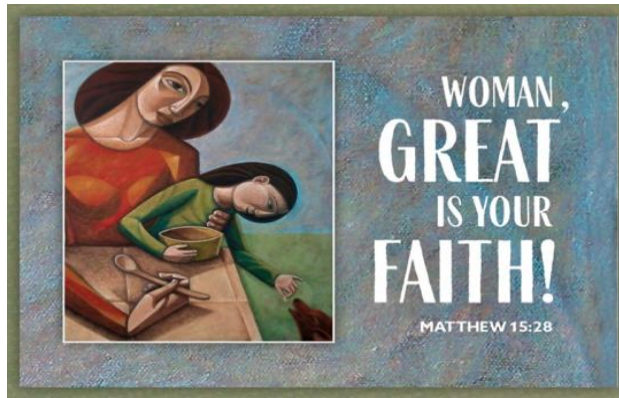




12th Sunday After Pentecost – August 16, 2026 10 a.m. Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church

Welcome Friends and Guests: In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

Serving this Sunday:

Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Mike McNeil & Cheryl Leef

Musicians – Connie Pallone & Sharon Sorenson

Ushers – Jody Alford & Cheryl Leef

Communion – John & Lisa Rygiel



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Worship & Music: In boundless diversity, we all are made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please sign our guest book and feel free to Come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. We use both the cranberry Lutheran Book of Worship and the purple *All Creation Sings* hymnals as indicated in the bulletin.

Communion: We celebrate open communion. This is Christ's table, all are welcome. You may come forward for the sacraments or cross your arms across your chest for a blessing. Our bread is gluten free and both wine and white grape juice (center of tray) are available.

Other: Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall; our ushers can direct you.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. All are welcome!

Zion's Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community.

~Gathering~

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

Gathering of Prayers & Call to Worship

Here we can come together, people searching for healing and hope:

here we are met by the One who would bless us with abundant life.

Here we are called to gather as the family of God:

we may find those who are strangers yet are beloved siblings of ours.

Here we discover the truth that God makes no distinctions among us:

here we are welcomed and embraced by the One whose arms are open to all.

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart, give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

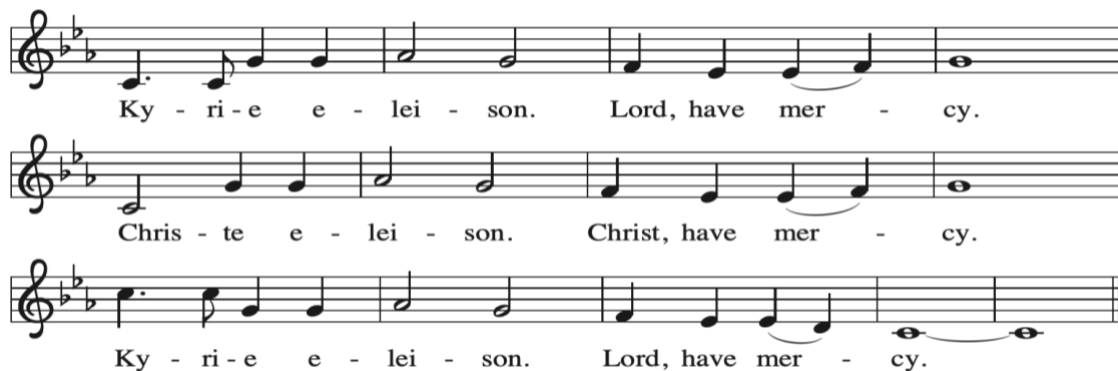
Gathering Hymn: #641 (cranberry hymnal) All Are Welcome

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



Prayer of the Day

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

God of all peoples... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

~Word~

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

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

God's Word invites us into life. **Thanks be to God!**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, or you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading: Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also, they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all

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Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 15. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

Sermon: Pastor Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: #1062 (purple hymnal) *Build a Longer Table*

The 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 People

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats as well as native and sacred lands. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Today we lift... Be with those affected by human-caused and natural disasters, especially those affected by wildfires in the Pacific Northwest and in Canada, as well as areas affected by the earthquakes in Columbia. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for Pastor Lisa, and for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

~Meal~
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

*An offering is gathered for missions of the church.
You can give by check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at:
https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741*

Offertory: #167 (cranberry hymnal) Now the Feast & Celebration v. 2

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Thanksgiving at the Table

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker... And so, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, inspire your people for service, and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace. We praise you, all-holy God, the Creator, the Son, the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

God's love is wide. God's table is big. No one is excluded.

Taste and see that the Lord is Good.

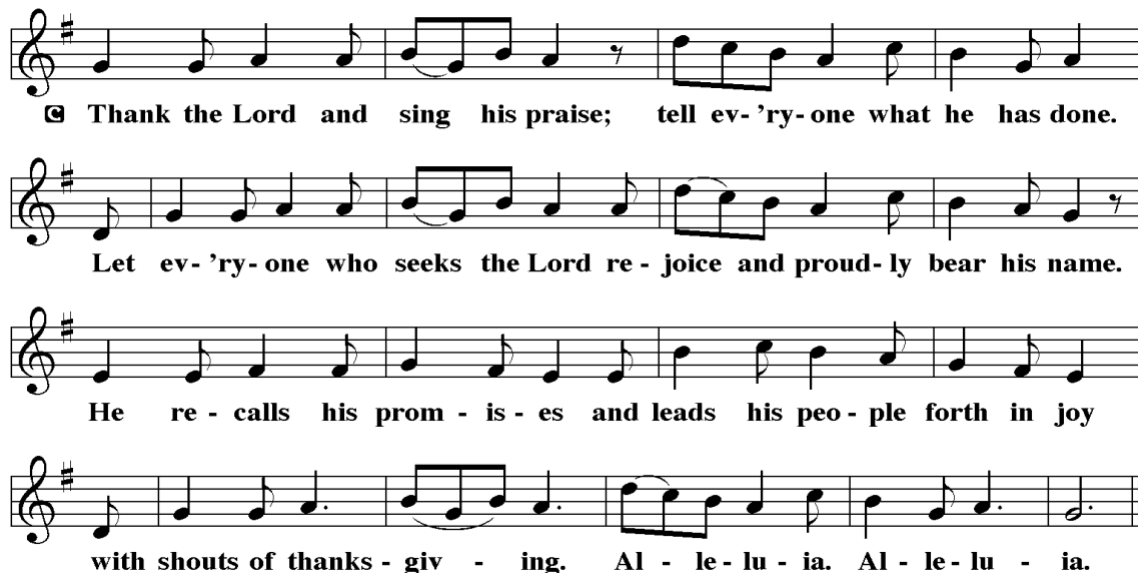
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God comes to us in worship and song. God also comes to us in silence and stillness. Please use the time before and after you commune for silent contemplation.

Communion Song: Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: #494 (cranberry hymnal) For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Communion Song: Thank the Lord & Sing His Praise



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Communion Prayer

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

~Sending~

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

Announcements & Special Blessings

Benediction

We came together to worship.

Now may we go to serve others with God's grace and love.

We were called to this place as members of God's family.

Now we head out to discover strangers are but siblings of Jesus, like us.

We have been reminded that there are no differences among any of us.

Now we journey with the Spirit to welcome each person into the embrace of hope and justice.

Now may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in  Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #651 (cranberry hymnal) Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

Dismissal

Go forth with courage, loving God and serving neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

~Announcements~

- ✚ **Fellowship:** Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. All are welcome.
- ✚ **Summer Supper Gatherings:** Our next summer supper is at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for food and activities. We look forward to seeing you there.
- ✚ **New Members:** Zion's will welcome new members during worship next Sunday (Aug. 23). If you are interested in becoming a member of Zion's or want more information, please talk to Pr. Lisa.
- ✚ **Fellowship Hall Flooring:** A tentative schedule has been set for the flooring work in the Fellowship Hall. The existing carpet is scheduled for removal beginning Aug. 18. That initial work will be accomplished by members of the congregation; if you can help, please talk to Pr. Lisa or John Rygiel. Remember that there will be some inconveniences during the flooring process, however the long-term results will be well worth the trouble.
- ✚ **Worship Assistance:** We are preparing the worship assistance list (ushers, lectors, communion set up/clean up) for September and October. If you are able to help or can help only on specific Sundays, please let Jo Moss know.
- ✚ **Wednesday Book Club:** Book Club is on hiatus during August.
- ✚ **Save the Date:** *God's Work Our Hands* Sunday for Zion's will be Sept. 13. [The plan is for a special GWOH worship and brunch at Zion's before a sing-along at the Legacy.](#) We also will put together hygiene kits for the unhoused, which will be distributed through Keep Trinidad Safe. Updates will follow in the E-Formation, Bulletins, and September Newsletter.
- ✚ **We're Here for You:** For pastoral care, call Zion's at 719-846-7785 or send an email: zionsluth@gmail.com.

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