



Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana PA  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 6 & 7, 2022

**Prelude** Beth Grafton - Substitute Organist

**Confession and Forgiveness: Page 94**

**Entrance Hymn: ELW #834** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*St. Denio*

**Apostolic Greeting: Page 203**

**Glory be to God in Heaven: Page 204**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

**First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22**

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD!  
Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks | down from heaven,  
and sees all | humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly en- | throned and watches  
all who dwell | on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions | all their hearts  
and observes | all their deeds. R**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size | of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.  
<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain | hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**  
<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their | lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in | time of famine. R**  
<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,  
our helper | and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,  
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**  
<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,  
even as we place our | hope in you. R

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### **Gospel Acclamation: Page 205**

**Glory to You O Lord: (Spoken)**

### **Gospel: Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their

master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**Praise to You O Christ: (Spoken)**

**Homily: Pastor Tedd Cogar**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #838 “Beautiful Savior”**

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**Apostle’s Creed: Page 105**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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**Peace: Page 206**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Canticle: ELW #186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

**Offertory Payer:**

**A:** Let us pray,

**C: God of abundance: You have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving: Page 206**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”: Page 207**

**Eucharistic Prayer: Altar Book**

**Lord’s Prayer: Page 208**

**Lamb of God: Page 208**

**Invitation to Communion:**

**P:** In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

**Communion Hymn: ELW #471 “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

*Break Bread Together*

**Communion Blessing:**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

**A:** Let us pray.

**C: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Hymn for Peace: ELW #749 “O God of Love, O King of Peace”**

**Prayer for Peace**

**A:** Let us pray

**C: Oh Divine, most mighty, most merciful, our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people. You are the fortress: may there be no more war. You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger. You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair. Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life. Amen**

**Blessing:**

**P:** The God of Peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: ELW #812 “Faith of Our Fathers”**

*St. Catherine*

**Dismissal: AM: Go in Peace. Love your Neighbor**

**C: Thanks Be to God!**

**Postlude**

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## **MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**

5:30 PM - LECTOR: Kalise Dugan; ALTAR GUILD: Sat AM Jan Cikowski, PM Bev Wissinger; ASSISTING MINISTER: Kim Barcerak; USHERS: Rik & Bev Wissinger.  
9:30 AM – LECTOR: Jenn Rising; ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Huston; ASSISTING MINISTER: Kevin Huston; USHER: Tyson Ellenberger.

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## **PRAYER LIST**

Remember all those requesting prayer: Shirley, Jason, Joseph, Leo, Brett, Beth, Harry, Carrie, Alexis, Tamie, Dale, Marvin, Tracey, Michael, Coleen, Karl, Dorrina, Heather, Christian, Akou, Dan, Chris, Ken, Linda, Paula, Jeff, Tom & Jane, Shawn, Grace, Scott, Tom K, Chris, Tom W, Deb, Don, Pam & Family, Rylan, Donald, Paul, Bishop Lozano, Jessica, Prisca, Jim, Sande, Ruth, Cliff, Vonda, Loretta, B. Tamski, Adam, Dennis, Kristine, Ken, Gene, Tom, Dominic, Tom, Karen, Susan, Lonnie, Jeannine, Petras Family, George, Denny, Ray, Paolo, Ron, Billie, Bill, Liesl, Bob, Peter, Bob, Nancy, Abby, Jim, Royce, Rochelle, Jacqueline, Judy, Kim, Katrina, Quinn, Heidi, Bill, Lisa, Elaine, Leonard, Noelle, Ronda, Janice & Rich, Linda, Annah, Gene, Guella Family, Betty.

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## **THIS WEEK AT ZION – AUGUST 8**

Monday	6:30 - Council Meeting
Friday	Zion Office Closed 7:00 - Square Dancers
Saturday	5:30 - Liturgy
Sunday	9:30 – Liturgy Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

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Church Attendance Last Week (July 30 & 31)  
Saturday 21 -- Sunday 27 -- Online 85

Giving - July (Last 2 weeks)  
\$7,421.80

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Our Sexton, Jerry Ruffner, is retiring at the end of the year. If anyone is interested in being our sexton, starting 2023, please contact Rik Wissinger at 724-840-2335.

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### **SQUARE DANCING**

Mountainview Squares is happy to be dancing in Zion's social hall two Fridays this month: August 12 and 26 from 7:00-9:30 PM. We welcome observers and will invite them to join our square for some short lessons throughout the evening. Note that all participants must present proof that they are fully vaccinated for admission. Thanks for your understanding.

Susan Dahlheimer

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