

Time after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

9:00 am

Communion



*278 Years Of
“Joyously proclaiming the good news of God’s love”*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 9/12	9:00 am	Outdoor Worship & Rally Day
Monday	7:00 pm	AA meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tae Kwan Do
Thursday	6:30 pm	Special Music Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Zion Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 9/19	9:00 am	Worship

We will have Outdoor worship on 9/26.

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This week (9/12)	
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Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild

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Next week (9/19)	
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Tim Beaver	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild

We thank you for your service.

Sunday, September 12th, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

PRELUDES

"In the Presence of Jehovah, with Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place" -Words and Music by Geron and Becky Davis; and Lanny Wolfe, Arr. by Mark Hayes

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" by Frederick C. Atkinson, Arr. by Tedd Smith

"You're Worthy of My Praise"- Words and Music by David Ruis, Arr. Carol Tornquist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise- ELW- #834, vs. 1, 3 & 4



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESION and FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

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

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to You, God

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

Please be seated

First Reading: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

R: A reading from the book of James:

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue , a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord. (Ps. 116:9)

R: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

R: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C: Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

R: Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

C: The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me

R: Turn again to your rest, O my soul for the Lord has dealt well with you.

C: For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 ,© Public Domain , Arr. © Augsburg Fortress

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark’s gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie

Please stand

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

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.

A: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A: Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word.

Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For all who are sick. Hear our prayers for **Larry** Davis, **Anne** Carroll, **Bill** Bull, **Ralph** Finkbiner, **Machiko**, **Richard** and **Sarah** Kuehner and those we lift before you now. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of faithfulness, we lift before you now our personal prayers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

OFFERING INVITATION

Sept. 12, 2021 (16th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

Mark 8:35 – Jesus taught, “For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?”

Jesus debunks the prevalent lie that the more we accumulate, the happier and more secure we will be. Steward/disciples learn that when we give ourselves fully to God, we save our lives and find true joy.

Please be seated

OFFERING with Special music

“This is the Day” – Words and Music by Andy Harrison, Joth Hunt & BJ Pridham

-Christopher Kirk- Drum solo, Lori Hoshaw, Piano

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please stand



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord’s Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: “Amen” or “I believe.” (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness; through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future.

C: We bless you, O Lord.

P: We give you thanks for your Son: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: 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

P: All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☸ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN

God's Work, Our Hands, ASC 1000, vs. 1, 3, & 4

Text: Wayne L. Wold, Music: David N. Johnson

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Good, Good Father"- Words and Music by Anthony Browne and Pat Barrett, Arr. by Carol Tornquist



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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	I Kings 13:1-10	Obeying the word of God
Tuesday	I Kings 13:11-25	Disobeying the word of God
Wednesday	John 7:25-36	Jesus the Messiah
Thursday	Isaiah 50:4:9a	The servant is vindicated by God
Friday	James 3:13-18	True wisdom comes from God
Saturday	Psalm 119:169-176	God's law is my delight