

# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



Speak the word of God courageously and fearlessly



**September 27, 2020**

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**Prayer Before Worship** *O Lord, thank you for redeeming our lives and giving each one of us a place to serve within your kingdom. Just as Jesus made his life one of service to you and for all of humanity, so bless our work, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**This Week's Prayer List** We pray for a portion of Zion's family and friends...Lila Rolf; Randall Rolf; Joycelyn Rolf; Kevin and Ellen Rolf; Lois and Ed Roufs; Alan and Laurie Rowland. 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.

**Portals of Prayer** can be picked up in the narthex (lobby). Pick one up for you and a friend or family member. We need the guidance of God at all times. Portals of Prayers are devotional aids to help you in that discipline.

**Registered to Vote?** In America we have the privilege and responsibility to vote for the candidates for public office. If you have not registered to vote, please take steps to plan to do so. Find the polling place in your region. And urge others to make it a point to vote. Study the issues and decide who the best candidate will be. So much of our daily life is a result of who we put into office. Again, please take time to do this very important duty.

**In-Person Voting** at Chaska or Waconia. Did you know that you can vote in person at the Carver County Government Center (all Carver County residents) or that Waconia residents can vote at the Waconia City Hall? Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Sept. 18 - Nov. 2. In addition, on Saturday, Oct. 31, voting is open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and on Monday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**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!

**Attendance for September 20<sup>th</sup> was 78.**

**Opening Hymn # 869      “With the Lord Begin Your Task”**

**Confession of Sins & Absolution** **Page 184**

**Kyrie** **Page 186**

**Gloria In Excelsis** **Page 187**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** **Ezekiel 18:1-4**

*Spread the reign of God the Lord,  
Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev'rywhere His creatures call  
To His heav'nly banquet hall.*

**Ezekiel 18:25-32**

**P** I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
**C** Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

*Tell how God the Father's will  
Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave  
Us from sin and death to save.*

**Epistle Reading** **Philippians 2:1-4**

*Tell of God the Spirit giv'n  
Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.*

## **Philippians 2:5-11**

**C** I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

## **Philippians 2:12-18**

**C** I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**P** The Gospel of our Lord from St. Matthew chapter 21.

**C** Praise be to you, O Lord!

## **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 21:23-27**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise be to You, O Christ.

## **Children's Message**

*Sunday School to follow in Mr. M's room*

# Sermon Hymn # 849

# “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

**Sermon**                      **Defined by God**                      **Matthew 21:23**

*Authority defines our life, our action, and future.*

1. The questions asked of Jesus reflect ultimate U\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus' answer draws the earnest believer to R\_\_\_\_\_.
3. God defines your life; your faith defines your W\_\_\_\_\_.

## Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

**Hymn # 631**                      **“Here, O My Lord, I See You”**  
(Congregation sings odd verses, Pastor even verses)

## Consecration of Elements

### Dismissal - Blessing

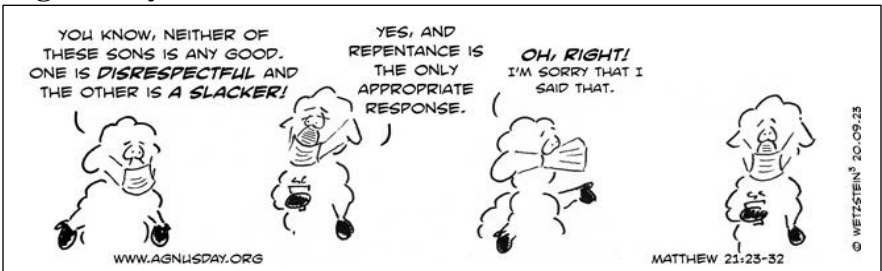
- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you ... shine on you ... give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Doxology

*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. Amen!*

## Agnus Day

## Matthew 21:23-32



## 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 (9/17)	\$4,035.00
Budgeted	\$4,035.00
Non-budgeted	\$0
2020 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2020 Goal	\$15,000.00

### **LHS:**

Year to date total (9/17)	\$21,467.66
2020 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### **Building/Repair Fund:**

Account Balance (9/24)	\$4,192.21
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

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### September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>

<b>Sun, September 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Service Communion 9:30
<b>Mon, September 28<sup>th</sup></b>	ZEL Meeting 6:30
<b>Wed, September 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Confirmation 6:15
<b>Fri, October 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Chapel 8:10

### October 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sun, October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	LWML Sunday Service 9:30
<b>Mon, October 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Council Meeting 8:00
<b>Wed, October 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Confirmation 6:15
<b>Fri, October 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Chapel 8:10

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### **Sermon Answers**

1. Unbelief 2. Repentance 3. Work & Life