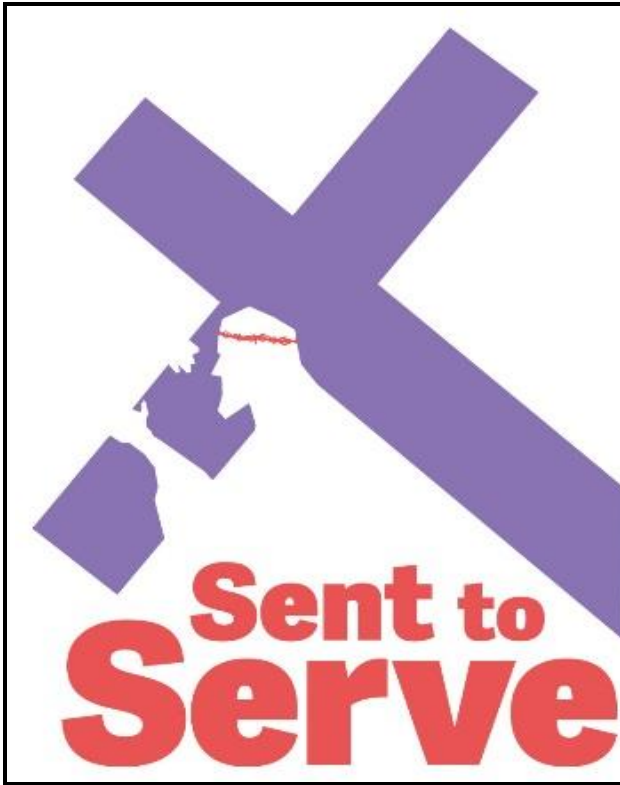


15th Sunday after Pentecost



September 13, 2020

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Prayer Before Worship *Forgiveness is a blessing from you, O Lord, the ointment of grace that flows from your holy Name; as you love, so let us love; as you forgive, may we also forgive; and let your peace rest upon us, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

This Week's Prayer List We pray for a portion of Zion's family and friends...Zach and Kendra Rhodes; Angela and Jason Richardson; Theresa and Erica Richardson; Timothy Richardson; Ben Rodman; Jenna Rodman; Owen, Jace, and Madison Rodman. We pray for those under the care of a physician, undergoing treatment and therapy, for all difficulties meeting obligations, and a strong faith for every need.

Zion's Pictorial Directory with Lifetouch is cancelled for November 10th-14th! We will know more in January.

Video Volunteers – Zion began taping the worship services through Zion's Facebook page in March and will continue with this as a ministry to the homebound. Volunteers are needed to help in the video broadcast in our worship service. Let Pastor or the office know that you are interested in helping. Thanks!

Rededication of Zion teachers today during service.

Jill Jopp – Preschool/Kindergarten

Brittany Moen – 1st/2nd

Stephanie Morschen – 3rd/4th

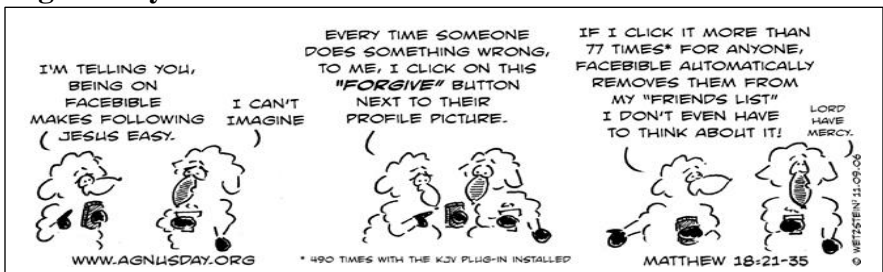
Tom Marcsisak – 5th/6th/Principal

Kateryna McCloskey – 7th/8th

Terri Bentz – Special Education

Agnus Day

Matthew 18:21-35



Opening Hymn # 816 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Confession of Sins and Absolution **Page 151**

Kyrie **Page 152**

Hymn of Praise – This is the Feast **Page 155**

Collect of the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 14:1-12

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter eighteen.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn # 611

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

(v 1=all, v 2=pastor, v 3=all, v 4=pastor, v 5=all)

Sermon

Servants of Love

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

Rededication of Zion Teachers

P You have been called to serve in the teaching ministry and in such you instruct children according to God's Word. Along with all Christians, you are to be where God delivers his gift of grace--in the Word, in the sacraments, and among fellow believers, where the worship of God is honored and faith is strengthened.

C God calls us to faith in this kingdom; and we give thanks to God for the faith and hope that we share in Christ. We entrust you with the teaching of our children and encourage you in your calling, that you may stand as worthy models of faith and holy living.

T: We thank God for the call to serve in his name. We vow to serve God faithfully and so we will carry out our duties to the best of our abilities in a way that is pleasing to him, according to his Word and united in this faith proclaimed in this Christian church.

C We will support you in your task, with encouragement and prayer. As God enables us, we will serve alongside you in the ministry of Christian education, giving of our time, talents, and treasures to do the work of God in this place. May the Lord bless you in your work--and bless us through your service.

P The almighty and merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your duties that you may be good and faithful teachers, to the glory of his name and the salvation of his people. Go in the peace of the Lord, who will bless your work and keep you forever.

C Amen.

Hymn # 851 (vv 1-2) "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 623 (vv 1-3) "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

*Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.*

*Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.*

*By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.*

Consecration of the Elements

Hymn # 623 (v 4) “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

*One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.*

Dismissal Blessing

Hymn # 623 (v 5) “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

*Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.*

P The Lord bless you † shine upon you † give you peace.

C Amen!

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures, here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men!*

Zion Roster of Families and Students

The following is a list of Zion Lutheran School families for the 2020-21 school year. The list may be helpful to you if you would like to put names and faces together. The grade is also indicated with a number or letter. (PK(B) = Beginning PK, PK(A) = Advanced PK)

PK(B) = 7, PK(A) = 4, K = 10, 1st = 8, 2nd = 7, 3rd = 2, 4th = 4, 6th = 3, 7th = 3, 8th = 3

Boelke, Rodney & Ann	Kaydra	6		
Bones, Dustin & Tara	Isaac	3	Zachary	1
Buetow, Chris & Jenna	Emma	PK(A)		
Buetow, Jacob & Cara	Brooke	1	Chase	PK(A)
Currie, Will & Beth	William	4	Selah	1
Dietzel, David & Michele	Addison	8		
Dose, Jon & Kelly	Ava	7	Sam	7
Grundmeier, Brady & Krista	June	1		
Gustafson, Jared & Stephanie	Charlie	2	Elsie	K
	Stanley	PK(B)		
Hoen, David & Melissa Bonine	Roman	PK(A)		
Janzen, Eric & Leah	Maggie	4	Oscar	1
Kelzer, Jason & Rebecca	Quinn	K		
Kemp, James & Cassandra	Quinn	7	Esther	1
Labai, Andrei & Lena	Timothy	PK(B)		
Lenzen, Curtis & Lori	Nathan	8		
McCloskey, Robert & Kateryna	Ben	3	Daniel	PK(A)
Meuwissen, Adam & Jaimi	Jackson	2	Christian	PK(B)
Middleton, Rob & Ana	Zoe	4		
Moen, Todd & Brittany	Brooke	6	Abby	7
Olson, Ronnie & Tiffany	Whitney	K	Tanner	PK(B)
Rodman, Ben & Jenna	Owen	4	Jace	2
Rolf, Luke & Erin	Brady	2	Megan	K
	Brendan	PK(B)		
Sibert, Chad & Rachel	Stella	6		
Simones, Matt & Brooke	Henry	2	Arthur	1
Spector, Vlad & Tonya	Levi	K	Alaina	PK(B)
Sudheimer, Ryan & Samantha	Frankie	2	Charlie	K
Teschendorf, Luke & Amanda	Harper	K	Paisley	K
Traver, Dean & Anne	Samson	1	Silas	PK(B)
Widmer, Pat & Teryn	Jacob	2	Caleb	K
	Carly	K		

Rosh Ha Shannah is the Jewish New Year beginning Friday, September 18th at Sundown. Yom Kippur starts 10 days later.

1. Read scripture There are so many scriptures that relate to this Holy Day. It's a day when we can be both thankful for the gift of forgiveness through Jesus and repentant of our sin. Some celebrate this as the day God created the universe. The story of Abraham being obedient in almost sacrificing his only son, Isaac, is often read. Here are some that I found inspiring and relevant to the concepts of Rosh Hashanah. (See below for other Scriptures)
2. Throw bread to the waters -This is a Jewish custom from Micah 7:19 symbolizing the "casting off" of our sins. Bread is thrown into running water, symbolizing that God is able to remove our sins far from us.
3. Have a celebratory meal, Slow Cooker Barbecue Brisket Sliders, Challah, apple butter, Kugels, and Tzimmes.
4. Blow a shofar, a horn, Rosh Hashanah is known biblically as Yom Teruah or the Day of Trumpets announcing the end of one year and the beginning of another.
5. Teach your children, as God tells His people to teach His truth to the next generation.
6. Do a craft with your kids, especially one that would emphasize the holy day and its meaning. Making a horn, for example, would remind the kids that a horn (shofar) is blown in celebration.
7. Apples and honey are a traditional symbol that God promises blessings through the year.
8. Share a pomegranate - While apples and honey signify sweet blessings, pomegranates signify righteousness, prosperity, fertility, and wisdom.
9. This is a Day of Rest, which includes a focus on prayer and reading the scriptures
10. Wish each other a "Shana Tova" Pronounced "sha-NA toe-VAH", this is the traditional greeting used on Rosh Hashanah. It means literally, "good year".

Scriptures that speak about the need for the forgiveness of sins: Genesis 1:1-2:3 and 22, Leviticus 23, Psalm 32 and 139:23-24, Micah 7:7-20, Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31:27-40, Matt. 26:26-29, Luke 24, Acts 2 and 3:19-21, 1 Cor. 11:26, 1 Thess. 4:13-18 and 5, Hebrews 9, James 5:7-11, 1 John 1:5-10, Rev. 22

Finances

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2020)	-\$49,498.96
YTD Income	\$228,910.05
YTD Expenses	\$283,935.91
Current Balance (9/2)	-\$104,524.82

Missions:

Year to date total (7/8)	\$2,205.00
Budgeted	\$2,205.00
Non-budgeted	\$0
2020 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2020 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (7/8)	\$12,527.66
2020 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (7/29)	\$5,629.76
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

September 13th – 19th

Sun, September 13th	Sunday Service Communion 9:30
Mon, September 14th	First Day for Zion 4-year-old Preschool
Tue, September 15th	First Day for Zion 3-year-old Preschool
	Evangelism Meeting 7:30
Wed, September 16th	Confirmation 6:15
Fri, September 18th	Chapel 8:10

September 20th – 26th

Sun, September 20th	Sunday Service 9:30
Wed, September 23rd	Confirmation 6:15
Fri, September 25th	Chapel 8:10
	Salt Order Pick-up