

Zion Lutheran Church
925 5th Avenue - Rockford, Illinois

September 29, 2024 at 9:15am

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ELCA

PRELUDE

“You Are Awesome In This Place”

by Kent Henry

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

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. 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.


GATHERING SONG "The King of Glory"

(from W&P #136)

Refrain



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.




O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Refrain



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.


BLESSING

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

Red Hymnal #154



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE "King of Kings"

(from W&P #80)

1* Em B⁷ Em
King of kings and Lord of lords: glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah.

B⁷ Em
King of kings and Lord of lords: glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah.

2 B⁷ Em
Je - sus, Prince of Peace: glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

B⁷ Em
Je - sus, Prince of Peace: glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

**may be sung in canon*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

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

FIRST READING Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.” ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so

they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14

(Congregation reads the bold)

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

¹[King Ahasuerus] and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.² On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.”

³Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.”

⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” ⁶Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.”

And the king said, “Hang him on that.” ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. ^{9:20}Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the

Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²²as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Ancient Words”

Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart, oh let the ancient words impart.

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true; changing me and changing you,
we have come with open hearts, oh let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope,
In this world where e're we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

(Chorus)

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON DIALOGUE

SERMON SONG “Make Me a Servant” (from W&P #96)

Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayers of my heart always be
Make me a servant; make me a servant
Make me a servant today

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 THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering envelopes are available in the pews at your seat to designate gifts toward the ministries of Zion. The Offering Box is near the back, pulpit side and you can also go online at www.zionrockford.com, or you can click on the QR code.



TABLE BLESSING

"Come and Taste"

(from W&P #30)

Come and taste and see how good the love of God can be!

Come and taste and see how good the love of God

can be! We come here bro-ken - heart - ed,

seek - ing all that God of - fers. Come and taste and

see how good the love of God can be! Come see!

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Please peel open the top part of the communion container for the wafer.

Please peel the other side of the container for the juice.

There are baskets in the middle and the back for disposal of your communion cups.

COMMUNION SONG "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Red Hymnal #742



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world. Through Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

THE SENDING

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

SENDING SONG “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” Red Hymnal #808



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

SENDING

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“King of Kings”

Flower ministry sponsorships are available.

Today’s altar flowers are sponsored by

Jodi Beach & Jim McDowell

In Honor of their 9th Anniversary on October 2.



Christian Nationalism?

October 20, 2024 at 10:15am
Fellowship Hall

LED BY PASTOR THOMAS

*“A DISCUSSION ON THE VARIOUS
EXAMPLES OF CHURCH & STATE”*



Sponsored and Held at Zion Lutheran Church - 925 Fifth Avenue - Rockford, IL 61104



Lutheran 101

October 27, 2024
at 10:15am
Fellowship Hall

LED BY PASTOR THOMAS

“WHAT IS A LUTHERAN?”

Hispanic Heritage

October 13, 2024 at 10:15am
Fellowship Hall

SPEAKER:

MARY LOU CASTRO

LULCA PRESENTATION



Free Skin Cancer Screening

When: Saturday, November 2, 2024

8:00 am to Noon

Location: Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care

5666 East State Street

Rockford, IL 61108

Screenings are provided by Edgebrook Dermatology.

Call today as space is limited. Thank you!

**Lutheran World Relief
In-Gathering**

October 5 9am-Noon

October 6: Noon-3pm



Civil Rights Trip Recap!

October 27, 2024, at 1PM
Fellowship Hall

LED BY ZION'S
MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE



The logo for Trivia Night, with "TRIVIA" in large, colorful letters (orange, white, blue, yellow) and "NIGHT" in white letters below it. Underneath, it says "HOSTED BY RALM" in white.	<p>Save the Date</p> <p><i>RALM Trivia</i></p> <p><i>Friday, November 1, 2024</i></p> <p><i>At Our Savior's Lutheran Church</i></p> <p>Registration & more info to follow</p>
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WORSHIP LEADER'S

Communion Assistant:	Janice Forrest
Fellowship:	
Media:	Cameron Kellermann
Music:	Jodi Beach Trio
Reader:	Jane Burden
Sound:	Deangelo Brunson
Usher:	Charlie Dahlberg & Kamyra Brunson

NURSE JORI—My goal in this role is not only to serve you with the greatest care and love, but to get to know all of you so that I can provide the best care possible. My office is located next to the nursery at the end of the hall, past the kitchen. My office hours are 10am-12pm Monday and Wednesday. Please stop by and say hi! If you are unable to come see me, please give the church a call and leave a voicemail for me, call me on my cell at 630.465.2135, or email me at Jori.L.Roysdon@osfhealthcare.org. I can come see you if you are unable to travel to me!

WORSHIP LEADERS Would you like to be a Communion Assistant, Reader, Sound, Usher, Greeter or Worship Host? You could have the assignment on the first, second, third or fourth Sunday of each month at the 9:15am worship service. Please let the church office know if you are available, interested or have a question.

WOZ-- Cornucopia Food Pantry & Save the Date: During October we are requesting donations of **Boxed Cereal or Oatmeal** for distribution at the Pantry. There is a great need for these items! A grocery cart is in the Narthex for donations, or you can bring them to the church office. Thank you so much for your help!

MONDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY at Zion, 9:30am in the Nursery. The Books "A is for Alabaster", a devotional that anyone can order.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at Stockholm Inn, 8:00am—feel free to join these groups

SAVE THE DATES FALL WOZ FUN FILLED ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ *October 17th Thursday* "Afternoon in the Country" will be at the DC Winery in South Beloit, 1:00pm;
- ◆ *November 24th Sunday* "Decorate the Church". Right after the service, let's gather and put up the Christmas decorations. The more the merrier, and the men are definitely invited to this;
- ◆ *December 17th Tuesday 12:30* "WOZ Christmas luncheon" Stockholm Inn. Everyone buys their own lunch. We will have an optional white elephant gift exchange.

Mark your calendars and watch the weekly bulletins and Grapevine for further details. If you have any questions, please ask one of the WOZ board members.

Thank you, Sue Drilling, Margaret Hallin, Karen Kermgard, Kathy Rasch, Linda Reinhardt

PRAYER CORNER! WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR:



- ◇ The ELCA, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Stacie Fidler, Pastor Thomas, Student Pastor Rachel Perkins, Pastor Emeritus Denver Bitner, the Zion Church Council, Pastor Caleb Uk of the Burmese congregation; the Zion Staff, Zion Outreach Board, Staff and Programs of Patriots Gateway Center, Katie's Cup and Zion Development Corporation.
- ◇ Pastor Cosmas Mujungu of Sepuka Parish
- ◇ Pastor Selvakumar and Arcot Lutheran Church in India and Sepuka/Msisi Church in Tanzania.
- ◇ For the Northern Illinois Synod; North Conference churches; Midtown Lutheran Parish, faculty and students of Rockford Lutheran Schools, Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries.
- ◇ For those who grieve the loss of loved ones: family of Don Carlson.
- ◇ For healing: Eloise Anderson, Darleen Bates, David Bates, Phyllis Brynteson, Colette Buchert, Linda Callahan, Yolanda Churchill, Jim Duhigg, Gary Fulkerson, Bennie & Mairetha Jackson, Linda Reinhardt, Betty Jo Rodey, Wayne Spitzer, Carrie Steder and Brian Veitch.

If you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving to share, please notify Pastor Mike or Pastoral Intern Rachel. The prayer room is upstairs to the left of the sanctuary and is available during office hours and on Sunday before and after worship services.

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:15am	Worship at Zion
Monday		Professional Leaders Conference—Lutherdale
Tuesday		Professional Leaders Conference—Lutherdale
	8:30am	RVC English as a Second Language Class—Marander Room
Wednesday	8:00am	Bible Study—Stockholm Inn
	8:00am	Miss Carly's Sandwich Making—Kitchen
	8:30am	RVC English as a Second Language Class—Marander Room
	9:30am	Don Carlson Visitation—Zion
	11:00am	Don Carlson Funeral—Zion
	4:00pm	WOW—Fellowship Hall
Thursday	8:30am	RVC English as a Second Language Class—Marander Room
Saturday	9:00am	Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering (9am– Noon) Zion back parking lot
	9:00am	Cars & Coffee, and Cookout—RPS Parking Lot
Sunday	9:15am	Worship
	12:00pm	Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering (Noon—3pm) Zion back parking lot

UPCOMING

October 12	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen (Shepherd of the Valley serving)
October 16	11:30am	NI Synod Secretary luncheon—Calvary & Emmanuel
October 17	1:00pm	Afternoon in the Country—Meet at Zion
October 26	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen (United Church of Christ of Byron serving)
October 27	10:15am	Forum—Lutheran 101
	1:00pm	Civil Rights Trip Recap at Zion
November 13	11:30am	Cornucopia Prayer Service and Volunteer Luncheon—Zion

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