

# WHAT DO YOU *Treasure?*

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***19th Sunday after Pentecost***  
***October 19, 2025***

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*



## **GATHERING**

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

### **PRELUDE**

***In His Time***

CCLI #25981

***Jesus Loves Me***

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***This Is The Day***

CCLI #32754

### **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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## 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.**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

***HIGHER GROUND***  
Arr. Russell Robinson  
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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord God,

**tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**



## **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:7-16**

<sup>7</sup> But after a while the wadi dried up because there was no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup> “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup> But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.” <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

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: Matthew 6:19-21**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **STEWARDSHIP ON THE STEPS**

**SERMON**

**“The Transformative Power of Generosity”**

**Scott Bergs**

- 1** We plow the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand,  
who sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.

***Refrain***

All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord,  
we thank you, Lord,  
for all your love.

- 3** We thank you, our creator,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
for all your love imparts,  
but what you most would treasure—  
our humble, thankful hearts. ***Refrain***

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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

*Oh, God Didn't Give Me Much*

## 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

***Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart***

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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!

**Thank you to** Scott Bergs for leading us in worship today!

**Hunger Jar** for the month of October is designated to Feed My Starving Children.

**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.

**Equipping Congregations—*Rooted in Faith*** will take place on Saturday, November 8 from 8:30a-2:30p at Peace Lutheran Church, New London, MN. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pr. Gretchen.

### **Nativity Collection Tour**

Do you have a collection of Nativity sets? The Stewardship Board is planning a Nativity Collection Tour in the basement at Zion the day of ArlIdazzle. We would love to see everyone's beautiful displays. The plan is to have everyone set up their own display for the community to walk through to look at them.

Please see one of the Stewardship board members for details: Starla Schilling, Jane Scharpe, Jackie Alsleben, Mary Kallhoff, Pam Schiroo or Janet Rowe.

**Wheelchair**—The wheelchair at the ramp entrance is no longer usable and has been removed. If anyone has a wheelchair that they would consider donating to Zion Lutheran, please contact one of the Trustees: Larry Schiroo, Dale Stern, or Rich Nagel

## **Reformation Day observed on Sunday October 26**

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517 by the end of the seventeenth century. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free. On Sunday, October 26, Zion will be giving Bibles to our Sunday School and Confirmation students during worship to celebrate the good news that comes to us in the scriptures. Please let Pastor Gretchen know if your child has not yet received a bible.

Spark Picture Bibles: McKenna Schauer, Josephine Barfnecht, Waylon Robinson, Adonis Williams, Jazzy Wark

Spark Reader Bibles: Ava Foss, Adilyn Kamps

Collaborate Bibles: Alice Foss, Jacob Frauendienst, Daphne Hazelwood, Cooper Heeran, Taylor Johnson, Murdock Krueger, Jack Ruehling, Grant Schauer, Jeremiah Vasquez, Emmilia Wark

***Please wear red on Sunday, October 26***

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YouTube at  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
Search: Zion ELCA Arlington MN  
[www.zionarlington.org](http://www.zionarlington.org)

## **Worship Assistants**

### **October 19**

Usher: Deb Stenzel, Scott Bergs  
Cindy Vazquez, Jeremiah Vazquez  
Greeter: Jerry & Diane Ebersviller  
Acolyte: Cooper Heeren  
Reader: Bruce Kallhoff  
AV Team: Tim Michaelis &  
Matt Giesen  
Paraments: Jackie Alsleben

### **October 26**

Usher: Jan Wark, Wendy Kube  
Peg Kamps, Adilyn Kamps  
Greeter: Bruce & Mary Kallhoff  
Acolyte: Murdock Krueger  
Reader: Peg Kamps  
AV Team: Matt & Jan Geisen  
Altar Guild: Bruce & Mary Kallhoff  
Bread Maker: Larry Schiroo  
Paraments: Jackie Alsleben

### **Pastor Gretchen Pierskalla**

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Unscheduled—Interruptible Hours for the week of October 19

Tuesday, October 21—2p-4p

Wednesday, October 22—2:30p-8p

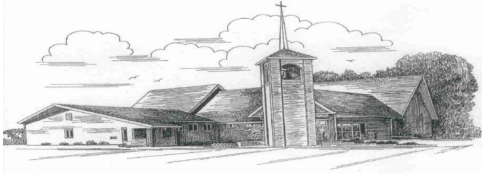
Thursday, October 23—10a—11:30a

Friday, October 24—3p-8p

or by appointment

Stacy's Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 2:30p-5:00p



## *Zion Lutheran Church ELCA*

### This Week at Zion:

Sunday, October 19	<b>9:00a</b> 10:00a	<b>Contemporary Worship</b> Sunday School
Monday, October 20	4:00p	Nominating Committee Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, October 21	12:00p	Minnesota Valley Conference Meeting/Pastors
Wednesday, October 22	9:00a <b>4-5:30p</b> <b>6:30p-8p</b>	Squash & Apple-Cranberry Prep <b>6th, 7th &amp; 8th Grade Confirmation Class</b> <b>9th Grade Confirmation Class</b>
Thursday, October 23	10:00a	Adult Bible Study
Friday, October 24	4p-7p	Harvest Supper
Sunday, October 26	<b>9:00a</b>  10:00a	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> Sunday School

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

