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**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 20, 2024**

*Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.*

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## **GATHERING**

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

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*You Servants of God* ELW #825  
(Vs. 1 & 4)

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**
  
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Praise to You, O God of Mercy* RED ELW #208

**1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!**

**2 From of old you loved and sought us:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us:  
thanks be to you forever!**

**Bridge**

**Strong is your faithfulness,  
strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, **you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

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### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12**

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

*Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PLEASE RISE FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lord, Let Me Heart Be Good Soil* RED ELW #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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### **GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of



all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON ON THE STEPS**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* ELW #659  
(Vs. 1 & 2)

- 1 Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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## **THANKSGIVING**

*We give thanks for God's saving word and all the gifts from God.*

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## **OFFERING**

## OFFERING HYMN

*We Are an Offering* RED ELW #692

**We lift our voices, We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives they are Yours:  
We are an offering.  
All that we have, All that we are,  
All that we hope to be,  
We give to You, We give to You  
We lift our voices, We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering  
We are an offering**

Songwriters: Dwight Liles

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,  
**source of every gift of your creation.**  
**By these gifts and with our lives,**  
**help us to serve one another and all in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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

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## BLESSING

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* RED ELW #551  
(Vs. 1 & 4)

**1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.**

**4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.**

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## **DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
Thanks be to God.**



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## Weekly Announcements



**Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers:** Christy Hebeisen, Lowell Tritabaugh, Jenna Dobner, Dilshad & Sonya Perani, Gary Revier, Cindy Hebeisen and Deb Otto

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

### **Outdoor Fall Clean Up Sunday with Potluck—October 20**

Come to church in your outside working clothes. After worship, we will be doing outside clean up at Zion. Please bring your trimming tools, rakes, leaf blower, gloves, bucket, etc. Also, bring a favorite dish for a potluck lunch after the hard work is done. For those not able to help with the outside work, please bring a dish for potluck and join in fellowship. In case of inclement weather, we will reschedule.

**November Newsletter**—The deadline for the November Newsletter is Monday, October 21. The newsletter is an opportunity for all boards and committees to update our members.

**Church Calendar**—Due to increased activity in Zion's facilities, the Council recommends all committees, groups, individuals reserve a time and location for meetings/events with the church secretary who maintains the calendar. Please email, call or stop at church to make reservations and prevent conflicts.



**Lefse Making** will be held on Wednesday, October 23 starting at 9:00am.

**Feed My Starving Children, Chanhassen—October 23**

If you, your family and your friends would like to help put together meals for children around the world, please contact Jane Scharpe for sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We will leave at 4:00pm from church. Anyone 5 years and older can do it. It is a great time for fellowship and sharing our time and talents.

**Lutheran Disaster Response—Hurricane Helene/Hurricane Milton**

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write “Where needed most” or “Hurricane Response” on your check’s memo line .

**Harvest Dinner** tickets are available for purchase after worship today. The Harvest Dinner will be on Friday, November 1 from 4p-7p.

**2024 Equipping Congregations Day—“Gather Us In”**

Saturday, November 2

Peace Lutheran Church, New London, MN

*This Equipping Day will focus on many aspects of worship, from specific how-to ideas, to creative imaginations, to ways to welcome all people and extend the kind of hospitality that leads people to want to come back again and again and be part of this loving community.*

\*Additional Information is available on the bulletin board.

**Time and Talent Sheets** have been placed in your mailbox. Please fill them out and return by November 3, 2024

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Unscheduled—Interruptible Hours for the week of October 20

Monday, October 21—2p-4p

Thursday, October 24—2p-4p

Or by appointment

## Worship Assistants

### **Sunday, October 20**

Usher: Starla Schilling, Cindy Vazquez  
Larry Gieseke, Rich Nagel  
Greeter: Neil & Lorraine Mielke  
Acolyte: Adilyn Kamps  
Reader: Mary Sylwester  
Organist: Bobette Schauer  
AV Team: Tim Michaelis & Joe Prasad  
Parameters: Bobette Schauer

### **Sunday, October 27**

Usher: Peg Kamps, Cindy Hebeisen  
Kevin & Nancy Biermann  
Greeter: Rich & Roseann Nagel  
Acolyte: Daphne Hazelwood  
Reader: Scott Bergs  
Organist: Bobette Schauer  
AV Team: Matt & Jan Giesen  
Altar Guild: Betty Rud, Jane Scharpe  
Bread Maker: Jane Scharpe  
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## Zion Lutheran Church ELCA

### This Week at Zion:

Sunday, October 20	9:00a	Worship Outdoor Clean-Up with Potluck
	10:00a	Sunday School
Monday, October 21	11:30a	Board of Education Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday, October 23	9:00a	Lefse making
	4-7:30p	Confirmation Class
	4-7:30p	Feed My Starving Children
Thursday, October 24	10:00a	Adult Bible Study
Friday, October 25	5:00p	Krueger/Anderley Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, October 26	3:00p	Krueger/Anderley Wedding
Sunday, October 27	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:00a	Sunday School

