

Time after Pentecost

September 26, 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 9/26	9:00 am	Outdoor Worship led by Pastor Paul Townsend (Followed by Retirement luncheon)
Monday	7.00 pm	AA meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tae Kwan Do
Thursday	6.30 pm	Praise band
	7:00 pm	Hymn Singers/Special Music Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Zion Adult Choir
Sunday 10/3	9:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Blessing of the Animals

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Southeastern Pa. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

This week (9/26)	
Jena Dietrich	Assistant Minister
Beverly Tyson	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Choir	Hymns

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Next week (10/3)	
Barbara Ann Miller Seeley	Assistant Minister
Amy Kirk	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
tbd	Hymns

We thank you for your service.

Sunday, September 26th, 2021

INTRODUCTION

PRELUDES

"Breathe"- Words and Music by Marie Barnett. Arr. by Mark Hayes
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" - Words and Music by Doris Akers, Arr. by Mark Hayes
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"- Franz Joseph Haydn, 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

Gather us In
Text and Music: Marty Haugen

ELW #532- vs. 1 & 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION 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: Ezekiel 34: 11-16

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

R: A reading from the book of Ezekiel:

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

R: A reading from the book of Ephesians:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

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

Gospel: Matthew 24: 42-47

Jesus urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

“Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE by Pastor Paul Townsend

Please stand

Hymn

"O Zion, Haste"

ELW #668



Text: Mary A. Thomson , Music: James Walch

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: We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. 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: We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. 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. 26, 2018 (18th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

Psalm 19:14 – Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

When we live fully to God, we want not just our outside appearance to meet with God's approval, but even our thoughts and words. This is the prayer of a true steward/disciple.

Please be seated

OFFERING with Special music

"Timeless One" by Shelly E. Johnson Phillip Keveren, Arr. by Phillip Keveren - **by Zion Choir**

OFFERING PRAYER

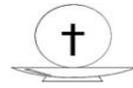
A: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, Music: Silesian folk tune



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Revelation Song" - Word and Music by Jennie Lee Riddle, Arr. Carol Tornquist



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"To the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Paul Townsend's retirement.

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Exodus 18:13-27	Moses appoints judges to keep peace
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Moses charges the judges
Wednesday	Matthew 5:13-20	You are salt and light
Thursday	Esther 1:1-22	The king's banquet
Friday	Acts 4:13-31	The believers pray for boldness
Saturday	Psalms 5	Lead me in righteousness