

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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***“Living Each Day as a Steward!”***  
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8:30 & 10:45 am The Steward’s Identity September 10, 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

Sunday School Teacher Installation

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come joyfully to the house of the Lord.

We bring our praise and offer our lives to God.

We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

We are God’s beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God’s world.

Let us celebrate God’s love with our voices and our lives. Amen.

CONFESSIONS OF A STEWARD

W. Alfred Tisdale, Jr.

OPENING HYMN “Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW #685 vs. 1,2,5,6

God of life and love: We are quick to accept bounteous gifts from you, but slow to give thanks and express our gratitude.

We hold too tightly the things of this life, giving them the allegiance we owe only to you.

*Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise*

Gracious God, we admit that our lives are too often out of balance. We are more willing to receive than to share, more ready to take than to give.

Create in us grateful and generous hearts, we pray, and restore to us the joy of our salvation.

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.*

Merciful God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we praise you for your mercies.

Your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us.

Your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us.

And your love that has redeemed us.

*Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts
by serving you and delighting to do your will.

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:26-28

Pew Bible p.2

PSALM

Psalm 8

(please view screen)

SECOND READING

Galatians 2:19-20

Pew Bible p.199

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 Matthew Chapter 20
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Pew Bible p. 22

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Your Love Is Amazing”

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging.
Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a myst'ry, how You gently lift me,
When I am surrounded; Your love carries me.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Your love makes me sing.
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Your love makes me sing.

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,
all the joy that's growing deep inside of me.
Ev'ry time I see You, all Your goodness shines through.
I can feel this God song rising up in me.

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OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, we praise your name!
O Lord, we magnify your name.
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty!

OFFERING PRAYER

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole
creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
Amen.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

“Glorify Thy Name”

Father, we love you, we worship and adore You,
Glorify thy name in all the earth;
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore You,
Glorify thy name in all the earth;
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore You,
Glorify thy name in all the earth;
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

(Instrumental verse)

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

“Shout To The Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev’ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
Forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest
hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to be the stewards you
call us to be as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our
servant Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live the good news.

Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG

“Friend Of God”

Who am I that You are mindful of me?
That You hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me?
How You love me, it’s amazing. It’s amazing.

I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God. He calls me friend.
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God Almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.
God Almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.

I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God.
You call me friend. I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God.
You call me friend.

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LEADING OUR WORSHIP:

Preaching: Pastor Erin Heidelberger
Presiding: Pastor Marcia Sylvester
Deacon (8:30): Mike Bretsch
(10:45): Steve Ottenbacher\Curt Suedmeier
Lector (8:30): Jo Tolvstad
(10:45): Nancy Schmidt
Acolyte (8:30): Nickolas Clemens
(10:45): Estelle Harrison
Power Point (8:30): Judy Albl
(10:45): Heather Beusch
Altar Guild Co-Chairs: Sharlene Wanttie\Joan Haak
Sound System (8:30): Garry Johnson
(10:45): Gene Reich
Van Driver: Jerold Gehring
Counters: Jim\Norma Miller
Sharon Stroschein – Nadine Milbrandt
Coffee Hosts: Zion Youth
Ushers (8:30): Art Bretsch, Keith Larson, Glenn Denning,
Mike, Lory, Emily & Claire Bretsch
(10:45): Robert Haak, Scott, Dawn, Jordan, Kyle &
Logan Allbee
Praise Band: Vicki Carlson, Justin Desens, Mike German,
Stacy Geffre, Stephanie Hawkinson, Alan LaFave,
Lexi LaFave, Lynae Poel



The Steward's Identity

“Yet, to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:12-13

Living Each Day as a Steward!

First Reading

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle,

and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Psalm Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**²Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

**⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading Galatians 2:19a-20

¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now

live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

PRAYERS OF the CHURCH

Called to be stewards of God’s many blessings, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal. Reconcile our differences. Forgive our divisions. Unite us at your table. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For your creation. Increase our stewardship of all that you have given to us. Let the earth flourish for those who come after us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For peace in the world. End conflicts among nations. Help leaders and citizens to truly listen to one another and to act for the good of all. Teach us by your example. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For all those in need. Bind up our hurts. Heal divisions in our families, friendships, and neighborhoods. Comfort those who need your special care (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For this congregation. Make us signs of your love and forgiveness in this community and in the world. Help us to grow in our love for one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

Amen.