14th Sunday of Pentecost

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**Pentecost 14 Sept. 8 & 11, 2022**

***Welcome to Mt. Zion!***

**Handicapped accessible restrooms** are located upstairs next to the Pastor’s Study and downstairs next to the elevator.

**Attendance: *Please remember to sign the friendship pads. Registration for communion will continue as usual at the table.* If you haveany questions or concerns please contact Pastor Sheppard or Mark Roeder.**

**Hearing Loop:** Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop system. Those who have compatible hearing aids (with a T-switch) will be able to hear the sound system directly into their ear(s).  The two main seating areas and the choir area are looped so that you may sit in any of the three areas. We also have four receivers available for those who do not have compatible hearing aids. If you wish to use a receiver please ask the ushers. Those who wish may bring their own headphones or ear buds.

***A note for our visitors on member communion –***

Out of sincere love for the truth of God’s Word and for precious human souls, we practice member communion in our synod and congregation. This teaching, as practiced by the Church for centuries, is thoroughly Scriptural. It questions the faith of no individual yet asks that there be full doctrinal agreement between those who commune. For this reason, we ask that only those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation join us for the Lord’s Supper. If you wish to commune with us please speak with the pastor before the service.

The front row on the pulpit side is reserved for people who are unable to navigate the steps. Pastor will serve you Communion first.

**Prayer Before Communion: Dearest Jesus, I marvel that you came to this earth as the Word made flesh. With similar awe I contemplate how you give me your body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Touch me with your grace that moved you to reach out to me, a poor, miserable sinner! Use this sacred supper to bring me closer to you. Amen.**

**Prayer After Communion: Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

**Hymns:**  **576, 654, 668, 770**

**Order of Worship: The Service CW21 pg. 154**

**Be Merciful, O Lord**   **Psalm 51**

**First Reading: Hosea 3: 1-5 (EHV)**

The Lord said to me, “Go again. Show love to a woman who is loved by another man, a woman who keeps committing adultery. Show love just as the Lord loves the people of Israel, even though they keep turning to other gods and loving the raisin cakes.”

2So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and nine bushels of barley. 3I said to her, “You will stay with me for many days. You must not be promiscuous. You must not be with any other man, and I will also be for you.”

4So the people of Israel will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred memorial stones, and without the special vest or family idols. 5Afterward the people of Israel will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.

**Second Reading & Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 2: 5-11 (EHV)**

Now if anyone has caused sorrow, he has not done it to me, but to all of you to some extent (not to overstate it). 6This punishment inflicted on such a person by the majority is enough, 7so that instead you should rather forgive and comfort him, or else such a person could be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. 8For that reason, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. 9In fact, this was also the purpose of my writing: I wanted to know the result of your being tested, that is, if you are obedient in all things.

10If you forgive anyone anything, I do too. To be sure, if I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven it in the presence of Christ for your sake, 11so that Satan would not take advantage of us. We are certainly not unaware of his schemes.

**Proper** *Luke 15:10*

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**Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10 (EHV)**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. 2But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

3He told them this parable: 4“Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? 5And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ 7I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

8“Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.’ 10In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**Choir Song: “Family of Grace”**

*This piece focuses on Christian Unity.  The accompaniment was recorded on the new Clavinova.*

**Sermon Theme: “Reaffirm Your Love For Christ.”**

**OFFERING: The offerings are brought forward to the altar.**

***Announcements***

**Attention:** Would the person who used the new vase holder please return it to church as soon as possible. Thank you

**Attention Singers:**Adult Choir has started!  Do you like singing just for fun?  Well, there is no more fun than singing for the Lord!  Singers of all abilities are welcome to join the Adult Choir. We are actively looking for more members to fill out each section.   Praising God while having fun is our motto.  Everyone is welcome!!!

**Catechism Classes** have resumed.  Classes will be from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM on Wednesdays.  All 7th and 8th graders from our congregation are welcome.  Please email: [revmikesheppard@gmail.com](mailto:revmikesheppard@gmail.com), call (920) 745-0883, or text Pastor Sheppard to register.  **As a requirement of Catechism class this year, confirmation students are asked to also attend Sunday school regularly during the school year.  Thank you.**

**Sound System: We are starting a fund for a new Audio/Visual system. The improvements are necessary to accommodate our recent and future technology additions. We are applying for a grant from The Antioch Foundation, if it is approved Mt Zion’s share of the cost will be *approximately* $16,000.00. You may use the regular church envelopes just write Audio System next to your donation. Thank you.**

**Sunday School: We are still in need of a teacher for the 7th and 8th grades starting this fall. Please talk to Pastor Sheppard or Jo Meeker if you are interested.**

**TODAY: This is our 1st day of Sunday School. We will be having games, the church picnic and a CORNHOLE COMPETITION. The Cornhole games are open to children and adults. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the office. *The Council will supply the meat, please bring a dish to pass.***

**Red Hymnals:** It was decided that whoever would like to take one or more old hymnals home may do so at no cost. They are located on the table by the entrance to the sanctuary. Please feel free to take.

**Birthday Celebration:** Cake will be served Sunday **September 18th** to celebrate the birthdays for September.

**Mailbox and table:** The **September** Forward In Christ is available and also the **August 28th, 2022-November 26th, 2022** Meditations are available.

**If you would like the Lord’s Supper privately, please contact Pastor Sheppard on his cell 920-745-0883, or by email** [revmikesheppard@gmail.com](mailto:revmikesheppard@gmail.com)**.**

**The Helping Hands Ministry** is ready to serve the needs of our members. Please contact one of the following if you or someone you know needs assistance: Joanne Gregor at 920-896-1518, Lisa Tremore at 920-229-1297 or Tammy Niemuth at 920-299-0240.

***For Your Information***

***Attendance 9/1 - 9/4/2022: 91***

***Offerings for 9/1 - 9/4/2022: $5,578.90\****

**\*Includes $1,660 towards the new sound system**

***Serving Our Lord***

***Thank you to everyone for your service to our Lord!***

**Ushers:**

**Sept 11:** Justin Niemuth, Ed Manskke, Warren Schwandt, Derek Chitwood

**PowerPoint:**

**Sept 8:** Kim Mueller

**Sept 11:** Arjeta Rushani

**Sept 15:** Kim Mueller

**Sept 18:** Jan Ohlrich

**Sept Communion Set up:** Jo Meeker

**Sept Communion Clean up:** Marilyn Ninneman

***This week at Mt. Zion***

**Sunday (11th) 9:00 AM Worship with Communion**

**10:15 AM Sunday School (Games)**

**11:15 AM Church Picnic**

**Monday 6:30 PM Bible Study**

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**7:00 PM Ladies Aid Meeting**

**Wednesday 5:00 PM Catechism Class**

**6:15 PM Choir Practice**

**6:30 PM Council Meeting**

**Thursday 6:30 PM Worship**

**Sunday 9:00 AM Worship**

**10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study**

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