DIVINE SERVICE SETTING TWO

STANDING STRONG + REACHING OUT + GROWING TOGETHER

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 19, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Jesus' disciples did not understand the prophecy about His death and resurrection. They focused, instead, on their personal greatness. So, He inverted their viewpoint, using a child to explain that true greatness is in humble servanthood, in welcoming even children (then considered to be without status). But our inner passions rebel and war against such servanthood, as James explains in the Epistle. Fortunately, by the gracious gift of faith, in place of personal struggles, we can rely on God, as Jeremiah does in the Old Testament Reading and David in today's psalm. Our Lord is the humblest and therefore greatest Servant, and by His death and resurrection He has proclaimed that God's grace knows no bounds. Confidently, we can follow Him in humble servanthood each day.



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

David Garcia, organ Pastor Stephen Heimer

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LSB 816



INVOCATION AND PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

EXHORTATION

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION John 20:19-23

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" sts. 2-3 LSB 465

- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
 - "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 - Now still He comes to give us life And by His presence stills all strife.
 - Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above That we conquer through Your triumph;
 - Grant grace sufficient for life's day That by our lives we truly say:
 - "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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For the peace of the whole world,

Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

for the well-being of the Church of God,





SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness,
- grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed;
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT (The prophet relies on God's protection as his opponents plot against him.) Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

O God, save me, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

EPISTLE (The apostle proclaims God's peace even as we struggle with inner warfare.) James 3:13—4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? 6But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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





GOSPEL (After prophesying His death and resurrection, Jesus teaches the disciples how to serve humbly.) Mark 9:30–37 The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

"Blessed With Messy Jobs" The Gospel Lesson



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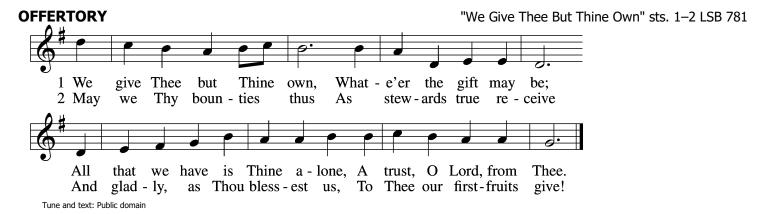
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And 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.

And 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.

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

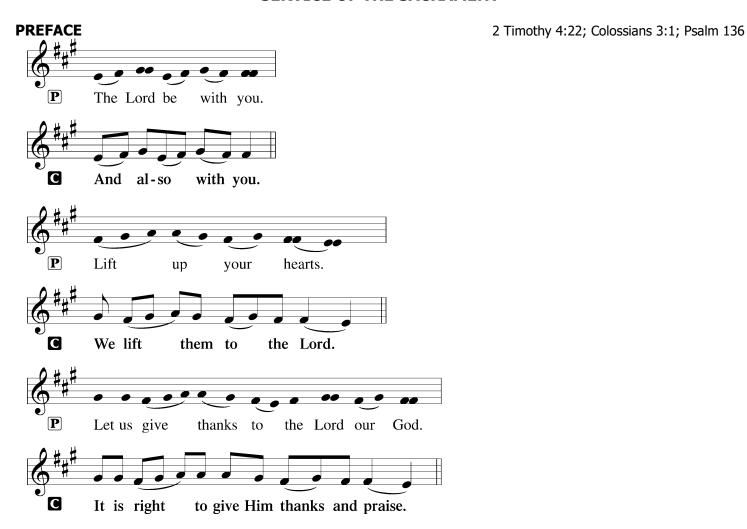
Using the promptings of James in the Epistle, let us pray for the nations around the world, the Church wherever it is found, and for ourselves here in this place.

Wherever nations quarrel and plunge toward war, O God, open the ears of their leaders to hear the wisdom from above and pursue peace.

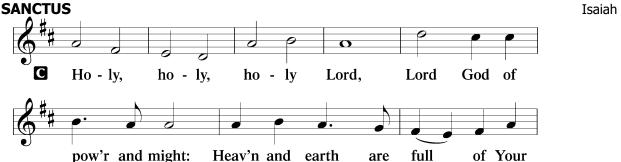
- **Move them to find joy in humble service.**
- P Wherever international alliances, national leaders, and groups within society follow the lead of their selfish ambitions at the expense of the downtrodden and forgotten people across borders and in their midst, O God, give both citizens and their leaders hearts that are open to reason, full of mercy, impartial and sincere.
- **G** Grant that peace break out across borders and justice within them.
- Whenever the Church is fraught with boasting, falsehoods, and schisms, O God, send Your Holy Spirit to use Word and Sacrament to bring clergy and lay leaders to repentance.
- Embolden them to announce with one voice the victory Your Son won for us all.
- Wherever people respond to illness, accident, injustice, and discrimination, O God, strengthen them to rely on You for protection in all circumstances.
- **G** Guide them to make decisions in wisdom and to sow righteousness in peace.
- Whenever our conduct betrays worldly jealousy and selfish ambition, O God, turn our laughter to mourning and our joy to gloom until we recognize Your unending grace.
- Help us seek to meet the needs of the people around us in humble service.
- Wherever people call out to You in their distress, [<u>especially . . .</u>], O God, visit, relieve, heal, and console them according to Your gracious will.
- **O** Use us as part of Your answers to their fervent prayers.

- Whenever we pridefully seek to solve our problems by our own strength, O God, remind us of Your faithfulness, constant presence, and gracious protection for Jesus' sake.
- Show us how to humbly serve the people around us as You have served us.
- P Heavenly Father, hear us and all for whom we pray, as we rely on Your gracious plans for all we need;
- through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

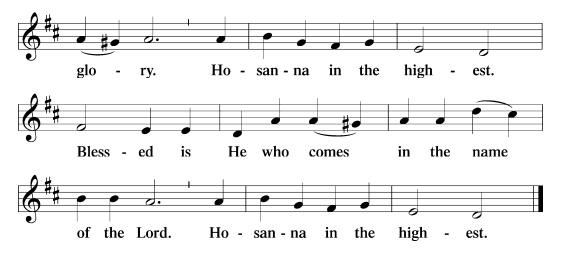
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



It is truly good, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. His gracious victory has given us peace within, where there was conflict and war. With joy, we receive the salvation He won for us.

Gathered now in His name, we ask You to strengthen our faith to rely on Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, gracious God, we give glory now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

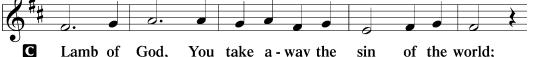
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John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



AGNUS DEI John 1:29

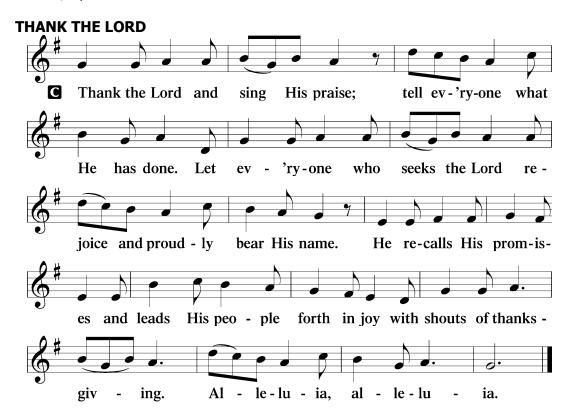




DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637; "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB 641; "Amazing Grace" LSB 744; "Be Still, My Soul" LSB 752



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

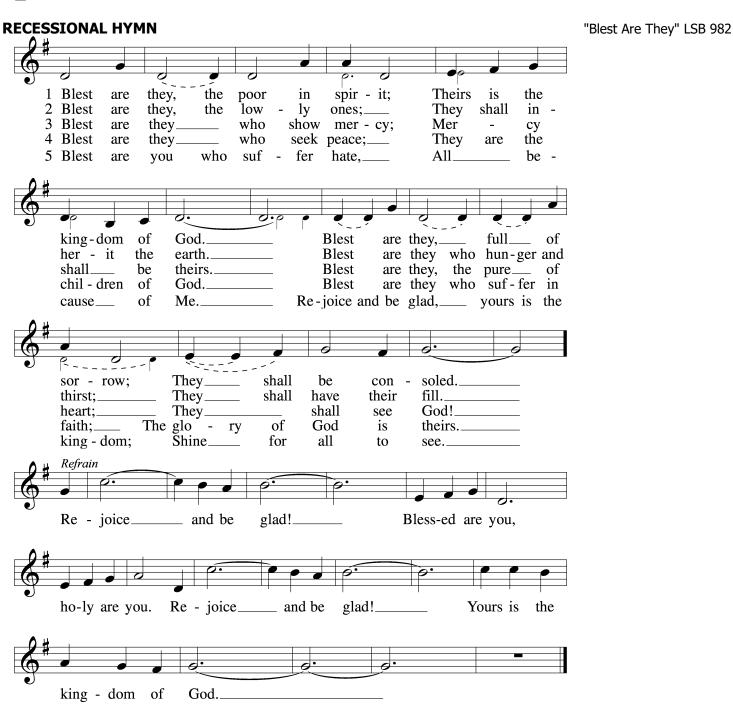


BENEDICTION Number 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.

G Amen.



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Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Mobile app. You can easily set up an account and donate 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 to the glory of God and in thanks for His countless blessings!

Free Kitchen Items! LWML has sorted through their kitchen supplies and are offering some of them to the congregation. A cart is set up in the Auditorium with all the items available for you to take home. Please help yourself!

Eastside Bible Study Returns! The Eastside Bible Study Group will resume meeting, on Zoom, on Tuesday evenings, beginning on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. We will be studying "The Lutheran Difference Series: Priesthood and Ministry", a 6-week study, which will end on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. This study will deal with the proper distinction of priesthood and ministry, which lies at the heart of the Lutheran Reformation.

This Week's Memory Verse: September 13-19, 2021



Group Bible Studies at Zion

All are invited to participate in our Bible studies.

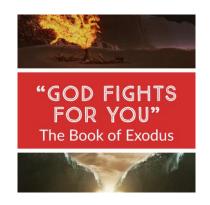
Please call the Zion office at (915) 566-4667 for information on how to join a Bible study group!

Sundays 9:15 AM

The book of Exodus offers us great insight and confidence as we live out our lives today. Our study will resume with our final section: "God Fights For Your Holiness". Adults and teens are all welcome in-person in the Zion auditorium or online via Zoom.

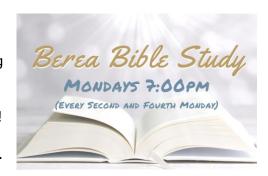
"GOD FIGHTS FOR YOU"

- ✓ For Your Freedom
- ✓ For Your Survival
- ✓ For Your Peace For Your Holiness



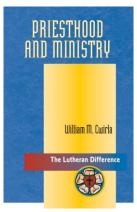
Mondays 7:00 PM (Every second and fourth Monday)

The Berea Bible Study group meets at 7:00pm on Zoom on the second and fourth Monday of each month. We focus on the study of the Bible, going over small lessons based on Biblical texts, learning about the Church, and examining how the Bible came to be. We study a stand-alone lesson each time we meet, so please join us even if you may miss some of our meetings! If you are interested in joining the Berea Bible Study, call the church office or Peggy Djerf and we will send you the Zoom link and the upcoming lesson.



Tuesdays 7:00 PM

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Thursdays 7:00 PM

Beginning on Thursday, September 9, at 7:00pm, Pastor Howard Patten will be leading a study of one of the most popular, yet least studied writings in the New Testament, the Gospel of John. Unique among the four Gospels, John's "Life of Jesus" leads us not so much through a biography of Jesus' life and ministry, but into the deep and somewhat unknown dimensions of the mission of the Anointed One, the Old Testament Messiah, the New Testament Christ. Through John's intimacy with Jesus alone we learn of the



casual event of a Cana wedding, the disbelief of His four brothers, and the six chapters of a 20 chapter "book" devoted to both the last week leading to His death and the deepest theology of His Holy Spirit. We will gather on Zoom from 7:00—8:30pm each Thursday before taking a break for Advent. You can say as much or as little as you are comfortable with. We ordinarily cover one chapter per meeting. Please contact Pastor Patten, Mary Sanchez, or the church office for more information.

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

9/21	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Confirmation Class
		6:30 PM	Mariachi Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	"Priesthood and Ministry" Bible Study
9/22	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Mexico
9/23	Thursday	7:00 PM	"Gospel of John" Bible Study
9/25	Saturday	9:00 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
9/26	Sunday	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	•	10:30 AM	Worship Service



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