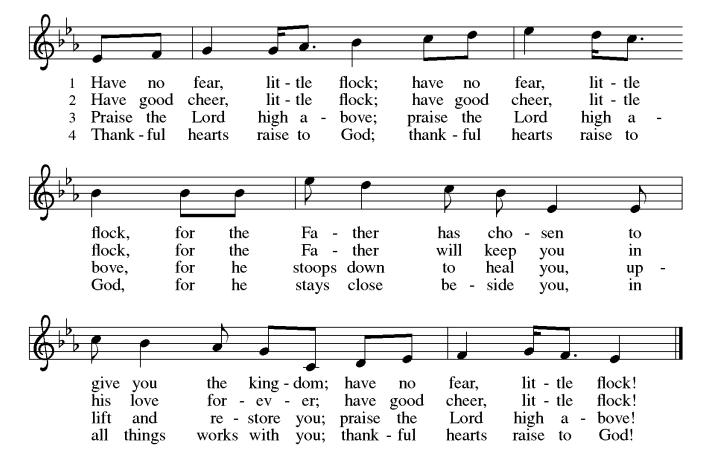
+ GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



+APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please take a moment to share a sign of peace with those around you. As we are still conscious of limiting person to person contact, please do this in a way which does not involve person to person contact, such as verbally greeting one another with "Peace be with you" or showing the peace sign to one another.

‡ MEAL‡

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please take this time to prepare an offering to be placed in the offering plates in the center aisle of the nave. Thank you for supporting the God's ministry through Zion Lutheran Church.

OFFERTORY Lost in the Night (F. Melius Christiansen, arr. R.M. Larsen) Wesley Men's Chorus

+OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you And also with you Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give our thanks and praise

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION On the Night

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

+THE 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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion by continuous distribution with one station for bread in the center and a station for wine on each side. Please receive wine from the side on which you are sitting and return to your seat by walking down the side aisle. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to your seat or pre-packaged elements are available for you to receive communion where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish on the bread tray. Please let Pastor Willie know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, please indicate this preference by approaching the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

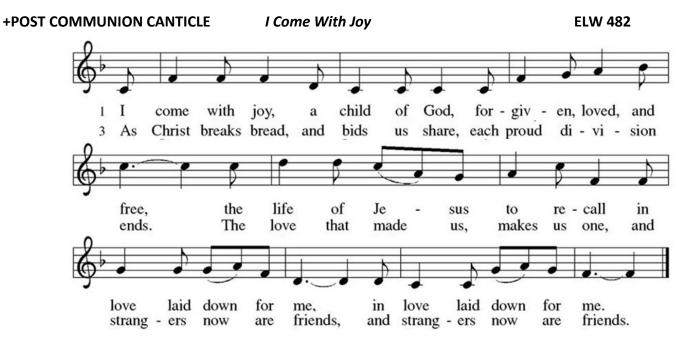
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



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+POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.



+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

Amen.

+SENDING HYMN How Great Thou Art ELW 856 God, when I con-sid - er 0 Lord my in awe-some won-der 1 When through the woods and for - est glades I I hear the 2 wan - der, think that God, his Son not when sent him to But I spar - ing, 3 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion. and take me 4 all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y birds sing sweet-ly trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain in the I scarce can take it that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly die. in, heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o home, what joy shall fill my thun - der. thy pow'r through-out u - ni - verse dis - played; the and feel the gen - tle breeze; gran - deur and hear the brook bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin; ra - tion pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!" and there Refrain my Sav-ior God, to Then sings my soul, thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to how great thou How great thou thee, art! art!

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart* (Plumptre & Messiter)

Wesley Men's Chorus

POSTLUDE

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AGENDA FOR WEEK

SUN, Aug 7	9:00 AM Worship/Bag of Blessings	
	10:30 AM Fellowship - Worship	
TUES, Aug 9	1:30 PM Memorial Committee Meeting	
WED, Aug 10	6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ All American Diner	
THUR, Aug 11	11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ China Garden	
	6:30 PM Council Meeting	
SUN, Aug 14	9:00 AM Worship	
	10:30 AM Fellowship - Social Ministry	

ACOLYTE(S): Dalton Bozarth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are in memory of David Watson from Doris Watson. The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Samson Joshua Schultz, son of Justine and Zach Schultz, grandson of Mike and Beth Batenhorst, born July 28, 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29--12:2; and Luke 12:49-56.

Please pray for the following: Christy Keith, Bill Dyar, Patty Lange, Roger Roskens, and Butch Doyle.

Today is Bag of Blessings. Please put your cash donations in a purple sachet bag or place your check in the offering plate.

Reminder: Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 AM at the All American Diner.

Immediately following the today's worship service, we will offer a Brief Order of Healing and Anointing for anyone who wishes to stay for that service. All are welcome to join us in prayer and receive individual prayers and anointing at the communion rail.

Memorial Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, August 9 at 1:30 PM at Zion.

Lunch Bunch will be going to China Garden on Thursday, August 11 at 11:30 AM. Sign up is on the nursery bulletin board.

Z-Book Club will be meeting at Diamond Dave's on Monday, August 15 at 5:30 PM. The book of discussion is "Stolen Dreams" by Karen Cogan.

Group 5 will be meeting on Tuesday, August 16 at Pizza Ranch at 11:30 AM for their summer gathering.

There will be a Sunday School teachers meeting on August 21 after worship in the MPR.

Please offer a warm welcome to the **Wesley Men's Chorus** as they provide several musical offerings this morning