

# **Time after Pentecost**

**September 19, 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 9/19	9:00	am	Worship and Teacher's installation
Monday	7.00	pm	AA meeting
Tuesday	5:00	pm	Tae Kwan Do
Thursday 9/23	6.30	pm	Praise band
	7:00	pm	Hymn Singers/Special Music Rehearsal
	7:30	pm	Zion Adult Choir
Sunday 9/26	9:00	am	Outdoor Worship led by Pastor Paul Townsend

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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This week (9/19)	
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Tim Beaver	Lay Reader
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Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

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Choir	Hymns

**We thank you for your service.**

**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

## **PRELUDES**

On Tannenberg- "Take My Life and Let it Be" by Henri A. Cesar Milan  
"Serenity" by Tom Birchwood  
"His Love" by Mary Carolyn Robbins. Arr. by Todd Smith

## **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	All Are Welcome Text and Music:- Marty Haugen	ELW #641	Vs. 1 & 5
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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **CONFESSON 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 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

R: A reading from the book of James:

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 54**

*God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)*

R: Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

**C: Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

R: For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

**C: Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

R: Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**C: I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

R: For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

*Please stand*

**ACCLAMATION****“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”****ELW #172**

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

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie****COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF TEACHERS**

P: For the marvels of your creation, we praise you, O God.

For the opportunity to explore and study, we praise you, O God.

For those who guide us, teachers and mentors, we praise you, O God.

Teach us your ways and guide us in your path, for you are the creator of all that is seen and unseen.

**C: Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, you have volunteered your time, your energy, and your gifts to the children, youth, and family ministries of this congregation. Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

**Teachers: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P: Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

**Teachers: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P: People of Zion, will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our

congregation's ministry to children, youth, and families? Will you support them and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these ministers to care for the young ones in our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, who has given you the gifts and the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**C: Amen.**

P: On behalf of *Zion*, we now commission you for ministry, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve.

*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: God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. 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 consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. 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. 19, 2021 (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

**James 4:1, 2 –** Those conflicts and disputes among you ... do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.

*James puts his finger on the pulse of human misery. We drive ourselves crazy by craving the things we don't have and envying those who have more than we do! Spiritual maturity and practicing steward/discipleship help bring us sanity.*

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING with Special music

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"- Words and Music by Helen H. Lemmel

- Sung by Barbara Grubb



## 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**

### **Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom**

**ASC- #1064 Vs 1 & 2**

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, Music: W. Moore, Columbian Harmony

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

"Praise with the Trumpet" by Gerald Peterson



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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	2 Kings 5:1-14	The girl servant saves her master
Tuesday	2 Kings 11:21-12:16	The boy king repairs the temple
Wednesday	John 8:21-38	Being disciples of Jesus
Thursday	Jeremiah 1:4-10	God calls Jeremiah while in the womb
Friday	James 4:6 – James 5:12	Draw near to God
Saturday	Psalm 139:1-18	God formed me in my mother's womb