

So Be Who You Are, O Child of Light



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 15

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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex. About Holy Communion: We celebrate this Sacrament every Sunday at Zion. We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have repented of their sins and seek to amend their sinful life; all who believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine; and all who believe that through the words "given and shed for you" forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given. If this is your confession and a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, then come with a thankful heart and join us. See p.329, 330 in the front part of the hymnal for guidance in preparing to receive Holy Communion. We also offer gluten free wafers please notify Elder ahead of time that you would appreciate the gluten free.

AS WE GATHER

We are an audiovisual culture. Everywhere you turn, people use a wide variety of means to get your attention: billboards along the highway, commercials on the radio, pop-up advertisements on social media, telephone surveys that interrupt your family dinner. The list could go on and on. Jesus, too, used a variety of means at His disposal in the first century to communicate His message of life and salvation. He Himself is the greatest communication in any time and place—the very Word made flesh. Christ gives words that are spirit and life. He speaks. We listen. Christ also does the saving work of removing darkness by His death and resurrection. He shines. We see and live. Talk about an audiovisual Savior! Today, let us listen, touch, taste, and see. As we respond to God's grace with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, let us lift up thankful hearts to our Father in the name of Jesus.

Altar Guild for August:

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Order of Worship

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Divine Service Lutheran Service Book -

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Opening Hymn:

“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

LSB 908

Confession and Absolution

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Introit for Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. **His praise endures forever!**

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD, **studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of splendor and majesty is his work, **and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him; **he remembers his covenant forever.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. **Holy and awesome is his name!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Collect for Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

1 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.

14 “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods,

17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed.

18 And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:6–21

(We walk as children of light.)

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not associate with them;

8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in

the Lord. Walk as children of light

9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,

14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,

20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

GOSPEL

John 6:51–69

(Jesus speaks words of spirit and life.)

51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

54Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 57As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” 59Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. 60When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” 61But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? 62Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” 66After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” 68Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

Nicene Creed or Apostle’s Creed

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Sermon Hymn:

“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious” LSB 548

Sermon

The Offering

Prayer of the Church

Word's of Institution

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Agnus Dei

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Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Communion Hymns:

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

LSB 543

"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LSB 528

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

Nunc Dimittis

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Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn:

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

LSB 923

Announcements

From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:

Mark 7:37 – “And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done all things well.’ ” When God created the world it was “very good.” And here Jesus does all things well. God is always blessing, always seeking our good. We know this is so ... but we still struggle to believe it: for if we really believed it, why would we ever do anything contrary to God's will and Law? We know that everything He tells us to do is for our good ... and yet we struggle in the weakness of the flesh. Lord we believe, help our unbelief!

The Pewpoint

THEME OF THE DAY

Jesus Is the Word and Wisdom of God, Who Gives You Life and Light in His Flesh

Jesus is the divine Word by whom all things were made, who has become flesh and dwells among us. He gives His flesh *“for the life of the world,”* not only as a sacrifice for sin but as *“the living bread”* from heaven (John 6:51). Eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:54–57), and no longer walk in the darkness of sin, but walk in His light. *“Arise from the dead”* and live in Him, because you are *“light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8, 14). Being filled with His Spirit, confess Him to *“one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart”* (Eph. 5:18–19). Fear, love and trust in Him, *“and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness”* (Josh. 24:14). For He has brought you *“out of the house of slavery”* by His cross and resurrection, and now He does *“great signs”* in your sight (Josh. 24:17). Indeed, He is the divine wisdom, who has built His house, prepared His feast and set His table; He bids you to recline and eat of His bread and drink of the wine He has mixed (Prov. 9:1–5).

Attendance:

Sunday Service: 36 Communed: 30
Mid-Week Service: 12 Communed: 10

YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures

Needed per week to make budget: \$3,462

Envelopes: \$1,855

Plate: \$41

Automatic Deposit: \$50

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday
Wednesday

7pm

Mid-Week Service

GRAPEVINE ARTICLES ARE DUE



August 2018 Lutheran Witness is here – pick up a copy in the Narthex and take it home with you!

Thanks Penny for helping us out the last couple of months – it's very much appreciated





According to the last voters meeting it was decided that Zion should have a Facebook page to let social media know about our congregation and activities that are coming up.

Please check out this link and "like" and "share".



<https://www.facebook.com/ZionClyman/>

NO MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE ON LABOR DAY

Received an email from Pastor Schempf

Schempfs Serving the Savior...Pastor Schempf will be installed as a LCMS theological educator to Uganda at Good Shepherd, Watertown during the weekend services Sat. 9/22 at 6:00 pm and Sun. 8:00 and 10:30 am. Pastor and Karen will do a presentation about their work between the services at 9:15 am. They will also do a presentation at Zion at a later date.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Karen and I want to thank you for the delicious farewell brunch you hosted on Sunday, August 5th. As always, gathering around the table to eat yummy food together and visit was a delightful way to close our farewell Sunday. I also thank you for the beautiful personalized journal. The cover verse reads, "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." Psalm 139:9-10. This verse is a great comfort to me as I move into uncharted waters in Uganda. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for a major transition. Watch your email for our newsletter titled, ***Schempfs Serving the Savior.***

May the Holy Spirit guide and direct the next steps at Zion. You will remain in our prayers.

Serving the Savior,
Pastor Schempf