

Freed from the Power of Sin!

- Romans 8:1-2 NLT -

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Seventh Sunday After Pentecost! God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you. We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just one door down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks. Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

** GATHERING * The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

+ GATHERING HYMN

We Plow the Fields and Scatter ELW

ELW 680



+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather for worship today in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

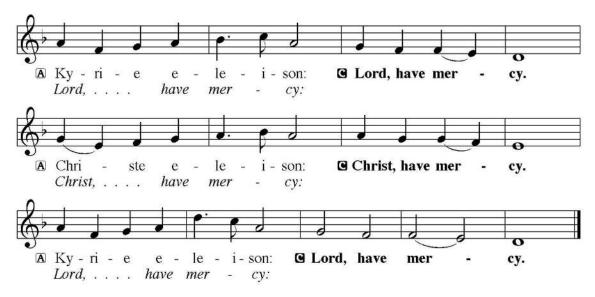
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+ 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 WOV p. 28







+ PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray: Almighty God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit
help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and
hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

AnthemFugue from Second Sonata for Unaccompanied Violin Johann Sebastian Bach
Christopher Bierstedt, violin

WORD

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial. for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65:9-13

9 You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers,

and blessing its growth.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. ¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

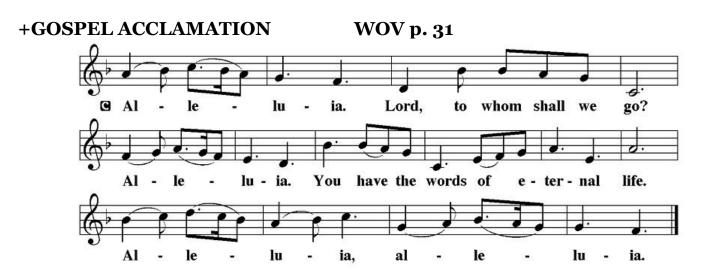
SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON



+ GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

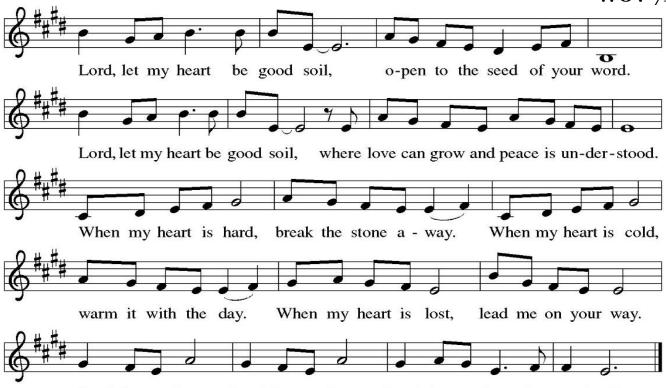
¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (sing twice) WOV 713



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

+ 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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation, responding with, "hear our prayer".

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

+ SHARING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you Please share a sign of peace with one another at this time.

MEAL # God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sue Robinson

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ THE 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.**

+ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

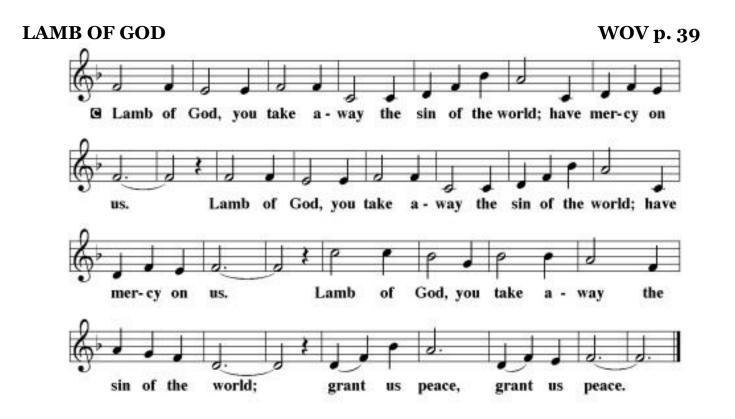
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

The table has been prepared for you. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

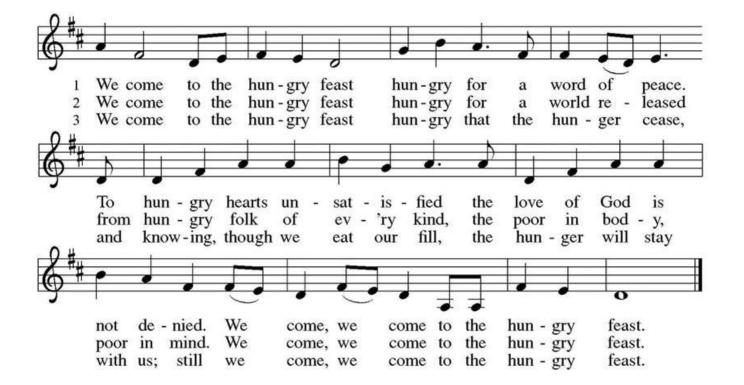
THE DISTRIBUTION



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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WOV 766



Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow. 1 who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed. 2 We how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways! 3 Oh. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread. Let To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives wor-ship, praise! we Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, God. your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. We Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light. by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. one with Christ in liv-ing, dy - ing, By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans - form!

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

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One Bread, One Body

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+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING # God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN For the Fruit of All Creation **WOV 760** cre - a - tion, For the fruit of all thanks be to God. 1 the just re - ward of la - bor. God's will done. 2 In is 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God. ev - 'ry na - tion, For these gifts to thanks be God. to In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be God. to For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing, In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing, For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con-found us, fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks God. be to are shar-ing, God's will done. the har - vests is in we has found us, God. most of all, that love thanks be to + DISMISSAL

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

‡Happening This Week[‡]

TUE, July 18	1:00 p.m. Group 5
WED, July 19	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
SUN, July 23	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship

***Serving In Ministry**[‡]

	7/16	7/23	7/30
ACOLYTES	Preston Schroeder	Jackson Evans	Elise Freberg
A.M./READER	Jan Pohl/AM	Tyler Baars/AM	Peggy Starkweather/AM
HOSPITALITY	Social Ministry	Parish Ed/Youth	Property
GREETER (S)	Bob Nicolai	Jan Pohl	

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Bag of Blessings	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$330	\$500	\$164.90

Total Offering Received For Week 7/9/2023	\$4753	
YTD Offering Received	\$123513	
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to meet Weekly Budget	\$5448 (per week)	

Announcements

Please Pray for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Evelyn Christopherson, Billy Rueckert, Rev. Bill Dyar, Tim Halloran & Melody Evans. The family and friends of Mary Butcher.

This week's altar flowers were provided by Al & Dee Miller for their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

You have probably noticed that we have had the bathroom doors propped open for handicapped accessibility. Council instituted this as a temporary measure for the upstairs bathrooms while we determine a more permanent solution. If you would prefer the door be closed while you are using the facilities, please feel free to close the door. Please prop the door open again as you leave. The downstairs bathroom doors can remain closed. The upstairs bathrooms will be the handicapped accessible bathrooms. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to make the building a place accessible for all. If you would like to directly contribute to installing push button door openers for the upstairs bathrooms, the system costs about \$2500 per door and we would love to receive donations for this project!

Next week's Readings- Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 66:11-17, Romans 8:8:12-25 Matthew 24-30,36-43

Sunday evening worship services in August will be on August 20th and August 27th. Please join us in the chapel area at 6 p.m. for a casual worship service with Holy Communion!

New Era Lutheran Church is holding auditions for their Fall dinner theatre production of GODSPELL. Adults can audition for the show on Thursday, July 20, 7-8:30 and Saturday, July 21, 2:00 – 3:30 at Shepherd of the Cross. *If those times don't work* contact director Bill Turner 563-299-0600 turner@machlink.com and/or music director Bob Danner 563-299-3829 bcdanner@machlink and an alternate time will be found. The show will be at New Era on September 29, 30, and October 1.

A Signup sheet to help at Emmaus Café is on the bulletin board upstairs.

Iowa Bishops riding bikes across Iowa to fight hunger

The three Iowa Bishops have partnered up to ride the 50th annual Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) July 23-29 to raise \$50,000 to fight hunger and will be highlighting 50 anti-hunger ministries in Iowa along the way.

The Bishops' can't do it without you! If every congregation in Iowa gave about \$100 they would meet their goal today! Give individually or organize a campaign or offering in your congregation.





3 IOWA BISHOPS

50 MILES A DAY

\$50,000 FOR HUNGER

50 ANTI-HUNGER MINISTRIES

434 IOWA CONGREGATIONS IN THREE IOWA SYNODS

Your support makes a difference!

Your gift to the Bishops' ride across Iowa will go 100% without any administrative fees to fight hunger in Iowa, across the country and across the world.

Yes! Make a one-time tax deductible gift of \$______ to support the Bishops' RAGBRAI ride against hunger.

Name:			
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Email:			ELCA



CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOOD DRIVE Let's stock our Muscatine Food Pantry shopping cart to overflowing this month and show some Christmas **Goodwill & Cheer in July!**

Some suggested items: •Canned fruit (light syrup) ·Healthier cereals Canned meat ·Canned soup ·Can openers ·Disposable bowls ·Pasta •Mac & Cheese ·Spaghetti sauce •Saltine crackers Tortillas •Peanut butter Jelly ·Pancake mix ·Pancake syrup •Oatmeal

The decorated shopping cart is located at the basement entrance. Thank you for your generosity! Social Ministry Committee 💥

Project Rise Above

EST. 2023

Our Service

- Community-based non-clinical support.
 - Voluntary, shortterm program.
 - Peer support and encouragement for individuals experiencing increased stress, a mental health crisis, and those struggling with alcohol & substance abuse.



About Us

Project Rise Above provides a safe and welcoming environment for individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis and who voluntarily choose temporary respite services to restore well-being and the ability to manage their lives.



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In-kind Donation Items

New or Gently Used Items Accepted

Kitchen utensils Pots and pans Microwave Silverware **Plastic dishes** Pizazz Air fryer Toaster Large coffee maker **Coffee filters** Coffee Creamer Pitchers Hygiene products Art supplies Journals

Above EST. 2023

2 - 13 gallon trash cans 10 - small trash cans Hanging paper towel holder Paper shredder **Dishwasher** soap Handsoap 3 - twin bedding sets Bath towels Washcloths **Kitchen** towels Paper towels Toilet paper Paper plates Nonperishable foods Microwave meals Boxed meals **Bottled Water** Gatorade Powerade Breakfast essentials

