

Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church "Responding in Service to God's Love"

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B



September 15, 2024

Welcome/Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude "Quiet Prayer" Zoar Bell Choir

By Kathleen Wissinger

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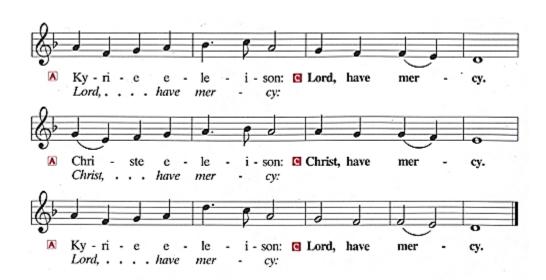
Gathering Hymn "Lift High the Cross" ELW 660

(see page 13)

The Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Gloria



Gloria - Continued



Salutation

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

Please be seated.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

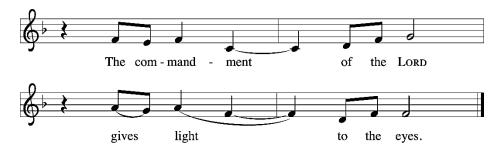
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 19:1-14; Refrain Ps. 19:8



¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God, and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale | to another, and one night imparts knowledge | to another. R

³Although they have no | words or language, and their voices | are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun. R

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes. R

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.

12Who can detect one's | own offenses? Cleanse me from my | secret faults. R

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.

14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight, O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer. R

2nd Reading:

James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Time

The Message Mary T. Eagle, MTS

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn of the Day "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW 808

(see page 14)

The Prayers of the People

(See "Celebrate" insert.)

(The petitioner will say, "Hear us O God..."; the congregation will respond with "Your mercy is great.")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: On the count of 3, let's all say together, "The peace of Christ be with you always!..."

Please be seated.

The Offering

Please take a moment of silent prayer to consider the many needs and to give thanks for the blessings you've received from God. Ask God to guide you in discerning how you can share some of the gifts God has entrusted to you. (Perhaps you'll feel moved to call someone, to write a card, or to make an extra donation in support of ministries making a difference in our wider community, so that they can continue to bring light and life to our neighbors in need.)

The Offertory

Please stand, as you are able.

The Offering Hymn

"We Are an Offering" (see page 15)

ELW 692

The Offering Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise

The Proper Preface

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth, all creation, and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy



The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

P: Holy God,

our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners

and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord 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.

Remembering, therefore,

his life given for us

and his rising from the grave,

we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,

and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

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C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

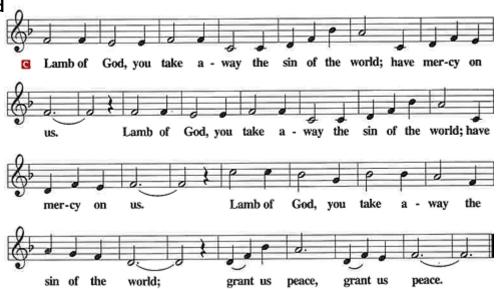
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymns

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

"Loaves were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

(see pages 16 - 17)

W&P 95 ACS 966

The Distribution

Instructions for those communing online/in their homes:

- 1. Please take a minute to wash your hands if you'll be touching the bread or cup and offering it to another person.
- 2. As you are offering bread to another, say these words: "The body of Christ, given for you."
- 3. As you are offering the wine or grape juice, say these words: "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Please stand, as you are able.

The Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion:

A: Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Sending Blessing

P: God all mighty,
God most merciful
+ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW 798

(see page 18)

The Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to our Worship Servers

| Assisting Minister | Robert Manicke |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Jim Bernklau |
| Pianist | Mel Kubik |
| Lector | Donna Pottratz |
| Song Leader | Jeanna Doversberger |
| Greeters | Ron Pottratz and Nancy Mohr |
| Altar Care | Linda Tate & Jeannine Brumley |
| Sound | Paul Rothi |
| AV Technician | Anne Manicke |
| Altar Flowers | ZLCW |
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| Last Week's Stats & Goals | | | | | | |
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| September 8, 2024 | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Goal</u> | Over/Short | | |
| This Week to Date | 70 | \$ 4,578 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 78 | | |
| This Month to Date | 63 | \$ 13,808 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 4,808 | | |
| This Year to Date | 69 | \$191,586 | \$174,500 | \$ 17,086 | | |
| Restricted Building Fund | | \$ 295 | Cumulative for 2024 | 4 \$ 14,503 | | |
| To support of | our building fund | giving must be d | esignated "Building Fu | ınd." | | |
| Thank you for your prayerfully considered gifts | | | | | | |

For those interested in giving electronically, you can scan the QR Codes below:



Special Giving



General Fund



Building Fund

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Upcoming Events at Zoar Lutheran Church

| Date | Time | Activity | |
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| Sunday - 9/15/2024 Today | 9:15 am | Adult Forum: Kindness Rm. | |
| | 10:30-11:30 am | Worship Service-The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Sanctuary | |
| | 12:00 pm | Coffee and Fellowship Time: Narthex | |
| | 12:00 pm | Pizza Lunch / Confirmation Orientation Mtg.: Narthex | |
| | 12:30 pm | Evangelism afternoon Movie Time: Youth Room | |
| | 12:30 -1:30 pm | Mixed Choir Rehearsal | |
| | 1:30 – 2:30 pm | Ordinary Men Rehearsal | |
| Monday - 9/16/2024 | | Pastor's Day Off | |
| | 2:00-3:00 pm | Knotty Loopers: Narthex | |
| Tuesday - 9/17/2024 | 5:00-6:30 pm | Community Dinner: Narthex | |
| | 7:00-9:00 pm | Spanish Speaking AA Meeting: Kindness Rm. | |
| Wednesday - 9/18/2024 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Sewing Circle: Generosity Room | |
| | 10:00am-6:30 pm | Music Ministries: Sanctuary | |
| | 6:00-7:00 pm | Mutual Ministries: Conference Room | |
| | 7:00-8:30 pm | Reconcilling in Christ Taskforce Meeting: Conference Room | |
| | 7:00-9:00 pm | Spanish Speaking AA Meeting: Kindness Rm. | |
| Thursday - 9/19/2024 | 1:00-7:30 pm | Music Ministries: Sanctuary | |
| | 10:30-11:30 am | Thursday Morning Bible Study: Zoom | |
| | 7:00-8:30 pm | Women's Bible Study: Zoom | |
| Friday - 9/20/2024 | 7:00-9:00 pm | Spanish Speaking AA Meeting: Kindness Rm. | |
| Saturday - 9/21/2024 | | | |
| | 10:30am-12:30pm | Sewing Circle: Generosity Room | |
| Sunday - 9/22/2024 | 9:15 am | Adult Forum: Kindness Rm. | |
| | 10:30-11:30 am | Worship Service-The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Sanctuary | |
| | 12:00 pm | Quarterly Congregational Mtg.: Sanctuary and Online | |
| | 12:30 -1:30 pm | Mixed Choir Rehearsal – Will not be rehearsing | |
| | 1:30 – 2:30 pm | Ordinary Men Rehearsal – Will not be rehearsing | |
| | 2.00 Pm | ordinary men residental min not be remaining | |

Long-term Weekly Scheduled activities: (unless otherwise noted)

| Sunday: 9:15 am | | -Adult Forum, Conference Rm. | |
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| | 9:30 am | -Sunday School | |
| | 10:30 am | -Worship Service | |
| | 12:00 pm | -Fellowship Time | |
| | 12:30 pm | -Mixed Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | |
| | 1:30 pm | -Ordinary Men Rehearsal, Sanctuary | |
| Monday: | | -Pastor's Day Off | |
| Tuesday: | 5-6:30 pm -Community Dinner, Narthex | | |
| Wednesday: | day: 10:30 - 6:30 pm - Music Ministries, Sanctuary | | |
| Thursday: | 1:00 - 7:30 pm -Music Ministries, Sanctuary | | |
| During the school year: | 9:00 am -12:00 pm, M W F | -Preschool 4's | |
| | 9:00 am -11:30 am, T TH | -Preschool 3's | |
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Long-term Monthly Scheduled activities:

| -The First Tuesday of every month | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Evangelism Team Mtg. – Zoom |
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| -The First Wednesday of every month | 10:00 - 11:30 am | Youth & Education Mtg. – In person @ Zoar |
| -The Monday prior to each Church Council Mtg. | 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Property & Management - In person @ Zoar |
| -The Second Tuesday of every month | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Church Council Mtg Zoom |
| -The Fourth Tuesday of every month | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Executive Council Mtg Zoom |
| -The First Thursday of every month | | The Class of 58 get-together – Narthex |
| -The Third Thursday of every month | 3:00 - 7:30 pm | The Living Room - Kindness Rm./Narthex |
| -The Last Wednesday of every month | 9:00 am | Breakfast at Pappy's Greasy Spoon |



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COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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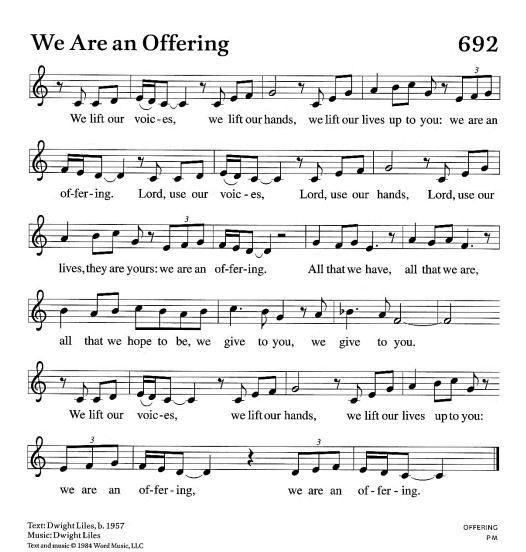
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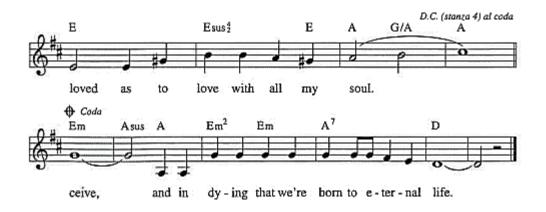
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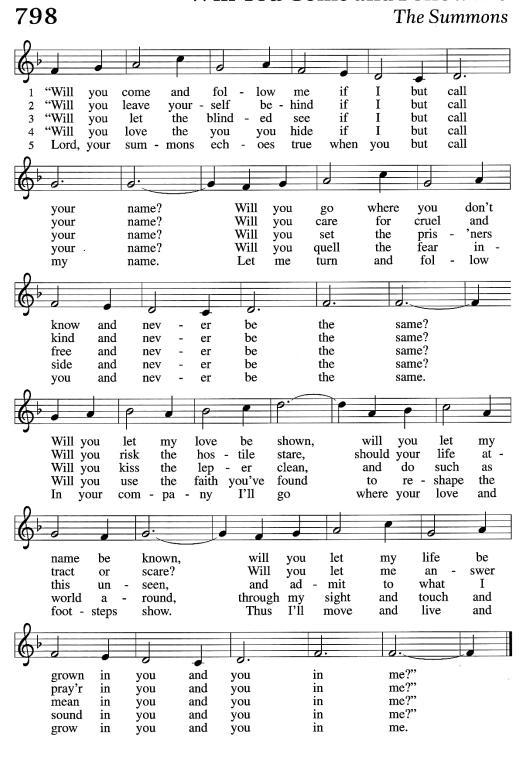
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Will You Come and Follow Me



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