

Lord, I Believe; Help My Unbelief!



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 23

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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

Has a friend ever asked, "Why do you go to church?" While there are many good answers to that question, we are reminded today of the primary reason we gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. The author to the Hebrews reminds us: "For we share in Christ" (Hebrews 3:14). Going to church isn't primarily something we do; church is, first and foremost, something God does for us. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is present with us through His Word and Sacrament this day, we are privileged to share in the blessings of the blood-bought forgiveness and Easter-sealed life our Father gives to us. So, the next time someone asks you why you attend church, let them know about the Savior you encounter and get to know every time you gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. We have come to share in Christ!

Altar Guild for October:

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Opening Hymn:

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

LSB 915

Confession and Absolution

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Introit for Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

Wealth and riches are in his house, **and his righteousness endures forever.**

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; **he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; **who conducts his affairs with justice.**

For the righteous will never be moved; **he will be remembered forever.**

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.

Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

Collect for Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

(Seek the Lord that you may live.)

6 Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

7 You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground,

10 you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him

who tells the truth.

11 You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.

12 For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

13 Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil.

14 Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

15 Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3: 1-6

1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

5 Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future.

6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17–22

(Jesus responds to a man seeking to inherit eternal life.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed or Apostle’s Creed

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Sermon Hymn:

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” LSB 707

Sermon

The Offering

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"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"	LSB 918

Announcements

From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:

Isaiah 55:2 – “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places where “moth and rust destroy.” Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about the way in which we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

The Pewpoint

THEME OF THE DAY

Christ Jesus Is the One and Only Good by Whom You Inherit Eternal Life

The Lord is the Author and Giver of life, as well as a consuming fire of judgment against all *“who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate”* (Amos 5:12). *“Seek the LORD and live,”* therefore, by hating what is evil, loving what is good and doing what is just and right, according to His Word. *“And so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you”* (Amos 5:6, 14–15). Understand that *“no one is good except God alone”* (Mark 10:18). The life that you are called to live is found neither in your *“great possessions,”* nor in your good works, but only in Christ Jesus. Let go of *“all that you have”* and follow Him, even unto death, and *“you will have treasure in heaven”* (Mark 10:21–22). Do not harden your heart against His voice, nor turn away from Him, lest you *“fall away from the living God.”* Rather, hear and heed His call, cling to His Word and *“exhort one another every day,”* that you may remain steadfast in Christ and *“firm to the end”* (Heb. 3:12–15).

Attendance:

Sunday Service: 59 Communed: 50

YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures

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

Envelopes: \$2,550

Plate: \$103

General Memorial: Orville Dietrich \$20

Automatic Deposit: \$130

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday After Church
Wednesday 5:30 to 7pm

 7:00 pm
Thursday 10am to 2pm

Sunday School
Confirmation Class at
Zion, Clyman
Voice Choir
Quilting



Does anyone wish to take the November Altar Guild position – if you are interested please contact Jane Dornfeld.

This picture was taken August 3rd at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis with members of Zion after the sending service. A total of 13 missionaries and spouses were sent to different parts of the world.

