

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith   \*   Growing in Spirit   \*   Reaching Out to Those in Need*  
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September 3, 2017 VOCATION / SERVICE 10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please stand)*

There are varieties of gifts,
 but the same spirit.
There are varieties of service,
 but the same Lord.
There are different kinds of working,
 but the same God is at work in all.
There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call;
 one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,
 to whom Christ ascended on high.
And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:
 some are apostles, some are his prophets;
evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,
 so that we can minister together
to build up his body,
 to be mature in the fullness of Christ.

GATHERING SONG "The Church Song"

We are the church, the body of our Lord;
We are all God's children. We have been restored.

The church is not a building where people go to pray;
It's not made out of sticks and stones, it's not made out of clay.
We are the church, the body of our Lord;
We are all God's children. We have been restored.

The church is not a business, a committee or a board;
It's not a corporation for the business of the Lord.
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The church, it is the people, living out their lives;
Called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ.
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We have been restored. We have been restored.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting in God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection.

Eternal God, our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God’s love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we were still sinners;
and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: **Merciful God, both our work and our rest are in you. Empower us to pattern our lives on the Lord Jesus Christ, at morning and evening, at work and at play. Strengthen us all in our vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen** *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sue Gates

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:5-7, 11-14a

Pew Bible OT, p. 813

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Pew Bible NT, p. 206

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ALLELUIA *(please stand)*

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord”

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

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew chapter 25.
Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:34-40

Pew Bible NT, p. 29

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

SERMON

Pastor Marcia

SONG OF THE DAY

“One Spirit”

One Spirit leads us. One Spirit guides us. One Holy Spirit binds us all.
In God’s fam’ly we all belong. Two together are better than one.
One gives a hand to one who’s down.
A chord of three strands is so strong.

One Spirit leads us. One Spirit guides us. One Holy Spirit binds us all.
There is nobody just like you. Do what you do best and I will too.
This world is big and deep and broad.
There’s more than one way to serve God.

One Spirit leads us. One Spirit guides us. One Holy Spirit binds us all.
Jesus showed us the way to love, by never putting himself above.
And though we walk on different streets,
We ought to wash each other's feet.
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APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand)*

**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 SONG **"I Will Call Upon The Lord"**

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,

And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

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.

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

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 "Above All"

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what you're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forevermore.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG: “This Little Light Of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me; I’m gonna let it shine.
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Jesus gave it to me; I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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LEADING OUR WORSHIP:

Preaching: Pastor Marcia Sylvester
Presiding: Pastor Erin Heidelberger
Deacon: Monica Tietz – Jeremy Schutter
Lector: Sharon Stroschein
Acolyte: Logan Allbee
Power Point: Fischbach Family
Altar Guild Co-Chairs: Sharlene Wanttie – Joan Haak
Sound System: Steve Ottenbacher
Van Driver: Rick Weber
Counters: Gene\Jan Reich
Gladys Melcher – Elsie Geffre
Coffee Hosts: Tom\Marie Bretsch – Fellowship Committee
Ushers: Lenny\Monica Tietz
Brian, Kelly, Isaac, Noah, Emma &
Ella VanderWeyst
Praise Band: Vicki Carlson, Justin Desens,
Mike German, Stacy Geffre,
Stephanie Hawkinson, Alan LaFave,
Lexi LaFave, Lynae Poel

Summer Worship at Zion

September 3, 2017

10:00 AM



Lutheran Vocabulary

FIRST READING**Jeremiah 29:5-7, 11-14a**

Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.

SECOND READING**Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

HOLY GOSPEL**Matthew 25:34-40**

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of

me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."