

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

Last Week's Statistics: Attendance: 195; Communion: 155; Offerings: \$4,614.00

Help Wanted Zion Lutheran School is looking for help in our Preschool Wrap-Around Program. This is a part-time, afternoon position. Apply in the Zion office.

Needed The preschool wrap-around room needs a few items. Needed are a CD player, a child's art easel, small microwave, and a small table for 3 and 4 year olds. If you have any of these items and would be willing to donate them, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

Thy Strong Word Listen to KDSN (104.9 FM) for these 3-4 minute devotions (Mon.-Sat.) at 6:25 a.m. This week's speaker is Rev. Richard Merrill, Multi-Point Parish, Charter Oak.

Stewardship Corner... Matthew 16:27 – “For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” St Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in 1 Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this “repaying” in Matt. 19:27-30. Bottom line: Your good works can't buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter. They are pleasing to your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words, our sacrifices for the Lord's Kingdom are not in vain, and they are not unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.

Building Healthy Families: A research project conducted with 80 college age students in the Midwest found that most of them reported having an important relationship with grandparents or significant elders that influenced their values, goals, and life choices and gave them a sense of self, roots, and tradition. Grandparents and older members of our church family, do you know how important you are? Make sure the young adults in your family and congregation who are going off to college continue to hear from you! **Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

This Week's Bible Verses:

Sunday - Matthew 16:13-20 - Peter's confession of Christ
Monday - Isaiah 51:1-16 - Blessings for God's people
Tuesday - Romans 12:1-8 - Christ brings new life
Wednesday - Exodus 1:8-2:10 - Israelites are oppressed
Thursday - Psalm 124 - Thanksgiving for Israel's deliverance
Friday - 1 Peter 1:13-25 - A call to holy living
Saturday - Psalm 138 - Praise God with all your heart
Sunday - Matthew 16:21-28 - Take up your cross and follow

*And now these three remain:
faith, hope
and love,
But the greatest of these is love.*
1 Corinthians 13:13

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

SUNDAY - 8/23

9:00am Traditional Worship ☩

MONDAY - 8/24

1:30pm Monday Sewing

TUESDAY - 8/25

First Day of School at Zion

WEDNESDAY - 8/26

THURSDAY - 8/27

FRIDAY - 8/28

SATURDAY - 8/29

9:00am Traditional Worship ☩

6:30pm Traditional Worship ☩

SUNDAY - 8/30

9:00am Contemporary Worship ☩

You're in Our Prayers...

For Healing... Dave Johnson, Jerry Boger, Delores Meyer, Florence Poggensee, Barb Fonken, Duane Boettger

Blessings to Lois Greder as she celebrates her 85th birthday on Monday!

Baptism Blessings to Camila Isabel Cabrera, daughter of Noe Cabrera and Morgan Slechta. Welcome, Camila!

Happy Birthday to... (Aug. 22-28) Emily Gierse, Jeanie Goslar, Eunice Harden, Audrey Meneough, Bob Meyer, Lois Greder, Garret Plagge, Beka Polacek, Angie Schmidt, Ann Wessel, Karen Claussen, Michael Feller, Marlan Harm, Landon Slechta, Jordyn Hinrickson, Carlin Mesenbrink, Hunter Frum, Bailey Miller, Beth Neumann

Happy Anniversary to... (Aug. 22-28) James & Mary Buss, Bob & Lanette Matthiesen, Bradley & Molly Meeves, Dale & Candis Schillerberg, Bob & Shelley Starman, Doug & Alison Dorhout

Families and Zion Staff including... Trent & Jodi Baker, Darline Henkel, Sharen Kleckner, Deb Potts and Jesse, Katie, James, Joseph, Juliet, & Isaiah Bergman

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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