

Jesus said, "Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid."

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 25, 2021

AS WE GATHER

God's promise of life in the rainbow summons us to hope in God. The apostle Paul urges us to discover and to know how real and firm is God's love. Like the fearful disciples in today's Gospel, we may have doubts of faith. But God's Word assures us: "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Mark 6:50). This causes us to stop our worrying and believe. Hope in God can calm you. The love of God can convince you. Here, now, at His mighty Word, your sins are forgiven, and you have hope, love, and life. We now gather before Him, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our loving God.



David Garcia, organ

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

"The Lord is My Light" v.1-2 Lutheran Service Book 723

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the

strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my

To Stanzas

strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?

Stanza

1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His

house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau-ty of the

Refrain

Lord All the days of my life.

2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev - 'ry day I will
 seek Your face. Though my fa - ther and moth - er may for -
 sake me, The Lord will re - ceive me. *Refrain*

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INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

The sign of the Holy Cross may be made by all in remembrance and celebration of their baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: v. 5

- C** On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
 and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
 I will extol you, my God and King,
 and bless your name forever and ever.
 Every day I will bless you
 and praise your name forever and ever.
 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
 and his greatness is unsearchable.
 They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
 and I will declare your greatness.
 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
 and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
 and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.
- C** O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.
- P** God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"The Lord is My Light" v.3 LSB 723

Refrain

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strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
To Stanzas
strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?
3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, a -
long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the
Refrain
Lord In the land of all the liv - ing.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, our Redeemer, according to Your gracious promises and gift of salvation, help us now in any anxiety or fear to believe in Your love and power to deliver us, and restore to us Your gift of life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(The covenant of the rainbow)

Genesis 9:8–17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

(Prayer for spiritual strength)

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

C **Alleluia. Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

(Jesus walks on water.)

Mark 6:45–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, **"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."** ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

"At Peace in Jesus"

SERMON HYMN

"When Peace, Like a River" LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

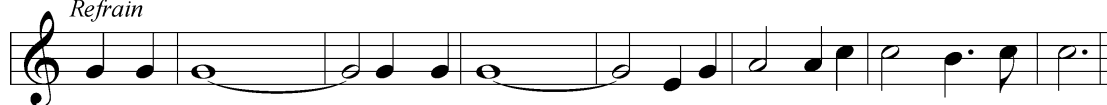


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de-scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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.

OFFERING

Vocal Solo

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OFFERTORY

"We Praise You, O God" LSB 785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?
- R** *I will, with the help of God.*
- P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are *[a member/members]* of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

WELCOME AND GIFTS

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"The Church's One Foundation" v. 1-2 LSB 644

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

- L** Lord God, Heavenly Father we lift up our hearts in gratitude to you, and for all your Loving kindness we bless your holy Name.
- L** For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy with which you have guided us all the days of our life...
- C we thank you!**
- L** For the wonder and beauty of your creation, and for all things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious...
- C we praise you!**
- L** For the gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord; for the grace and truth that have come by Him; and for his obedience unto death, even death on a cross...
- C we worship you!**
- L** For His glorious resurrection and ascension to your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion...
- C we glorify you!**
- L** For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for your holy Church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth...
- C we thank you!**
- L** For the early leadership gifts to Your Church of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, Deacons, Saints, Martyrs ... and for their lives of service to You and mission to a dying world we bless Your grace and thank You for their example to us as Servant Leaders...
- C we thank you!**
- L** For the Servant Leaders and the leadership gifts You have breathed so abundantly into this congregation in the past, now in the present, and toward a promising future...
- C we thank you!**
- L** We lift up our thanksgiving, praise, adoration and love to You, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
- C Amen!**

PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

- P** Almighty God, because you have committed to your people the ministry of intercession hear us as we pray for others, and fill our spirits with your grace:
- P** For your holy Church throughout all the world, that you would pour out upon Your ministers of Word and Sacrament the abundance of your grace and truth and that you would create in all your people a hunger for your Word, a love for your church, a passion for your mission and a compassion for those in need, Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer**
- P** For the nations and for our nation, especially our president Joe Biden, Congress, our state, city, and county leaders that you would breathe on them the spirit of peace and understanding: For those in authority, that you would inspire in them a true desire for peace, a zeal for Justice, a heart for the weak, and a love of concord, Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer**

P For all the schools and colleges of our nation and world; for all who teach in them and all who learn, that in humility of heart they may ever look to you, the fountain of all wisdom, Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

P For all in sickness and distress that you would give strength to the weary, relief to the suffering, and comfort to the dying ... today heavenly Father we remember before your throne of grace particularly Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

P (Here other supplications may be offered)

P For all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear we give you our highest thanks, and we pray you to give us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Bring us, with them, into your eternal kingdom of peace and life and "to those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

David Garcia, organ

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ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

Preacher & Liturgist: Pastor Stephen Heimer
Organist: David Garcia
Elder: John Williamson
Reader: Sharon Amastae
Camera Operator: Jaden Heimer
Sound Director: Brenna Rodriguez
Offering Counter: Jason Cagann

THIS WEEK AT ZION

7/26	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
7/27	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mariachi Practice
7/28	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Mexico
7/29	Thursday	6:00 PM	New Member Class
		7:00 PM	"Ephesians" Bible Study
8/1	Sunday	8:00 AM	Outdoor Worship Service
		9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service w/ Mariachi San Pablo
		12:00 PM	Barbecue in Celebration of Pastor Stephen & Mariachi San Pablo

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In-Person donations: You can place your donation in the offering plate as you enter the sanctuary or in the secure box as you exit after the service.

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Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Give Plus app. You can easily set up an account and donation through the app.

Your offerings and support are crucial to our congregation and we are very grateful for your support!

Offering Envelopes. If you would like a box of weekly offering envelopes for 2021, please call Shirley Batts or the church office at (915) 566-4667.

Altar Flowers today are given by Jim Smith and the Batts family in loving memory of Karma Smith.



Karma Smith Art Show. The family of Karma Smith invites you to join us in celebrating the love and passion Karma had for painting! **After today's worship service, Karma's art will be on display at the International Museum of Art**, located at 1211 Montana Avenue, El Paso, TX 79902. A catered reception will begin at 1:00pm. Admission is free! Karma's art will remain on display at the following times:

Sunday, July 25	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, July 28	10:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday, July 29	10:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, July 30	10:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, July 31	10:00am – 3:00pm

Voters Meeting on Sunday, August 8, 2021. The circumstances of the past year have led to us (Zion Day School) being realistically unable to reopen this year, and as a consequence, we must relinquish our Day School license. Council requests, based on recommendations from the Board of Education and Day School Board, that an official vote take place on closing the Day School in order for us to be able to move forward with new ministry. Council wishes to give members of the voter's assembly an opportunity to give input into what Zion's future holds. More detailed information will be provided at the voter's meeting on the 8th of August, in the Zion auditorium.

**VOTERS
MEETING**



Kid Olympics: Saturday, August 7th, at 8:45am

Join us at the Zion playground for Kid Olympics! Kid Olympics is a silly take on the Olympic Games, made just for kids! Come prepared to enjoy games like: Walk the Line, Hula Hoop Endurance, Jolly Javelin, Funny Field Hockey, Silly Shot Put, and Belly Burst!

Join us on Sunday, August 1st for a celebratory barbecue! After next Sunday's worship service, we will have a barbecue meal in the church auditorium and in the outdoor courtyard area. **We will be celebrating two very special events—the 10th anniversary of Pastor Stephen's ordination & the 20th year of Mariachi San Pablo!**





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