

14th Sunday after Pentecost
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH | IOWA CITY, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 11, 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

Amazing Grace

arr. Timothy Shaw

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ.
Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN | *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW (red hymn book) #834

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject what is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.

¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Lamb of God ELW (front portion of red hymn book) #112
My Shepherd, You Supply My Need ELW (red hymn book) #782

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

OFFERING

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

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN | *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* ELW (red hymn book) #676

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. John Carter

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 a.m. Worship

Marsha Smith, pastor
Jennifer Lutz, pastor
Melanie Sigafoose

Presider
Preacher
Pianist

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