

# Time after Pentecost

**September 18, 2022**

9:00 am

Communion



*279 Years Of  
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

## INTRODUCTION

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human...gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

## PRELUDES

"Entree" by Clement Loret

"His Love" by Mary Carolyn Robbins Arr. by Todd Smith

"Serenity" by Tom Birchwood

## 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

Let Justice Flow Like Streams- ELW 717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

## Prayer of the Day

P: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

**C: God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Kyrie



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.  
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.  
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.

We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.  
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

***Please be seated***

## First Reading:

R: A reading from the book of Amos 8:4-7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

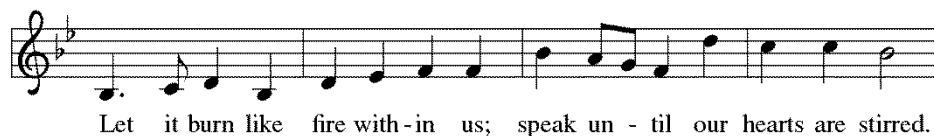
<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## ACCLAMATION



## **Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

*Please Stand*

## The 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: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We praise you for each day of health and well-being. And we pray for everyone who suffers from illness of any kind, for those who will die today, and for those we name here before you:

Hear our prayers for **Dave** Grubb, **Nicki** Grubb, **Brookelyn** Rogers, **Joanna** Siedlecki, **Branden** Sisca and family, **Margaret** Szabo, **Barbara** Winter, **Malissa** McCormick, **Beverly**

Kandrick, **Dean** Fiorini, **Jan** Miller, **Joan** Emswiler and those we lift before you now. Heal them with your loving might, God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end.

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Let us share the peace with one another**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

**Luke 16:13** – Jesus teaches, “No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

*A contemporary theologian calls it “the Great American Heresy” – that folks believe that we can really serve God and wealth. Jesus says we will hate the one and despise the other. How does Jesus’ teaching apply to you and your family?*

*Please be seated*

### **OFFERING WITH SPECIAL MUSIC**

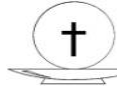
**"In Christ Alone"** - Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend - **Zion Choir**

*Please stand*

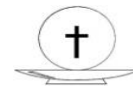
### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**C: Amen.**



## 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.**

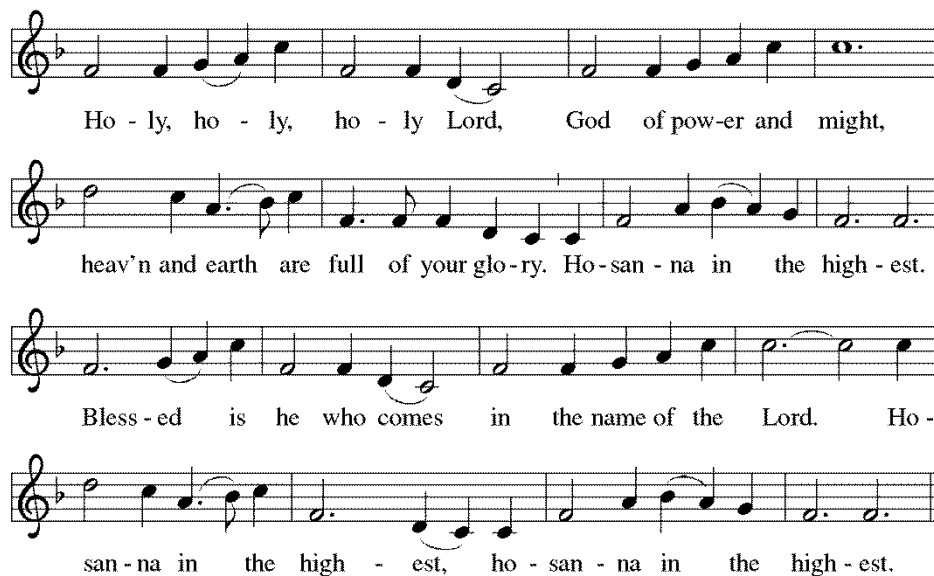
P: Lift up your hearts.

**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:



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: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

**C: Amen.**

### **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

**C: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ shed for you

**C: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will drink the wine)

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

**Here is Bread- ELW #483- All Verses** Text and Music by Graham Kendrick

**Come to the Table- ELW #481- All Verses** Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: Martin J. Nystrom

*Please stand*

### **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: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

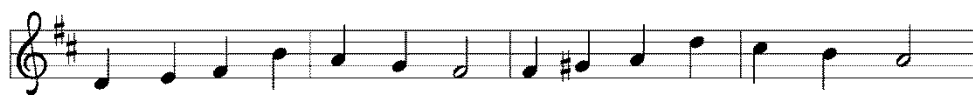
P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C: Amen**

## THE SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be - ELW 685 Verses 1, 2 & 6



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

Sunday 9/18	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Adult Discussion - Nooma</b>
Monday	7:00 pm	AA meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tae Kwon Do
Thursday	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Hymn Singer/ Special music rehearsal School Board Meeting Zion Adult Choir
Sunday 9/25	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>This week (9/18) @ 9.00 am</b>		<b>Next week (9/25) @ 9.00 am</b>	
Assistant Minister	Deb Batten	Assistant Minister	
Reader	Amy Kirk	Reader	
Greeter	Maggie Munz	Greeter	Maggie Munz
Hymns	Zion Choir	Hymns	Zion Choir

### **Bible Readings**

<b>Monday</b>	Exodus 23:1-9	Justice for all
<b>Tuesday</b>	Proverbs 20:1-30	The wisdom of Solomon
<b>Wednesday</b>	Luke 20:45 – 21:4	The rich versus the poor
<b>Thursday</b>	Proverbs 21:1-31	The wisdom of Solomon
<b>Friday</b>	2 Corinthians 8:1-9	Generosity to the poor
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalms 12	Help for the poor