

Worship Plan for Sunday, September 26, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Zion Lutheran Church



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On behalf of the Zion Church Family, a very warm welcome to our guests, friends, and family. We are so pleased you are with us. Welcome to Zion!
- If you are here by Zoom or by phone, a special welcome to you as well. You can find our bulletin on our website, or you are welcome to just listen along.
- For this morning's worship, we will have Holy Communion with bread and wine received at the rail. Instructions will be given at that time. If at home, you will need bread and wine to participate.
- We invite you to fill out our attendance sheet, as well as to reflect on the question at the bottom of it – trusting that God is made known to us in worship, how did you experience God this morning?
- Finally, we ask that you wear a mask and maintain distance from those outside of your household for the duration of our time together.

FRAMING QUESTION

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

You are invited to center yourself in this worship through a moment of prayer.

- *Breath Prayer – breathe deeply, recognizing God's own breath in your breath, God's presence within and beside you.*

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Detailed description: The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The Assistant's part (measures 1-4) is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). The Congregation's part (measures 5-8) is: D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter). The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The final measure of the Congregation part is marked "to Verses".

For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...**Refrain**

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word.. **Refrain**

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

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NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to



make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Loving God, you shower us with grace and compassion, offering us generosity even when we do not deserve it. Help us to be salt for the world, offering a cup of water to all, as you have offered to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

READING: JAMES 5:13-20

p. 983, Pew Bible

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

*GOSPEL: *Mark 9:38-50*

p. 821-822, Pew Bible

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY** - Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW #712

1	Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.	3	As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
2	Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.	4	Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- P Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- A We pray for the church and all of our siblings in faith. For our Jewish neighbors observing the festival of Sukkot, the third of their high holy days. Help us to be good neighbors across all faiths and traditions. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A We pray for natural wonders of your creation, for the Gulf of Mexico and the bayous that surround us. Lead us to be good stewards of the gifts of your earth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A We pray for those who are vulnerable. For refugees around the world, seeking a new home. For Haitians and Central Americans; Afghanis and all seeking to build life in a new homeland. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians and staff singers, lectors and assisting ministers, the A-Team, ushers, our tech team. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. We pray especially for Awald, Virginia, Elroy, Kathy, Betty, Joshua, Donna, Kevin, Ray, Maxine, Gary & Krystal, Marvin, Reece, Layne, the Barbini family, the Naranjo family, and the Hoff family. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- P We pray also, aloud and quietly, for the joys and concerns we name before you now (pause). Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.**

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ, who comes to us in love.

OFFERING

Zion is receiving offerings by the offering plates near the back doors, by the Tithely app, or by mail. Please include your attendance card as well

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HOLY COMFORTERS

ANTHEM

OFFERTORY – As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

to Refrain

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray together. Merciful God,

C **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

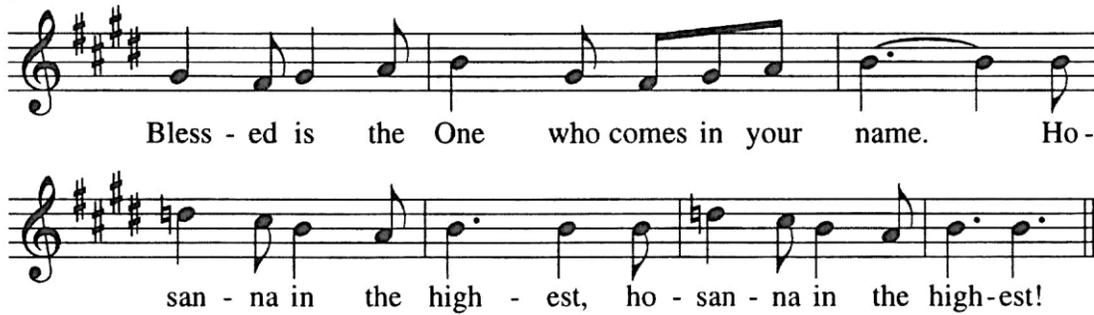
***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray, as Jesus taught us:
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

*CLOSING HYMN – Thanks be to You

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your



love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of



life with us. 3. Praise to you, O



God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

P May God bless and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

C **Amen**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. (AND WE WILL!)**

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