

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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***“Living Each Day as a Steward!”***  
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10:45 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.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “Made to Worship“

Before the day, before the light.
Before the world revolved around the sun.
God on high stepped down into time
And wrote the story of His love for everyone.
He has filled our hearts with wonder.
So that we always remember;

You and I were made to worship
You and I are called to love.
You and I are forgiven and free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe
Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

All we are, and all we have.
Is all a gift from God that we receive.
Brought to life we open our eyes,

To see the majesty and glory of the king.
He has filled our hearts with wonder.
So that we always remember;

You and I were made to worship
You and I are called to love.
You and I are forgiven and free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe
Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

Even the rocks cry out,
Even the heavens shout,
At the sound of His Holy name.
So let every voice sing out
Let every knee bow down
He's worthy of all our praise

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You and I are called to love.
You and I are forgiven and free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe
Then you and I will see, who we were meant to be.

GATHERING

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.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Zachary & Sandra Anderson

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: Lord God, you have enriched us, saved us, loved us. Open our hearts and minds to your will that we may be free to share everything we have, to give away whatever holds us hostage in spirit, that we may always know that possessions are just that: things, lovely to have, but in the end only good for the good they can do in this world. Keep us always in that work, the work of Christ and Christ's kingdom, the kingdom of God. Amen. (please be seated)

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

ALLELUIA "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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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

SONG OF THE DAY

“We Are His Hands”

We are His hands, we are His feet,
We are His people, children of the Lord.
We share the hope, we share the dream,
Believers in Jesus, children of the King.

His Spirit lives within us, flowing like a river,
Filling us with strength so that we
Can reach out for our brothers, help one another.

We are His hands, we are His feet,
We are His people, children of the Lord.
We share the hope, we share the dream,
Believers in Jesus, children of the King.

Some of us build, some are teachers,
Some can sing like angels,
But all of us can love, like he loved, pure and simple, so warm and gentle.

We are His hands, we are His feet,
We are His people, children of the Lord.
We share the hope, we share the dream,
Believers in Jesus, children of the King.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

“Step by Step”

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways;
And step by step You’ll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways;
And step by step You’ll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

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And I will follow You all of my days.

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**

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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)*

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

“Agnus Dei”

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia! Holy, Holy are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb,
For You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen!

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia! Holy, Holy are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb,
For You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, amen!

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 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.

SENDING SONG

“How Can Keep From Singing”

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come, I am holding on.
To the rock I cling.

How can I keep from singing your praise.
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is your love?
How can I keep from shouting your name.
I know I am loved by the King
And It makes my heart sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,
For I know my Savior lives.
And I will walk with You, knowing You see me through
And sing the songs You give.

How can I keep from singing your praise.
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is your love?
How can I keep from shouting your name.
I know I am loved by the King
And It makes my heart sing.

How can I keep from singing your praise.
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is your love?
How can I keep from shouting your name.
I know I am loved by the King
And It makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And It makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And It makes my heart want to sing.

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LEADING OUR WORSHIP:

Preaching: Pastor Marcia Sylvester
Presiding: Pastor Erin Heidelberger
Deacon: Phyllis Gab
Monica Tietz
Lector: Georgia Ramos
Acolyte: Logan Allbee
Power Point: Sandra Anderson
Altar Guild Co-Chairs: Joan Haak – Sharlene Wanttie
Sound System: Mike Brumbaugh
Van Driver: John Desens
Counters: Kari LaFave, Kevin Gustafson
Lyle\Lois Chapin
Coffee Hosts: Table of Plenty
Ushers: Doug\Ronda Smith,
Ted, Elissa, Jack & Ernest Dickey
Praise Band: Vicki Carlson, Justin Desens,
Mike German, Stacy Geffre,
Stephanie Hawkinson, Alan LaFave,
Lexi LaFave, Lynae Poel

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.”

