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*Rooted in Faith      \*      Growing in Spirit      \*      Reaching Out to Those in Need*  
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10:45 am The Joy of Managing God's Blessings September 30, 2018

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Ted Dickey

GATHERING

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

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.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG

“Let It Rise”

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us.
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us.
Let the praises of the King rise among us.
Let it rise!

Let the song of the Lord, rise among us.
Let the song of the Lord, rise among us.
Let the joy of the King, rise among us.
Let it rise!

Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

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Let the joy of the King, rise among us.
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Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

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)

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

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

FIRST READING **2 Thessalonians 3:6-15** *Pew Bible OT, p. 222*

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

ALLELUIA *(please stand)*

“Hallelujah, Hear Our Praises”

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear the singing fill the air.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear the singing fill the air.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Enough”

All of You is more than enough,
For all of me, for every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with Your love.
And all I have in You is more than enough.

You're my supply, my breath of life;
Still more awesome than I know.
You're my reward, worth living for;
Still more awesome than I know.

All of You is more than enough,
For all of me, for every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with Your love.
And all I have in You is more than enough.

You're my sacrifice of greatest price;
Still more awesome that I know.
You're my coming King, You are everything;
Still more awesome than I know.

More than all I want,
More than all I need,
You are more than enough for me.
More than all I want,
More than all I need,
You are more than enough.

All of You is more than enough,
For all of me, for every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with Your love.
And all I have in You is more than enough.

APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand)*

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.** *(please be seated)*

OFFERING

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

OFFERING SONG

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation.
And uphold me with your free spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Let us pray. God, you are the 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. **Amen.**

MEAL

✠ *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.* ✠

THE 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to 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.

COMMUNION SONGS

"More Precious Than Silver"

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,

And nothing I desire compares to you.

Lord, your love is higher than the mountains.

Lord, your love is wider than the sea.

Lord, your love is deeper than the oceans.

There's nothing I want more than you with me.

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,

And nothing I desire compares to you.

COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand)*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God, we thank you that you have fed us with bread and wine beyond compare, the very body and blood of Christ for us. Send your Holy Spirit with us now, that we may share your Word of forgiveness and promise of everlasting life with all the world. **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 SONG **“Rise Up and Praise Him”**

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad.
Let the people of God sing His praise all over the land.
Everyone in the valley come and lift your voice.
All those on the mountaintop, be glad and shout for joy.

Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love.
Rise up and praise Him, worship the holy one.
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might,
Rise up and praise Him.

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DISMISSAL

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

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*Experiencing the
Joy of Generosity!*

**Zion Lutheran Church
Stewardship 2018**

**The Joy of Managing God's Blessings
September 30, 2018
10:45 a.m.**

FIRST READING**2 Chronicles 1:7-12**

⁷That night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I should give you." ⁸Solomon said to God, "You have shown great and steadfast love to my father David, and have made me succeed him as king. ⁹O Lord GOD, let your promise to my father David now be fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. ¹⁰Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can rule this great people of yours?" ¹¹God answered Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may rule my people over whom I have made you king, ¹²wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like."

SECOND READING**2 Thessalonians 3:6-15**

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. ¹⁴Take note of those who do not obey what we say in this letter; have nothing to do with them, so that they may be ashamed. ¹⁵Do not regard them as enemies, but warn them as believers.

GOSPEL**Matthew 25:14-30**

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those

slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'