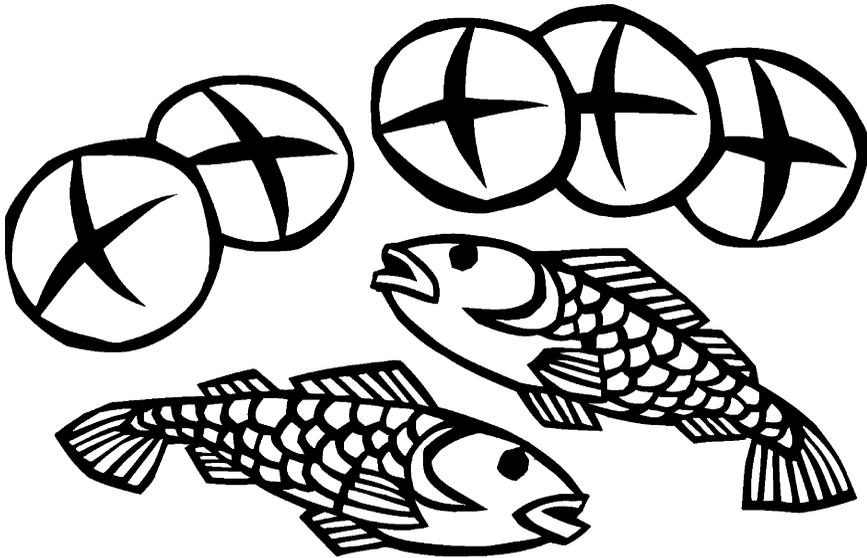


Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020



***Zion Lutheran Church, ELCA
530 Sixth Street
International Falls, MN 56649
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***Broadcast live at 9:30 am on K104.1 FM
and live streamed on Facebook***

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG – All Things Bright and Beautiful

WOV 767



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,

2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run - ning by,

3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,

4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.

the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.

the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.

how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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.

KYRIE

Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Priest/Deacon/Cantor All

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to

peo-ple of good will. (1. We) A - men.

Verse 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri - fy you,

1. we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,

to Refrain or Verse 2

1. heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

Verse 2

2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
 2. God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the
 2. sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the
 2. sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right
 2. hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 3. Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia. lu - ia.

1. Let your heart rejoice in the Lord.
Let your word proclaim his deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world
that our God has come to save.

GOSPEL – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Response – Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Joe Belanger, Synod Authorized Minister

HYMN OF THE DAY – Let us Talent and Tongues Employ

ELW 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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CREED

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE – The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

A TIME OF REFLECTION – Shelter Me

A Prayer-Song in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Michael Joncas

O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.
O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
All will be well if on - ly you will shel-ter me.

1. Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:
to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.
You gave me rest by quiet springs
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

2. Yet now I tread a diff'rent way;
Death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.
I cannot find your peaceful place
But dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.

3. I will look back in days to come
and realize your faithfulness has led me home.
Within your house I'll find my peace,
trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en 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, in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

We praise you, O God.

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

We bless you, O God.

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

We thank you, O God.

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

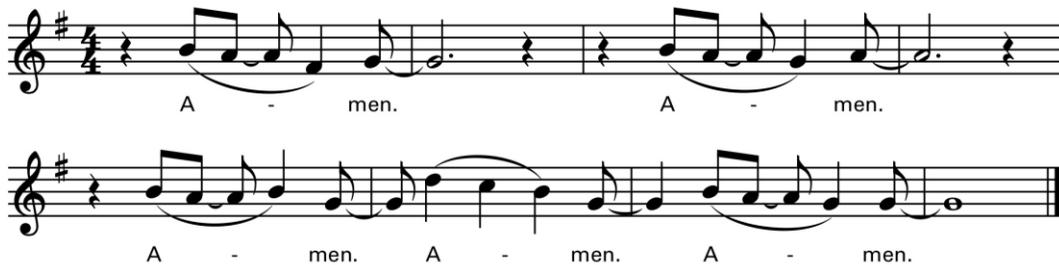
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

AMEN.



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
sins of the world: grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION



COMMUNION MEDITATION HYMN— *Behold The Lamb*



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that



1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighbor love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG – Sing Hey For the Carpenter

Verses



1. Come with me, come wan - der, come wel - come the
 2. Come walk in my com - p'ny, come sleep by my
 3. Come share in my laugh - ter, come close to my
 4. Come leave your pos - ses - sions, come share out your



world Where stran - gers might smile or where
 side, Come sa - vor a life - style with
 fears, Come find your - self washed with the
 treas - ure. Come give and re - ceive with - out



stones may be hurled; Come leave what you
 noth - ing to hide; Come sit at my
 kiss of my tears; Come stand close at
 meth - od or meas - ure; Come loose ev - 'ry



cling to, lay down what you clutch And
 ta - ble and eat with my friends, Dis -
 hand while I suf - fer and die And
 bond that's re - sist - ing the Spir - it, En -



find, with hands emp - ty, that hearts can hold much.
 cov - 'ring that love which the world nev - er ends.
 find in three days how I nev - er will lie.
 a - bling the earth to be yours to in - her - it.

Refrain



Sing hey for the car - pen - ter leav - ing his tools! Sing hey for the



Phar - i - sees leav - ing their rules! Sing hey for the fish - er - men



leav - ing their nets! Sing hey for the peo - ple who leave their re - grets!

DISMISSAL – Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Worship Leaders Today

Presider	Joe Belanger, Synod Authorized Minister
Musician	Joe Belanger
Liturgist	Cathy Lucca
Sound Technician	John Faith
Live Streaming	Ted Saxton

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HOLY COMMUNION, the Lord's Supper, is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. All Christians who desire to share in Christ's body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, are welcome to receive the Sacrament. We ask that you come forward under the direction of the ushers. White grape juice and gluten free wafers are available for those who wish them. Today we will commune by intinction.

Bishop Thomas Aitken, Northeastern Minnesota Synod, has authorized Joe Belanger to preside at Holy Communion during his time of appointment as a Synodically Authorized Minister at Zion Lutheran. This is an extension of the bishop's own ministry and permission lasts through his appointment.

Prayer Concerns – Helen Knutson, Susie Battalion, Sharon Belanger Averill, Margaret Tyson, Doug Nagle, Tony Miller, Jim Ramnes, Jim Stavseth, and Kathleen Ganter.

Our Radio Broadcast is sponsored today by Darlyss Samuelson and family in recognition and in remembrance of those we love every day and always.

May the God of all consolation be with the family and friends of Audrey Dahl, who died July 27. Please remember the family and friends in your prayers.

The ministries of the church are still in need of your offering and monetary gifts as we determine what the church may look like right now and in the near future. You can still mail your offering to the church, and, in addition to the Simply Giving program, we now accept donations through Pay Pal. The financial institution where you bank may also have an automatic bill-pay program for you to utilize. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the church.

Zion's office hours and facility availability continue to be *by appointment only*. All weekly activities or meetings are cancelled at this time.

Our radio broadcast and live streaming will continue at Zion. Sunday's service will be shown on KCC-TV Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm and 11:30 pm; Monday mornings at 5:30 am and 9:00 am. This is our local access station – Midco Channel 7.

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Backus Community Café – Please note that the Backus dining room is closed, however, meals will be available for pick up/carry out. Guests should call Backus at 285-7225 before 4:00 pm on a café day to reserve a meal. Meals can then be picked up from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm from the east door of Backus (Door #3 facing St. Thomas Church) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Zion Lutheran Church will have a congregational meeting Wednesday, August 12 6:00 pm Backus Community Center for the purpose of voting to call a pastor to Zion.

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP VERSE

God uses money to confirm direction.
“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths” (Prov. 3:5-6).

Simply Giving – Simply Giving supports the spiritual practice of giving on a regular basis. This online service (direct deposit to Zion) provides more options and flexibility to grow giving, add income to the church, and enhance cash flow. Simply Giving can strengthen the financial health of Zion and help us in doing God's work together. If you'd like more information or if you're interested in signing up, please contact the church office.



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Zion's Mission Statement

To Proclaim the Joy of Salvation Through Word and Sacrament

Zion's Office Hours

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