

Zion Lutheran Church



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship on this holy day of celebration.
We are glad you are with us today for worship.
If you have any questions, please see an usher.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.



Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW 836

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

READING

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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***HYMN**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 659

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 INTERCESSION**

...Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile, or a message.

MUSICAL OFFERING

During this special music offering, we ask that you consider how you can support the work and mission at Zion through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or drop your Offering in the white box next to the bulletins. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.

Worship Choir



***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

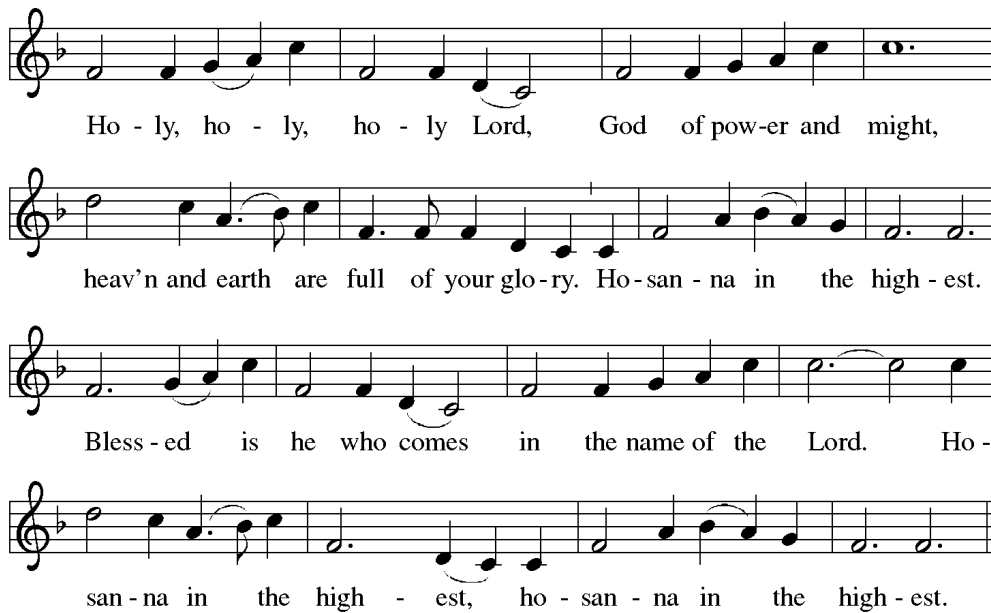
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor will continue with the proper preface:

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***THE 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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. Please be mindful of physical distancing as you come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. When you come forward for communion, the pastor or assisting minister will say similar words: "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Your response to each is "Amen." There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Know that Christ is fully present in the bread and the wine. If you are only able to receive one kind (such as only the host or only the wine), know that you will receive the same benefits as receiving both. Return your empty glass to trays in the windows. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

***SENDING HYMN**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

***DISMISSAL**


Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of my four children, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and in loving memory of G. Carlton Rhoderick by Adrienne Rhoderick

	<p>Zion Prayer List 10-03-2021 <i>Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.</i></p> <p>Kathi Hayter, Meredith Kinna, Peggy Kinna, Shirley Smith, Anna Kepler, Natalie Fry Anthony, Wanda Watson, James Henry Trim, Kathy Gordon, Marianna Bere, Nancy McGinnis, Nancy and Jim Shelton, Jimmy Long, Jimmy Hall, Sandy Burr, Janice Wisner, Greta Taury, Tom Harshman, Briggs Koops, Eddie Musser, Wesley Paul, Frances Lantz, Tonya, Donna Musser, Karen Sullivan, Ariell Haines, Patty Yeager, Evelyn Hawker, Kris Marcantonio, Chuck Rapp, Cathy Kehoe, David Haines, Benson Kinna, Barbara Ramsey, Doug Trusty, Steve Temple, Marty Appleby, Ruby Pyles, Ruth Davis, Jessica Catechis, Gene Appleby, Addison Hopson, Tristan Vail, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo</p> <p><i>Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.</i></p>
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