

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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8:30 am The Joy of Managing God's Blessings September 30, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Sandra Anderson

GATHERING

✠ *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.* ✠

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and are held by the power of sin.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Forgive us for forgetting that all things come from you, for believing that what we receive comes by our own doing, and for neglecting to be faithful stewards of your gospel.

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may be given faith, and live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN _____

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord, teach us to manage our time, our goods, and our possessions that we might share our abundance with others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to you. Help us to serve wherever you place us, managing the gifts and talents you give us for your glory and the good of others. In the name of Jesus, who came “not to be served but to serve.” **Amen.**

(please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

The congregation is invited to open their ELW Hymnal to #852 ~ “Golden Breaks the Dawn”
Vs. 1 ~ Organ Vs. 2 ~ Choir
Vs. 3 ~ Congregation

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

✠ *God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.* ✠

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 1:7-12

Pew Bible OT, p. 428

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Pew Bible OT, p. 222

Word of God, word of life.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Pew Bible NT, p. 29

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Erin

HYMN OF THE DAY

(please stand on final verse)

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING

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

OFFERING SONG

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your word of life, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray...

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.

SENDING

✠ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.* ✠

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Joy of Generosity!*

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