

Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

Organ Led 8:00 a.m.

Worship Band 9:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2020

WE ARE DELIGHTED AND BLESSED to have you worship with us today!

ALL WORSHIPERS are asked to please fill out the information sheet in the bulletin.

Please observe a few minutes of quiet time as you prepare for worship. We invite you to *pray* and read the *Scriptures lessons* for the day.

❖ SILENT PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ❖

Father in heaven, from Your heart constantly flows mercy, love, and forgiveness. As we receive these gifts from You, move us by the power of Your Holy Spirit to open our hearts to one another, that we may live and work with each other in mercy, love, and forgiveness. Grant us a true understanding of the depth of Your love given to us in the death and resurrection of Your Son, so that we can begin to live and forgive in His name. Give us the courage to be as forgiving toward those who sin against us as You have been toward us. In Jesus' name. Amen!

Rise Up and Praise Him

Let the heaven's rejoice, let the earth be glad;
Let the people of God, sing His praise all over the land.
Everyone in the valley, come and lift your voice.
All those on the mountaintop be glad and shout for joy!

*Chorus: Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love.
Rise up and praise Him, worship the Holy One.
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might.
Rise up and praise Him.*

Repeat with double chorus

Rise up and praise Him. Rise up and praise Him.

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Holy Scripture

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Children’s Message

Children please remain standing to better see what is happening up front.

Our Sin and God’s Forgiveness

(We give all our sins and failures to God. He forgives us fully and freely through Jesus Christ.)

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:8-9

Praise Your Name

I praise Your name among the nations.

I praise Your name with all my heart.

I join my voice with all creation, giving You praise for who You are. (Repeat)

And the rocks will not cry out before me. I will ever sing Your praise.

Blessings You have poured out on me, and everything, Lord,

You gave everything and more.

I praise Your name among the nations.

I praise Your name with all my heart.

I join my voice with all creation, giving You praise for who You are.

And the rocks will not cry out before me. I will ever sing Your praise.

Blessings You have poured out on me, and everything, Lord,

You gave everything and more.

Alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, allelu. (Repeat)

I praise Your name among the nations.

I praise Your name with all my heart.

I join my voice with all creation, giving You praise for who You are.

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Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

Sermon

[Pastor's sermon is available for listening later this week at ZionLutheranNH.org under Sermon Audio]

Bringing Our Offerings

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Please send a representative from your family up with your completed yellow information sheet and any offerings as an act of worship in response to Christ's abundant kindness toward us.

(You can also click on the Online Giving button at ZionLutheranNH.org to set up one-time or recurring payments when you are at home or even now in worship, which may take you only 2 minutes.)

Prayers of the People

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

That the Lord would give His peace to the troubled in mind, relief to the suffering, healing to the sick, comfort to the grieving, especially for Kathy, Neil, Trevor, Jared, David, Mattie-Mae, Jack, Lloyd, and the friends and family of Jill, and that He would deliver the dying into everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L That we would show compassion to others, welcome the stranger, love our neighbor in need, and be attentive to those new to the faith or vulnerable to temptation, just as Christ has shown compassion to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L That our King would give wisdom and courage to our elected and appointed leaders, that they may pursue justice, seek peace, and protect life from its natural beginning to its natural end, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You, and we pray You to comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on the day You have appointed and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(Spoken by all)*

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

P 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."

Holy Communion with Zion Lutheran Church

By participating in Holy Communion...

... we acknowledge that we have sinned.

... we trust that Jesus is giving His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

... we resolve to turn away from our sin.

... you are uniting yourself under the teaching and discipline of the church with which you are communing.

Perhaps you are not yet sure about what Zion and our sister churches stand for, or perhaps you have not yet received baptism. Still, we are truly glad to be with you today, and you are invited to fold your hands over your chest to indicate that you are receiving a blessing instead, but please talk with our pastor or with one of our elders after worship so that indeed we may receive this precious gift from Jesus together soon.

The clear cups in the center of the trays indeed contain a drop of wine that is then diluted with grape juice. Alternatively, anyone who needs to abstain entirely from alcohol may receive only the Body of Christ at this time.

This Dust

Lord have mercy on me
I am riddled with the world's disease
Taking what I want
And turning it into my need
I am flesh and blood
Never good enough
You poured out Your love
To cover over this dust

Oh what senseless love
You would come to join with us
Drink this cursed cup
Redeeming all that we've undone
We are flesh and blood
Never good enough
You poured out Your love
To cover over this dust

Your mercy rains on all our shame
And washes all the stain away

Death is all around us
We are not afraid
Written in the story
Empty is grave (*repeat*)

Death is all around us (*Your mercy rains*)
We are not afraid (on all our shame)
Written is the story (And washes all)
Empty is the grave (the stain away) (*repeat*)

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We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns, at the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.
We cry holy, holy, holy, We cry holy, holy, holy,
We cry holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb
(Repeat)

We cry holy, holy, holy, We cry holy, holy, holy,
We cry holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb

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The Lord's Blessing

From the Rooftops

For Who You are and all You've done I lift my hands in adoration
Creator, Sovereign Lord of all Your love has given me a new song

Chorus:

*From the rooftops, I'll sing it out
I'll tell the world about Your love that came down.
From the darkness You rescued me
May the mission of my life forever sing
From the rooftops*

Repeat Verse and Chorus

Sing about Jesus, sing about Jesus Sing about Jesus, sing about Jesus
Gonna live my life for Jesus, gonna live my life for Jesus
Gonna live my life for Jesus, gonna live my life for Jesus

From the rooftops, I'll sing it out

I'll tell the world about Your love that came down
From the darkness You rescued me May the mission of my life forever sing

Repeat Chorus

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Prayer Requests – September 13, 2020

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every- thing, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6

(Prayer requests are removed after 2 weeks unless resubmitted)

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- ★ Harvey-he’s home and plans on going to work this week, Steve’s brother, Steve is a friend of LaRue Wolf’s.
- ★ Lois Brauer-received confirmation she does not have cancer.

For those who need healing:

- ★ *Those with cancer:* Austin Creech, Maynard Johnson, Molly Everett, Anna, Richard, Janice Binks, Kathy Gardner, Neil Erdahl, Shirley Pelfry, Bob Ladd, Barbara Smith, Lorrie Powers, Patricia Calderia, Coby Harris, Ellen Paar, Ray Cooper, Brian Fandrich, Michael Phelps, Tiffany Oreglia, Joann Barklage, Lisa, Donna Gans, Gary, Craig Hubbard, Steve, Tammy, Nickie Loya, Conni Morrison, Lloyd Miller, Libby Ingerham, Kathleen Bechtel, Christy Stanard, Jamie Manalo, Susan, Natika, Elbert Parris, George Crispen, Stan, Elliott Ross, Kristi, Mike Grmoyles, Monica Bennett, Jeff Crepps, Erinn Schutte and all those suffering from this disease.
- ★ *Those with health concerns:* Denny Wolf, Carla Trujillo, Eileen Hanebutt, Trevor Cooper, Robert Hansen, Buzz Osterli, Pastor Ellis, Steven Giese, Arline Judish, Doug Thennis, Carol Kwolek, Cindy Fry, Bob Mountjoy, Cheryl Scherer, Joyce Cooper, Danny Stone, Jan Silva, Mary, Jan
- ★ Harvey-continued healing, Steve’s brother, Steve is a friend of LaRue Wolf. ★ Jack Scheidel-continued healing as he recovers from an appendectomy.
- ★ Ronald-healing from throat cancer and ease of treatments, friend of Fran Kaiser.
- ★ Mattie Mae King-continued healing from the strokes.
- ★ Susan and Mike-healing as they were in an auto accident last week, friends of Jackie Carbaugh.
- ★ Patricia-healing, Lois Brauer’s daughter.
- ★ Diane Petrofsky-healing and for good test results, Lois Brauer’s cousin. ★ Joan Turner-healing after a fall in her home.

For those facing or recovering from surgery:

- ★

For those homebound because of health issues:

Marion Pratt, Kay Alvis, Laurel Johns, Mattie Mae King, JoAnne Schramm, Jack Potratz, Lloyd Miller

For those who have lost a loved one:

- ★ Family & friends of Jill, friend of Chuck & Fran Kaiser.
- ★ Family & friends of Jack, friend of Judy Christian who is a neighbor to LaRue.
- ★ Family & friends of Anne Fogarty's son, friend of Lois Brauer.
- ★ Family & friends of Sun Hae, friend of the Brauer family.
- ★ Family & friends of Emily, friend of Judy who is a neighbor to LaRue.

General Concerns:

- ★ Government Leaders
- ★ *For our military people & those serving abroad:* Howie Filbert ★ Peace between all nations.
- ★ Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- ★ All believers in Christ would be bold to share their faith.
- ★ For all those in the US and around the world affected by the virus - frightened, worried, lonely, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs, ill with the virus or something else.
- ★ *For those that are traveling:*
- ★ *Healthy Pregnancy & Babies:* Krystal Mendez, Elizabeth Hintz, Val Brauer, Tara Anderson
- ★ *For God's peace, guidance and/or strength:* Cheyenne, Trevor ★ *For those needing a job or getting promotion, etc.:*
- ★ *For all those affected by the wildfires.*
- ★ *For all those affected by the hurricane.*
- ★ Jason Chavez-safety and protection from COVID and fires as he heads to Santa Clara University, friend of Linda Cruz.

Zion In Action

September 13, 2020

GIVE GOD THE GLORY FOR . . .

Worship Attendance Last Week: 59 / Communion: 40

8:00 am - 29 / 9:30 am - 30

Sunday Morning Christian Education: Not Gathering at This Time!

Sunday School: / Adult Classes:

Budget receipts: \$6,729.73

Weekly Average year to date: \$5,566.50

Designated Offering: \$240.00

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by LaRue Wolf in honor of her grandson Benji's birthday and in memory of Iva Thennis.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers upon request.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS — Except for holidays, the church office is open from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. If you want an appointment with Pastor, please call the office to make an appointment.



BIRTHDAYS this week: **14** – Julie Gobbell, **15** – Jan Thennis, **16** – Amber Murphy, **17** – James Brauer, **18** – Eric Smith, Brittany Smith **19** – Will Stone

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY – They have begun their Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM. All ladies are invited to attend. They will be meeting in the lawn area outside the conference room. Masks and social distancing will be required. There will be no refreshments so please bring your own water/coffee and snack if you would like.

We will continue **WORSHIPING TOGETHER** on Sunday mornings to receive the life-giving gifts of Jesus. We will gather outside in the cool of the morning at 8:00 and 9:30 AM. *Please cover your mouth and nose, practice physical distancing, and check in at the welcome table upon arrival out of consideration for everyone gathered.*

Indeed, Zion Lutheran's shared life continues even as we intentionally pivot in the weeks ahead, and we are asking you to please still **INTENTIONALLY SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH** in her collective mission. You can always give online at ZionLutheranNH.org or by mailing it to: Zion Lutheran Church 3644 Bolivar Ave. North Highlands, CA 95660

While we have been part of the COVID pandemic disaster for five months now, the residents of The Ridge above Chico, CA, have been part of the **CAMP FIRE DISASTER** for 20 months and are now living through two disasters. Their first disaster began at 6:30 AM, 11/08/18. As soon as COVID related issues can be resolved, volunteers with construction and certified tree removal skills will be needed. If you, or a team of which you are a part, can travel to The Ridge with the ability to be self-contained (provide your own food, shelter, and equipment), contact me and I will help you coordinate where your skills might be employed and dates when they might be put into use. Rev (em) Phil Zabell, pzcard@yahoo.com.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life - “When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefitting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus. For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen*

STEWARDSHIP - Romans 14:7 – “*For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.*” We just don’t belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

Board of Directors Minutes and Voters’ Minutes – Since we are mostly homebound, it was suggested that we offer to email the approved Board of Directors Minutes and the draft Voters’ Minutes. If you would like to receive these in your email, please let the office know by calling 916332-4001 or emailing zionhsec@gmail.com and we will be happy to send those to you as they are available.

The **2020 FLOWER CHART** - If you would like to sign up for flowers please call the church office. If you have a special occasion or in memory of someone, we can put that down as well. Cost is \$40 per week if the florist provides (split between if multiple sign-ups for one Sunday) or you can provide your own flowers no later than 7:45 am on that Sunday, but you must sign up and let the office know so we can cancel our florist delivery.

FOR YOUR SAFETY - If you are here in the evening for an event, please keep the doors locked while you are in the building. We have had someone enter the buildings and cause problems while rehearsals have taken place. It may help to keep the gate closed as well once everyone has arrived.

SMOKING AREA - Zion has designated an area for smoking. The smoking area is on the South entrance of Zion Center where there is an appropriate “butt container” to dispose of your cigarette butts. ***Smoking anywhere else, at any time, on this campus is prohibited.***

You can find **VOTER’S MINUTES** and **approved BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES** in the rack outside the church office. If they are not the final approved minutes, it will say DRAFT on them.

HELP WANTED!

The **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** is in need of people. They work hard to make sure that our special events go off without a hitch. If you are interested in being on the Fellowship Committee please contact Fran Ahles at 419-3145 or just show up at a meeting the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the new kitchen.

BE AN USHER FOR THE 8 AM OR 10:45 AM SERVICE - Anyone (men, women and youth) can be an usher. There are no special requirements or skills needed other than to show up and serve. Please contact Bryant Bickford at 916-616-9314 for early service and the office for late service if you are interested.

This Week at Zion September 13 - 20, 2020

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 13

Organ Led	8:00 am
Worship Band	9:30 am

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 14

Board of Elders – Zoom Meeting	6:00 pm
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TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 15

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study – Lawn Area	9:00 am
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WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 16 ZION NEWS DUE

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 17

Thursday Bible Study – Zoom	10:00 am
Bulletin Crew – Conf Room	10:00 am

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 19

Ukrainians – Lawn Area	9:00 am
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SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 20

Organ Led	8:00 am
Worship Band	9:30 am

If you would like to join one of the Bible study sessions via Zoom and you do not have access, please contact the office.