

**10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022**



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GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly is seated or kneels for the 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 our neighbors

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.

The assembly stands

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#812 “Faith of Our Fathers

St. Catherine

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 82:

The psalm is read responsively. All sing the refrain where indicated.



A - rise, O God, and rule the earth.

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked. *Refrain***

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in
darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**⁶Now I say to you, You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

**⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.**

**⁸Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own. *Refrain***

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The assembly stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 12th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly stands.



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive Word,
 2 Christ is the death of all that is, a broad and beck - 'ning tomb,
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing fire,
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the End;



whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the worlds to Be - ing stirred.
 who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to dark - ness of the womb.
 whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as kin - dling for the pyre.
 cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans - form - ing burn - ing brand.



Christ is the life be - yond all time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath,
 Christ is the death, the sink - ing down past all de - sire and fear,
 Christ is the death of dust - y days of un - cre - a - tive strife,
 Christ is the life, in whose wise love cre - a - tion lives and dies



whose la - bor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 whose prom - ise in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 for out from fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 and thus for - ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

Music: KINGSFOLD, English melody

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APOSTLE'S 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

The assembly kneels or sits for the prayers of intercession.

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer, responding to each petition with "hear our prayer."

... Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen**

The assembly stands.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you,"

The assembly is seated.

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW #467 "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord"
Distress

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

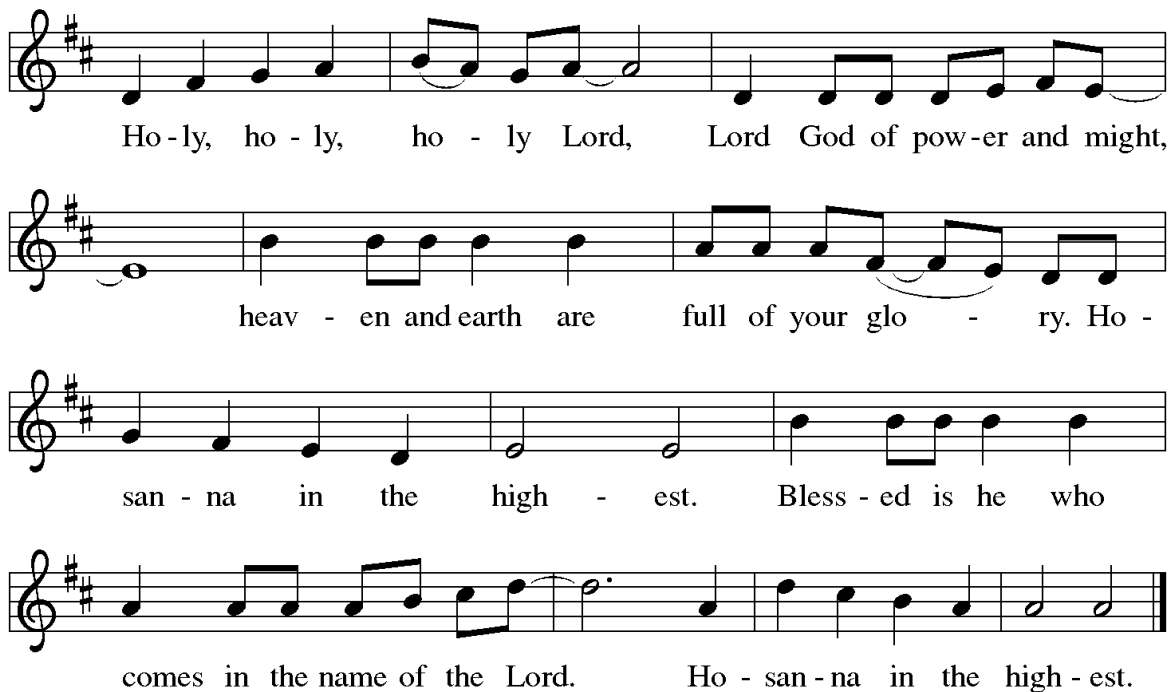
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

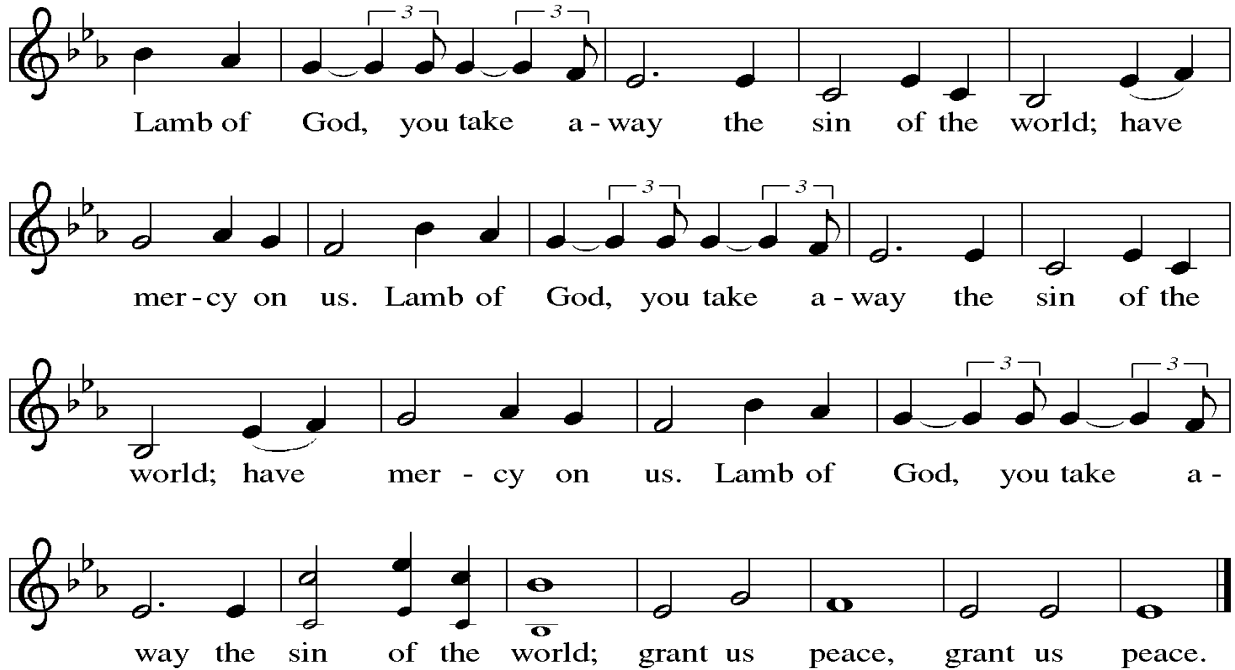
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

*All those who believe and are baptized are welcome to receive the
Sacrament of Holy Communion. When you come forward, please take an
empty glass in one of the trays beside the front pews. If you are in need of
communion in your pews, please let the usher know. For those in need of a
gluten-free option, please let the pastor or assisting minister know and we
will bring you a gluten-free wafer. For those who only wish to receive a
blessing, let the pastor or assisting minister know.*

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW #580 “How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord” *Repton*

The assembly stands.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #808 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” *Les Petites Souers*

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” David Cherwien

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The Sanctuary Candle is given today in memory of Richard’s maternal uncle, William Klosky, from Linda and Pastor Neumann.

Worship: The last 2 full length pews on the left hand side of the Sanctuary will be reserved for those that choose to be masked during worship.

Sunday School Brainstorm Session Today after Worship: Are you a parent, grandparent, or caregiver of a Sunday School aged child? (pre K-5th grade)? If so, you are invited to join Deacon Amy and other teachers for a brainstorm session after worship today to discuss what Sunday School could look like for the upcoming school year! Please join in and bring your ideas!

Zion Book Club: We will meet on **Monday, August 15th** at 1:00pm to discuss the book, “The Kitchen House” by Kathleen Grissom in person in the Gerhard Lounge and on Zoom. All are welcome!

Food Pantry Meeting for Volunteers: Any and all volunteers with the pantry are invited to a meeting on **Thursday August 18th** at 7pm in the Community Room. Items to be discussed will be feedback regarding the operation of the hybrid pantry, pre-pandemic aspects that may want to be brought back (blood pressure screenings, etc), and overall how the pantry is going. Please plan to attend or send your thoughts to Deacon Amy.

Blessing of the Backpacks: We will be holding our annual blessing of the backpacks, briefcases, etc., during Outdoor Worship on **Sunday, August 28th**! Bring your backpack to be blessed as you begin a new school year as a student, teacher, or caregiver of a young one!

Outdoor Jazz Worship Sunday and Fellowship Picnic: For our final outdoor worship of the Summer, we are bringing back our Jazz service on **Sunday August 28th** at 9:30am. Guest musicians will join us for the occasion as we worship together on our back lawn. Feel free to pack a picnic snack or lunch for you/your household and hang out on the back lawn (weather permitting).

Calling All Middle School Youth and High School Young Adults: Have an interest in going on a servant trip, meet youth and young adults from around the country, and grow in faith? Plans are underway for a possible servant trip Summer 2023! We will be joining alongside an established servant site through Youth Works and would love for YOU to join in! Informational meeting for both parents and youth/young adults to gauge interest around a possible trip will be held after worship on Sunday September 18th. Please see Pastor Martha for questions or if you cannot make the meeting but are interested in learning more. You can also check out their website: <https://youthworks.com/>

Good Shepherd Ministry: This week our cards are for Nancy Fabel, Carol Hendershot, Wanda Kojza, Jean Pletcher, and Bev Vidmar. Please take a moment to sign the cards and share a smile with those unable to join us for worship. Also remember them in your prayers this week.

Sanctuary Updates: Over the last several weeks, the music and worship committee and the accessibility task force have gathered for conversations in regards to having shortened pews in the sanctuary. The task force and committee have settled on having 4 shortened pews (as indicated in the sanctuary) along with a chosen “comfy” chair for those with mobility issues or in need of a more upright chair during worship. If you are in need of making use of these new pews, please feel free to do so!

Ushers/Altar Guild/Tech Support: As Zion continues to emerge from the pandemic, we are in need of volunteers for roles on Sunday morning. In particular, ushers, altar guild, and assistance with tech support is greatly needed. If you have an interest in any of the above, please contact: Tony Lamorte (Ushers); Brenda Wolfe (Altar Guild); or Tom Felmley (tech support). Thank you so much for considering!

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Finances: August 7, 2022

Week No.	32
Weekly Budget	
Amount:	\$5508.29
Income for the	
Week:	\$5943.00
YTD Budget:	\$176,265.23
YTD	
(Short)/Over	(\$22, 769.19)

Message from the Stewardship Team:

Love the Lord your God

Obedience can be to simply honor and praise God for your life and the blessing within. While this may seem obvious and easy, there are many distractions in the world. (technology in particular) that can sidetrack us from appreciating the glory of God in our daily life. We must focus to obey the greatest commandment of Jesus – Love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, soul, and mind giving thanks to Him continually.

Read the Bible: Scripture is the Word of God and a magnificent source of wisdom and encouragement to know and obey the commandments of God. Look to the Bible for inspiration in your devotion to obedience. May God bless you with love, peace and faith.

FYI: For Daily Bible scripture for the month of August, look on the internet for “Daily verses for the month of August.”

OREMUS:

Prayers Requested For: Laura Patchen, Mary Lou & Paul Feathers, Carol Hendershot, Neil Santoriello, Charlotte Bulkoski (mother of Brenda Wolfe), Diane Marburger, Nancy Fabel, Sandra Short, Bob Beresky, Alan Dippold, Wayne Stumpf, Kathy Kraf, Harold Bartley (brother-in-law of Carol Dugan), Darnell Pope (brother of Sandra Short), Michele Williams (cousin of Rhonda Pope), Tammy Harkins (cousin of Nick Harkins), Kim Anthony (brother-in-law of Kathy Conrad), Larry Dillon (cousin of Rhonda Pope), Steve Bell (brother of Rhonda Pope), Connie & Buzzy Shoaf (sister and brother-in-law of Shirley McClure), Chris Vuocolo (nephew of Mary Lou D'Ambrosio), Beth Rall, Sarah, Tom & Carolyn Schuler, Bonnie, Jack, Sharon (friends Audrey Herfort), Joe Hesketh, Ezra & Emery Jordan (great grandchildren of Sandra Short), Tom Santoriello (brother of Neil Santoriello), John Santoriello (brother of Neil Santoriello), Evelyn Lamm, Theodore Stolp, Jr., Mary Jean Hawkins (cousin of Neil Santoriello), Rachel Faulkner, John & Margaret Thompson (mother & father of Darren Thompson), Kim Paronish (sister-in-law of Kara Albrecht), Denise Capobianco (friend of Sandra Short), Judy Danik (friend of Charlotte Murray), Yolanda Szitas (mother of Carol Dugan), Bekki Hessong (cousin of Diane Santoriello), Aarika Maisak (friend of Kara Albrecht), Patrick Taylor, Dorothy DeLuca (sister of Evelyn Ross), Donna Spinazzola (friend of Sallie Lazar), and for the family and friends of Linda Bartley (sister of Carol Dugan).

ZION EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 14: 9:30am - Worship in person, Livestream on Facebook and Zoom

11:00 – Christian Ed meeting

11:30am - CCC Church – Chapel

Monday, August 15: 1:00–Zion Book Club–Zoom and in person in Gerhard Lounge

Tuesday, August 16: 7:00 – Budget & Finance

Thursday, August 18: 7:00 –Food Pantry meeting – Community room