Divine Service



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18th, 2022

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

Welcome to Zion!

<u>Guests</u> please record your attendance on a card in the pew rack and let us know how we can be of service to you.

Holy Communion at Zion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus has given it. As he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord's Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges "that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people" (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray "without anger or quarreling," but "adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control" (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget "the poor of the land" (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. "For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves "before men," God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are "not strong enough to dig," and we are "ashamed to beg" (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His "eternal dwellings" (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even "the sons of this world" (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.



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Stand

Invocation LSB 184

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution LSB 185

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;*

give me understanding that | I may live.

Righteous are you, | O LORD,*

and right are your | just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness* and in all | faithfulness.

My zeal con- sumes me,*

because my foes for- get your words.

Your promise is | well tried,*

and your servant | loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,*

and your | law is true.

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;* give me understanding that | I may live.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,

that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great

and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was

appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

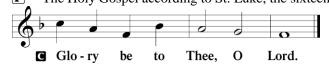
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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Holy GospelLuke 16:1–15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager. ³ And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if

you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

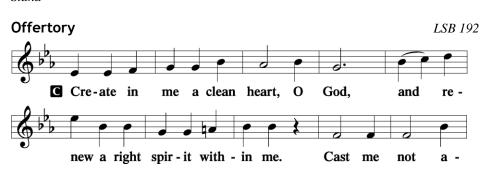
→ everlasting. Amen.



Sermon "The Shrewd Steward"

Luke 16:8

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Prayer of the Church

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Consecration of the Offering

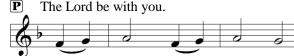
After the prayers please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

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P Lift up your hearts.

And

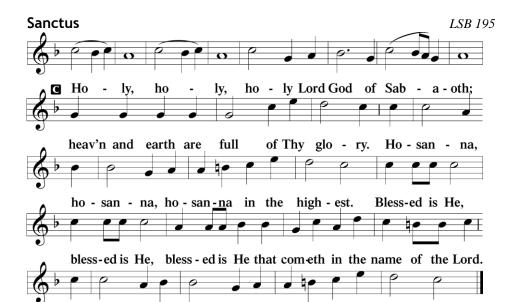


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P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

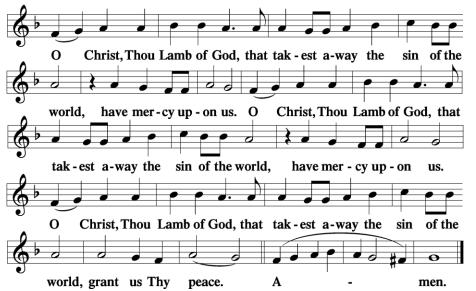
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

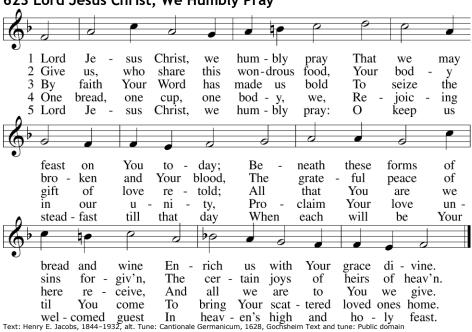




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Distribution

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray





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743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

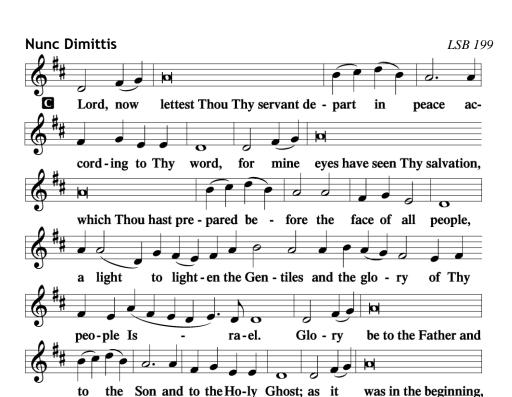


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The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.



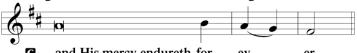
Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A-men.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, P

is now, and ev-er shall



and His mercy endureth for - ev er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

be, world with - out end.

- \mathbf{C} Amen.
- P The Lord be with you.
- \mathbf{C} And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

- P Bless we the Lord.
- \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God.

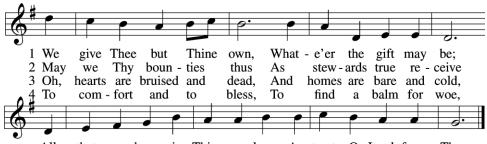
Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



All Thine a - lone, trust, O Lord, from Thee. we have is as Thou bless - est us. To Thee our first-fruits And glad - ly, give! And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray-ing from the fold. tend the lone and fa - ther-less an - gels' work be - low. Is

5 The captive to release,

To God the lost to bring,

To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,

Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,

We do it unto Thee.

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Prayers for Our Members	
Norman Abels (Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn)	Healing
Judy Ahrens	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (Mount Carmel)	Healing
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing
Vi Fox (Prairie View)	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Sue Kaiser	Healing
Linda Luhn	Healing
Jackie Ohlmann	Healing
Diane Plummer	Healing
Debra Schinkel	Healing
Robin Baker	Cancer
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Dwight Farmer	Cancer
Bertha Marienau	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family &	Friends
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Shannon Bartels (Bartels' daughter-in-law)	Surgery
Melanie Kanode (Sue Bartels' relative)	Heart Surgery
Steve Ballard (nephew of Steve & Fran Junge)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
LeRoyce Margaritz (brother of Wanda Glanzer)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilken's brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing
David Shiers (Jessica's father)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer
Cindy Pietsch (Ellen's sister-in-law)	Cancer
Rick Schnacker (Marilyn Fuqua's nephew)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer

Our Response to the Gospel

Date: 9/11/2022 Offering: \$7,636 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate as you enter or leave.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Lee & Phyllis Wells, In honor of their 57th anniversary.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, September 18th - 9:00am

Elder: Bruce Brooks Usher: Andy Wollberg Acolyte: Jase Blattner Engineer: Reilly Fisher

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller Altar Guild: Carol & Liz Gaunt

Sunday, September 25th - 9:00am

Elder: Eric Rosenthal
Acolyte: Jarren Blattner
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Engineer: Jamie Nikodym
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This Week at Zion

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Sun 9/18	9:00a	Divine Service	
	10:30a	Special Voter's Meeting	
	10:30a	Sunday School	
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast	
		1460AM & 92.1FM	
	5:00p	Divine Service	
	Anniversaries	Lee & Phyllis Wells	
Mon 9/19	Birthdays	Trevor Hoehner	
		Bertha Marienau	
Tues 9/20	1:30p	Sleeping Mats	
	7:00p	Church Council	
	Anniversaries	John & Juanita Musfelt	
	Birthdays	Madisen Skaggs	
Wed 9/21	8:30a	Chapel	
	5:30p	Midweek	
	7:00p	Adult Choir	
Thurs 9/22		No School - P/T Conferences	
Fri 9/23		No School	
Sat 9/24			
Sun 9/25	9:00a	Divine Service	
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast	
		1460AM & 92.1FM	
	1:00p	Zion Golf Scramble - Elks Country	
	5:00p	Divine Service	

Announcements for September 18th, 2022

This morning, we rejoice in adding new members in the Body of Christ at Zion. Those joining today are as follows:

Eleanor Davis	Baptized Member
James Davis	Adult Confirmation
Tiffany Davis	Affirmation of Faith
Kelsie Ienn	Adult Confirmation
Tanner Barth	Will join later on via transfer
Mary Ann Mertz	Affirmation of Faith

Please join us in the fellowship hall after today's service for a reception to greet our new members.

<u>Special Voter's Meeting:</u> There will be a special voter's meeting today after our new member reception. We will consider extending a call to Mrs. Christina Long, who has successfully completed her colloquy program to receive a Lutheran Teaching Diploma. Also, we will hear a report on the updating of the sanctuary.

<u>Golf Tournament:</u> Zion Lutheran is hosting its Annual 2 Person Golf Tournament. The golf tournament will take place at Elks Country Golf on September 25th at 1pm. Cost is \$75 per team (two divisions: 2 adults or 1 adult/1 child) which includes 18 holes of golf and dinner. Sign-up sheets are at the office.

Adult Bible Class: will resume our study of the Book of Hebrews next Sunday at 10:30a. Please join us as we dig deeper into God's Word.

<u>Sunday School:</u> The Board of education is looking for volunteers to teach or help with teaching Sunday school for the upcoming year starting on September 4th. We are looking for 3 -pre-K, K - 2nd and 3rd-5th class teachers, subs or helpers. If you would be willing to teach or be a helper, please contact the office or Matt Hodgson (308)627-7732 - matthodgson1@hotmail.com

Oktoberfest: will be held October 16th following Sunday School. Lord willing, we will celebrate Christina Long's installation. Our newest members will also be invited as our honored guests. The Boards of Stewardship and Education will provide the table service, brats, hot dogs and condiments. Congregation members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers: The sign-up sheets for the radio broadcast and altar flowers are up by the mailboxes. Please help Zion spread the Gospel and decorate the sanctuary.

SCHOOL NEWS

<u>P/T Conferences:</u> There will be no school this Thursday and Friday due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. A completed schedule went home last week. Be sure to you are on time for you time slot.

<u>Receipts:</u> Remember to save your grocery receipts, UPC codes and Coke rewards codes. Family Fresh register receipts (all year) and Apple Market receipts (dated September 1 through March 31 of each year) Best Choice UPC (Apple Market & Boogaarts private label) and Our Family UPC (Family Fresh private label) Coke Rewards codes from 20 oz, .5 L, 1.25 L, 2 L, Fridge packs and 24 packs. Just drop them in the small container by the south parking lot door.



NOTICE

The Board of Education has moved to extend a call to Mrs. Christina Long to be Zion Lutheran School's called third grade teacher. The church council has called and set a special voters' meeting for the voters of Zion to extend a call to Mrs. Long. The Voters' meeting will take place following church on today, September 18, 2022. Please see the bio below for more information about this candidate.

Mrs. Christina Long

Mrs. Long is a 2009 teacher graduate of Chapman University in Orange, California. Mrs. Long first teaching experiences were in early childhood classrooms at Playschool Preschool in Manlius, New York, and here at Zion Lutheran, where she served as preschool aide to Mrs. Kucera. Mrs. Long was hired for the first grade position at Zion in 2015 and has taught in several combinations since then, teaching up thru the fourth grade. This year she is teaching self-contained third grade. Per Zion policy, after teaching three years at Zion, Mrs. Long began the colloquy process to earn her Lutheran Teacher's Diploma and become a rostered member of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Mrs. Long completed her colloquy and was approved to the Synod roster on August 24, 2022.

She is married to Dr. Seth Long and mother of son Dominic.

Zion Lutheran Church and School Board of Education policy indicates that all full-time, K-8 teachers are to be 1) members of Zion Lutheran Church and 2) preferably synodically trained. Having completed her colloquy, Mrs. Long now meets the requirements for a formal call.