

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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10:45 am Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 9, 2018

GATHERING

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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION *(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. 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

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Jesus I’ve forgotten the words that You have spoken.
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you.
Now I am returning to your mercies ever flowing.
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies.
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence.
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Generous God,
like a loving parent you always welcome us when we come to you. Encourage us to keep on approaching you for whatever we need, knowing that you supply what is best for us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ella Kempf ~ “Give Thanks”

A TIME FOR CHILDREN & NOISY OFFERING

WORD

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

PSALM

Psalm 103 *(read responsively)*

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits —**
³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴**who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶**The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸**The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²**as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

¹⁴**For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.**

¹⁵As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;

¹⁶**for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**

¹⁷But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸**to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

¹⁹The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰**Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.**

²¹Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.

²²**Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

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 Saint Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Luke 13:10-17**

NT page 78 in the pew Bible

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

SERMON

Pastor Erin

SONG OF THE DAY **“Let The River Flow”**

Let the poor man say I am rich in Him,
Let the lost man say I am found in Him,
Oh, let the river flow.
Let the blind man say I can see again.
Let the dead man say I am born again.
Oh, let the river flow. Let the river flow.

Let the river flow, let the river flow.
Holy Spirit come, move in power. Let the river flow.

Let the poor man say I am rich in Him,
Let the lost man say I am found in Him,
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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 "Offering"

The sun cannot compare to the Glory of Your love.
There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne.
Before the Holy One of Heaven.
It's only by Your blood.
And it's only through Your mercy.

Lord I come.
I bring an offering of worship to the King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due.
Oh Lord, I bring an offering to You.

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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: our selves, 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

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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 **“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”**

Jesus, lover of my soul, Jesus, I will never let You go.
You’ve taken me from the miry clay,
You’ve set my feet upon the rock and now I know.

I love You, I need You,
Though my world will fall, I’ll never let You go;
My Savior, my closest Friend,
I will worship You until the very end.

Jesus, lover of my soul, Jesus, I will never let You go.
You’ve taken me from the miry clay,
You’ve set my feet upon the rock and now I know.

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You’ve set my feet upon the rock and now I know.

“There is None Like You”

There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.
There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.

Your mercy flows like a river wide, and healing comes from Your hands.
Suffering children are safe in Your arms. There is none like You.

There is none like You. No one else can touch my heart like You do.
I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like You.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING SONG **“That’s Why We Praise Him”**

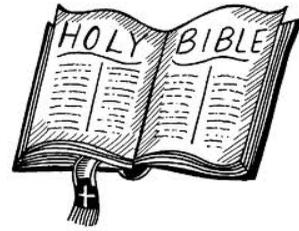
He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the living Word of Life;
He came to die so we’d be reconciled;
He came to rise, to show His power and might.

That’s why we praise Him; that’s why we sing;
That’s why we offer Him our every thing;
That’s why we bow down and worship this King,
‘Cause He gave His ev’rything.

He came to live, live again in us;
He came to be our conquering King and Friend;
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;
He came to go prepare a place for us.

That’s why we praise Him; that’s why we sing;
That’s why we offer Him our everything;
That’s why we bow down and worship this King,

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That’s why we praise Him; that’s why we sing;
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‘Cause He gave His ev’rything.



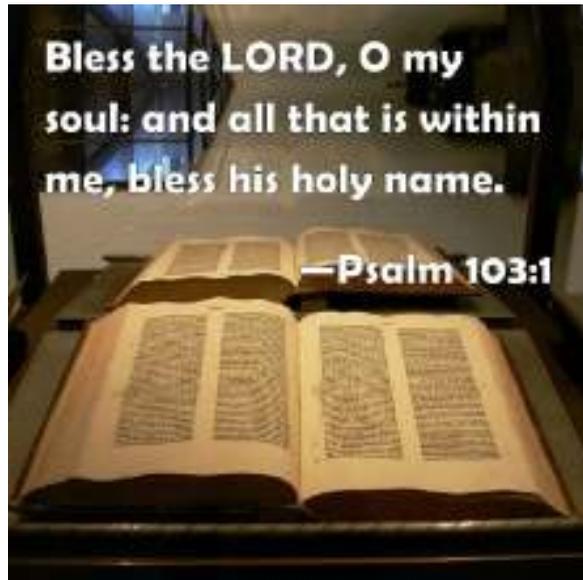
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”