

Mount Zion Lutheran Church

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Worship 10:00am
Bible Class 9:00am

16th Sunday after
Pentecost
September 24, 2017

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Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00am (Sept – May)

Divine Service 10:00am

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Pre-Service Devotion: Romans 5:20-21

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 2 (red supplement): *To Thy Temple I Repair*

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking 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,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You

by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who hast given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

The Introit

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me:

C O, my God, save Your servant that trusts in You.

P Be merciful to me, O Lord:

C For I cry unto you daily.

P Rejoice the soul of Your servant:

C For unto You, O Lord, do I life up my soul.

The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



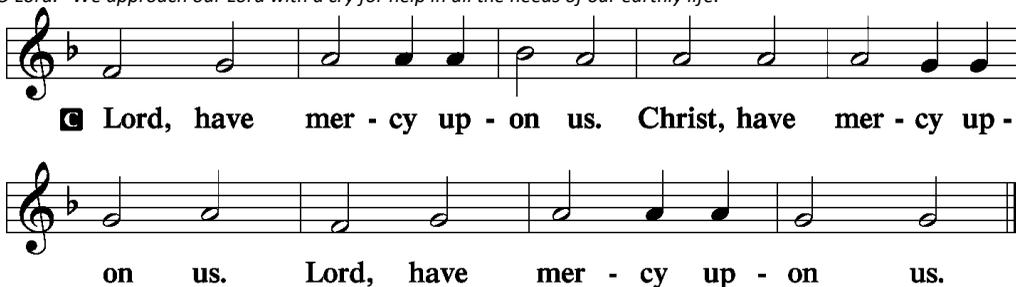
C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The Kyrie

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis:

"Glory to God in the Highest"



All glo - ry be to God on high, Who has the world be -
friend - ed! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at
last is end - ed! The Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, bring
peace, good will, to all the earth; Oh, thank Him for his good - ness!

The Salutation

(Greeting)

P The Lord be with you.



Q And with your spir - it.

The Collect for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are “collected” together in this prayer.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, we pray, let Your grace always go before and follow after us and continually help us to devote ourselves to good works; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.



The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 55:6-9*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Gradual

The Gradual is a “Bridge of praise” that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P It is better to trust in the Lord:

G Than to put confidence in man.

P It is better to trust in the Lord:

G Than to put confidence in princes. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P O God, my heart is fixed:

G I will sing and give praise! Hallelujah!



P The Epistle Reading comes from Philippians 3:4b-14



G Glo - ry be to You, O Lord.

The Epistle Reading: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.



G Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C 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 on the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

Hymn of the Day 492 (red hymnal): *Lord of the Living Harvest*

The Sermon: *Matthew 20:1-16*

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

"In the Kingdom of Heaven, God is Boss"

1. It's His Vineyard
2. It's His Rules
3. It's His Grace

The Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Your pres-ence, and take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va -
 tion, and up-hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

Prayer of the Church

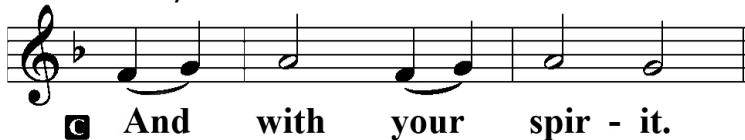
Hymn 373 (red hymnal):

By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

The Preface to Holy Communion

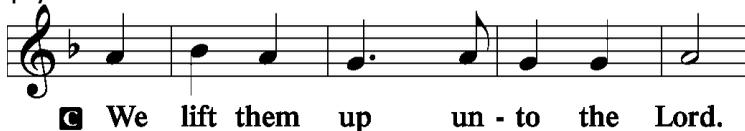
Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!"



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - es in the name of the Lord.



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

The Lord's Prayer

P 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;



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Institution

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

The Angus Dei

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.



C O Christ, the Lamb of God, You tak-e a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
 Tak-e a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, You tak-e a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Your peace. A - - men.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

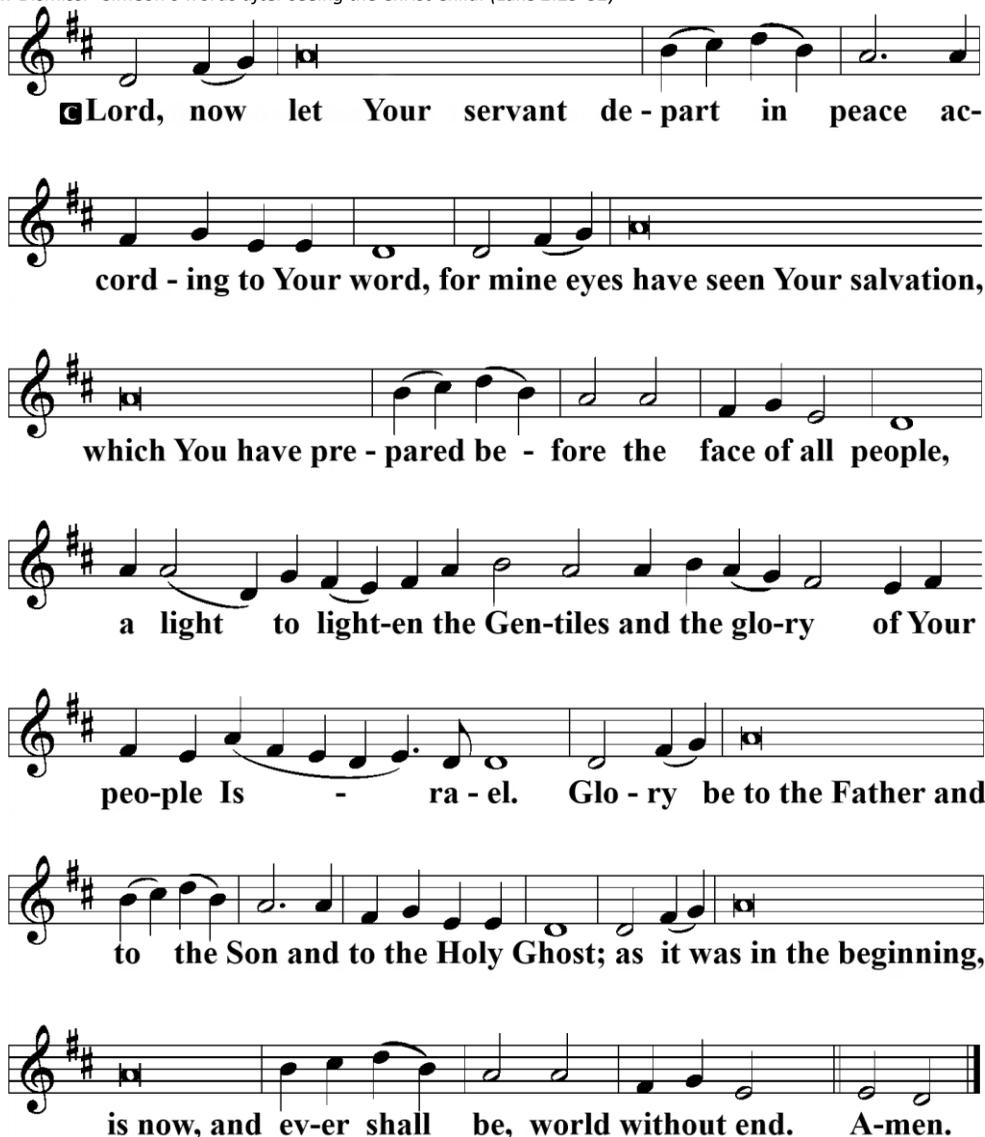
We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

- **1 Corinthians 1:10** *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*
- **1 Corinthians 11:26-30** *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of*

the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

The Nunc Dimittis

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)



Lord, now let Your servant de-part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Your word, for mine eyes have seen Your salvation,
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Your
people Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Welcome Everyone! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a FREE "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

Important Dates at Mt. Zion

Sun. 9/24 9am – Bible Class

10am – Divine Worship Service with Communion

Sun. 10/1 11am – "Small" Church Council Meeting

Thu. 10/5 7pm – Outreach Committee Meeting

Sat. 10/7 10am – Church Work Day

Sun. 10/8 11am – Women's Group Meeting

Sun. 10/15 11am – Quarterly Voter's Meeting

Fri. 10/27 7pm – Reformation Seminar @ Carpathia Club in Sterling Heights, MI

Bible Class: We are continuing our 6-part study of the booklet "Foundations of Our Faith: Does it really matter that I belong to a confessional Lutheran church?" Please plan to join us as we look into the most important teachings of our church as we focus on the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

Reformation Seminar: In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, Mt. Zion is proud to be hosting a CLC-sponsored Reformation Seminar on Friday October 27, 2017 at 7pm at the Carpathia Club in Sterling Heights, MI. Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck, Pastor Caleb Schaller, and Pastor Tom Naumann will be presenting. In the back of church, you can find posters, invitations, and prayer sheets available for members to distribute. Please pray for our planning and preparation, and continue to encourage and invite your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors!

CLC Call News: Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Dowagiac MI, to serve as co-pastor. <> The Rev. Mark Weis, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Cape Coral FL, has accepted the call to St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD.

