

# ***Zion Lutheran Church***



***9 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024***

*As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.*

# Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship

## \*OPENING SONG

*Holy is the Lord*

Worship Team

## \*APOSTOLIC 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.**

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY (🙏 Amen.)

## FIRST READING (🙏 Thanks be to God.)

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

**PSALMODY**

Psalm 45:1-2,6-9

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

<sup>2</sup>**You are the noblest among the people;  
grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever,  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>7</sup>**You love righteousness and hate iniquity;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your  
companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

<sup>9</sup>**Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;  
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

*(After the reading of the Gospel)*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*SONG OF THE DAY**

*In Christ Alone*

Worship Team

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 (📖 Amen.)**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile or a message.*

**OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.*

Chris Derr, Piano



**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (📖 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.**

**\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (📖 Amen.)**

**\*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.**

**\*FRACTION SENTENCE**

COMMUNION SONG

We Believe

Worship Team

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. When you come forward for communion, the pastor or assisting minister will say similar words: "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Your response to each is "Amen." There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Know that Christ is fully present in the bread and the wine. If you are only able to receive one kind (such as only the host or only the wine), know that you will receive the same benefits as receiving both. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.*

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (℣ Amen.)**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*Your Grace is Enough*

Worship Team

**\*DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

**As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our son, John, who passed away a year ago on his 54th birthday, September 3, 2023—Forever in our Hearts—given by Wayne and Nancy Bagent



### **Zion Prayer List 9-1-2024**

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Ruth Ann Derr, Barry B., Gail G., Ron Reaves, Katana Lewis, Evelyn Hawker, Debby Knipple, Larry DiGiulio, Ken Young, Carol O'Brien, Pat McIntosh, Junior Wiles, Mike Fath, Janice Wisner, Kris Marcantonio, Tim Quinn, John Lettiere, Jr., Mike Lingertot, Janet Rhinecker, Ruth Kuhn, Ursula Powell, Diane Elizabeth, Pat Hansen, Jane Nalborczyk, Lucretia Reaves, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Gary, Kay Wachter, Michael Easton, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jim Pearson, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo

Death: Tex Stottlemeyer

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.

**Servants in God's House**

**September 1, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

Lois Ahalt (Greeter)  
Ike Ahalt (Lector)  
Ike Ahalt (Head Usher)  
Terri Poffinberger (Sanctuary Usher)  
Lois Ahalt (Comm Asst)  
Carolyn Milauskas (PowerPoint)  
Rick Milauskas (Live Stream)

**Servants in God's House**

**September 8, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

Kathy & Bob Hetrick (Greeter)  
Branan Bybel (Lector)  
Jack Newkirk (Head Usher)  
Rosella Wilson (Sanctuary Usher)  
Nancy Allen (Comm Asst)  
Levi Derr (PowerPoint)  
11:00 am only (Live Stream)

**Our Mission**

As a people of God,  
we share Christ's love,  
grow in faith, and  
serve others



**Our Vision**

At Zion we strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful and joyous worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our intergenerational congregation and community, using Christian ideas and values.

**2024 Ministry Priorities**

**Leadership**

We will work on developing new and existing leaders to carry on the mission of the gospel and the congregation who effectively plan, execute, and communicate. In addition, discern the God-given mission and vision of Zion through, prayer, planning and future-thinking. We intend to develop and better utilize our committees and ministry teams to deal with the needs and challenges of the congregation so that council can focus on the mission and visionary work.

**Communication**

We will strengthen our communication strategies and techniques to make sure we keep the congregation and other vested parties informed of our work and plans. For example, the encouragement of timely two-way communication at all levels of congregational life.

**Relationship Building**

United around Jesus, we will strengthen relationships among ministry teams, committees, and individuals in the congregation to foster mutual care and support of one another such as aiding in conflict resolution when it arises.



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