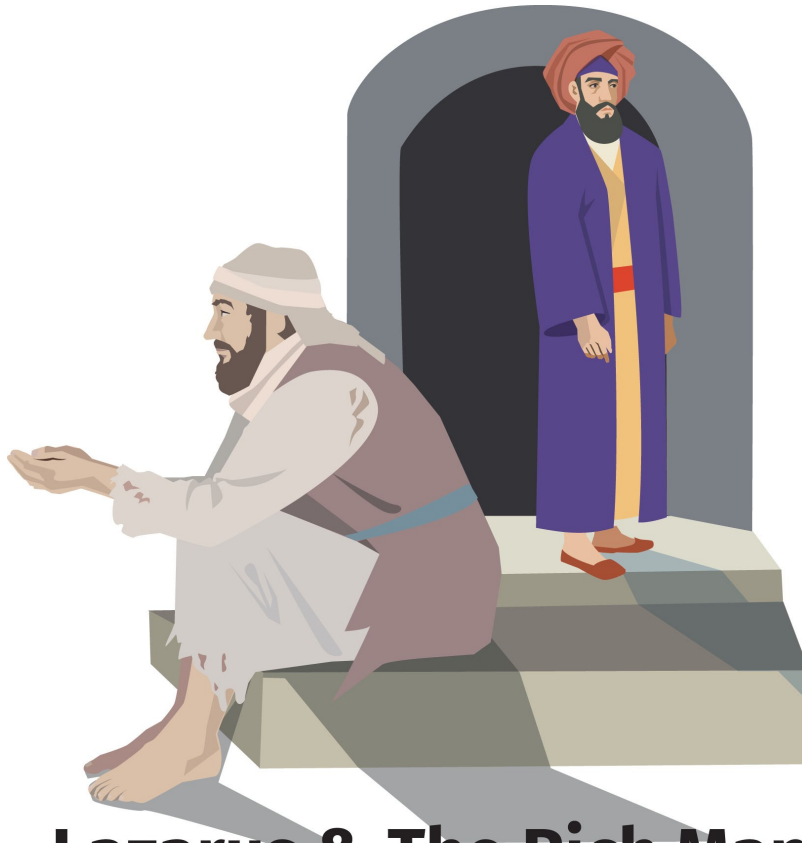




Lazarus & The Rich Man

***16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025***

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.



GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another, Dennis Ryder

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Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, Helen H. Lemmel

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Spirit, Open My Heart, Ruth Duck

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Verse

**Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come**

Chorus

**One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now**

Ending

Come come just as you are come come

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Brian Doerksen

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INVOCATION SONG

WE ARE GATHERED HERE

We are gathered here in the name of the Father.
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.
We are gathered here in the name of the Father,
chosen by God's grace.

We are gathered here in the name of the Son.
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.
We are gathered here in the name of the Son,
chosen by God's grace.

We are gathered here in the name of the Spirit.
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.
We are gathered here in the name of the Spirit,
chosen by God's grace.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

O Lord, we pray that you would prepare us to receive what you have in store for us today.

Cleanse our minds of all distracting thoughts. Cleanse also the desires of our hearts.

O Lord, you know us through and through. You know our sinfulness.

Father, we confess we have sinned against you, and against other people. We have failed in loving You as we ought. We have also failed to love our neighbors.

Forgive us for our sins of commission-

For those things we did and thought—that we ought not.

Forgive us also for our sins of omission

For our failures in thought, word and deed.

Silence is kept for reflection.

You have promised that you receive repentant sinners and forgive them.

So we ask your mercy once again, for the sake of Jesus.

We pray your healing power—that we might delight in your will,

And by our lives bring glory to your name.

Amen.

In His mercy, God gave His Son to die for us and for our sins.
For His sake, God forgives us all our sins.
Therefore, in the name of Christ, and by His authority,
I now declare to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins.
THEY ARE NO MORE!
Christ has taken them on Himself and removed them.
You are free!
Live in that gracious freedom and be healed in Him.

SONG

KYRIE ELEISON

Chorus:

**Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way
Kyrie Eleison ev'ryday**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all,
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,
for life and for love for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)**

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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.

SONG

THE JOURNEY OF PRAISE

**We are all on a journey
from the cradle to the grave
We are given life through the price
our Savior had to pay**

Chorus:

**Oh let our hearts praise the Lord
Oh let our hands praise the Lord
Oh let our voices praise the Lord
Oh let our lives praise the Lord**

**We can feel suffering
there is someone near in need
We are given choice, heart, hands, voice,
they are within our reach (Chorus)**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God,

**rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your
grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.**

Amen.



WORD

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

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

- ^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
- ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
- ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
- ⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

- ¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- ² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- ³ Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
- ⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**
⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**
⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HELP US O LORD

(Sung twice)

Help us, O Lord, to hear your word.

Open our hearts to feel your word.

Give us the strength to live your word each day.

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GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you

cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

***SHOUT TO THE LORD* RED ELW #821**

**My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

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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, receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.



OFFERING

Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER

Chorus:

**Everybody's got something to offer
Young and old, the prince and the pauper
Everybody's got something to offer
in the name of the Lord**

**To the lost and the lowly ones
the message it is clear
we have all got a gift to give
our hands, our hearts, our tears (Chorus)**

**To the believers gathered here
the message it is true
we have all got a gift to give
in all we say and do (Chorus)**

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time,
and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with
your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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.**



SENDING

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

BLESSING

Benediction Song – echo song

(leader in italics; congregation in bold)

L) May the Lord bless and keep us;

C) May the Lord bless and keep us.

L) Make his face to shine upon us;

C) Make his face to shine upon us.

L) May his blessing go with us;

C) May his blessing go with us.

L) and give us peace

C) And – give – us - peace

L) In the name of the Father;

C) In the name of the Father

L) In the name of the Son;

C) In the name of the Son.

L) In the name of the Spirit;

C) In the name of the Spirit

L) All three –in-one;

C) ALL – THREE – IN – ONE!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

***Step By Step*, arr. David Strasser**

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Weekly Announcements



Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers:
Dilshad and Sonya Perani, Gary Revier, Deb Otto and Marlene Fure

Welcome Guests!

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

We are glad you are here!

Hunger Jar for the month of September is designated to Sibley County Foodshare.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting on Monday, September 29 at 6:30p.

Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 5. Please send in a picture of your pet to Stacy in the office and it will be included on the Announcement Screens prior to worship.

Bandage Rolling—On the fourth Sunday of the month, the bandage rollers and supplies will be out at coffee hour. Feel free to try your hand at rolling a few while you sip coffee and visit.

Worship Assistants

September 28

Ushers: Ryan & Kate Bergs
Ross Bergs, Scott Bergs
Greeter: Wendy Kube
Acolyte: Taylor Johnson
Reader: Brad Danielson
AV Team: Joe Prasad &
Elton Hazelwood

October 5

Usher: Wayne & Ann Werner
Mary Lietz, Nancy Mathwig
Greeter: Tim & Stacy Haggenmiller
Acolyte: Jack Ruehling
Reader: Brenda Danielson
Altar Guild: Wayne & Ann Werner
Bread Maker: Larry Schiroo
Parameters: Jackie Alsleben

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Unscheduled—Interruptible Hours for the week of September 28

Monday, September 29—1:30p-7:30p

Tuesday, September 30—11a-4p

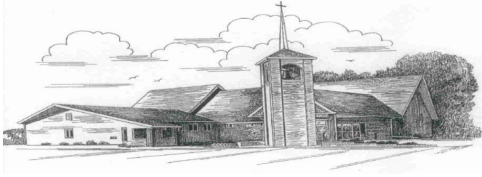
Wednesday, October 1—1p-8p

Thursday, October 2—10a—8:30p

or by appointment

Stacy's Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 2:30p-5:00p



Zion Lutheran Church ELCA

This Week at Zion:

Sunday, September 28	9:00a 10:00a	Contemporary Worship Sunday School
Monday, September 29	6:30p	Nominating Committee
Wednesday, October 1	1:30p 4-5:30p 6:30p-8p	Wednesday Bible Study 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class 9th Grade Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 2	10:00a 6p-8p 6:30p	Adult Bible Study Vryheid Meeting/First, St. Peter Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 4	2:00p	Presiding Bishop Installation/Central, Minneapolis
Sunday, October 5	9:00a 10:00a 10:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion Blessing of the Animals Sunday School Informational Meeting for Jr. High Youth Gathering

LSS Meals on Wheels Monday—Friday 9:00a—12:00p

