

13th Sunday after Pentecost
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH | IOWA CITY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



Zion Lutheran Church...
As God welcomes all people through the grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve.

Available during worship. Ask an usher for assistance.



Large
Print
Bulletins



Personal
Hearing
Devices



Child
Worship
Activities



Seat cushions
for sitting
comfort



Whether you are worshipping online or in-person, you are invited to participate in this service as you are able, by standing, sitting, praying and singing aloud as you may be moved. We may not be with you to hear you, but we join our prayers with yours, and offer them to God with joyful hearts.

Know too, that your offerings support the many ministries of Zion Lutheran, and your gift helps realize the vision of a spiritually alive world.

Thank you for your generosity, and for being part of Zion Lutheran today.

Give online:



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

The community of Zion Lutheran Church invites all who enter our building to join in a covenant of care for one another. Covenant

language in the Bible describes the relationship God has with us through God's promise to love us and God's invitation for us to love each other. As reflectors of that love, we use covenant language to describe our relationships with each other. As the Body of Christ gathered at Zion, we invite all to join us in a covenant of care for one another.

Zion's Covenant Foundations

- As God invites and welcomes all, we hope to offer that same radical hospitality here.
- As God prioritizes those who are littlest, last or least among us, we seek to extend tenderness and patience with each other.
- Our care for each other, as beloved and equal members of the Body of Christ, should guide our interactions at all times.

Accessibility for all

Accessible washrooms are on each floor of the building.

All-gender washrooms are on the lower level and upper level.

Gendered washrooms are on the main level.

Changing stations are available in all washrooms.

Scent free zone is located in the southeast section of the pews (far left, front)

Gluten free communion option: Speak with an usher or a pastor prior to worship.

*Audio and video recording of this worship service is in progress.
The recording will be made available on the Zion website for public viewing.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Will You Come and Follow Me

arr. Charles Callahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN | *O God beyond All Praising*

ELW (red hymn book) #880

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final two lines and ends with a double bar line.

All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom
Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the
praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the

Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND LESSON

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

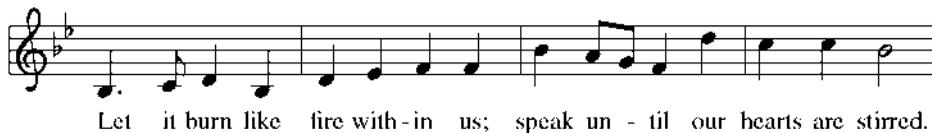
⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus,⁵

whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,
²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not
carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build
a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to
complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who
see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to
finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first
and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against
him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends
a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my
disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY | *Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW (red hymn book) #798

APOSTLES' CREED

ELW (front portion of red hymn book) page 105

PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #206

LORD'S PRAYER (MODERN VERSION)

ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #208

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The ushers will invite you to the altar rail to receive a fellowship cup. Those who wish to remain in their pew, may pick up a fellowship cup in the narthex. You may consume it upon returning to your seat. Gluten free wafers are also available. Ushers will collect the empty fellowship cups.

Lamb of God ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #208

O Jesus, I Have Promised ELW (red hymn book) #810

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

OFFERING

Offering plates are located at the entrance to the worship space.

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN | *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*
Stanzas 1 & 4

ELW (red hymn book) #802

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. Lloyd Larson

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 a.m. Worship

Marsha Smith, pastor

Preacher

Jennifer Lutz, pastor

Presider

Marlys Boote

Pianist

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