

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith * Growing in Spirit * Reaching Out to Those in Need*

“Living Each Day as a Steward!”

8:30 am The Steward’s Purpose September 17, 2017

Our Christian stewardship involves more than what we do on Sunday. Stewardship is faith in action; it refers to all the activities that we do in Christ’s name; at home, at work, in school, and in our neighborhoods. Where God places us, we are called to be His faithful stewards.

PRELUDE “Preludes on Favorite Hymns” William Hunt

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” ELW #588

LITANY *(please stand)*

Lord God, we ask that you would bless us and empower us to be your stewards as we serve you through serving others. Help us, Lord, to share your love with those around us.

Lord, in your grace, I pray that you will give me the desire and the ability to live each day as a steward.

Lord God, we thank you for your grace which enables us to understand that we were created for your purpose, not ours. Change our mindset from what we want to do to what you want us to do.

Lord, help me to realize that what you’ve entrusted to me belongs to you and that I am to manage all things according to your will.

Lord God, you direct us in your Word to give freely because we have received freely. Through your grace, make us channels through which your blessings can flow.

Help me Lord, to be a fruitful steward of the opportunities that you give me. Help me to use my time, talents, and treasures in ways that give you honor and glory.

Lord God, we ask that you would bless each of us with a desire to become faithful stewards who practice Godly stewardship. Grant us, Lord, generous hearts that want to give and to serve.

Through Jesus we pray. 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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may hear, read, respect, learn, and make them our own in such a way that the enduring benefit and comfort of the Word will help us grasp and hold the blessed hope of everlasting life, given us through our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen (please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Zachary & Sandra Anderson

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Pew Bible OT pg. 954

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Pew Bible NT pg. 224

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*

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

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

The holy gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Pew Bible NT pg. 81

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Marcia

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”
(please stand on final verse)

ELW #655

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. *(please be seated)***

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERING HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

ELW #870

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

O God, we offer these gifts and our lives, not for the sake of their appearance, but in gratitude for all you have given to us. Above all, we thank you for the great gift of Jesus, for his selflessness and sacrificial love. May our stewardship possess these same qualities. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 *(please be seated)***

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come to the table prepared for you. Taste the overflowing grace of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” ELW #863

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. Grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the true purpose of a steward's heart, to the praise and honor of your name, and serve our neighbor by your love. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen**

SENDING

BLESSING

God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit
watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN **“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”** **ELW #865**

POSTLUDE **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”** **John Eggert**

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The Steward's Purpose



**“As each has received a gift, use it to serve
one another, as good stewards of God’s
varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10**

Living Each Day as a Steward!

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

