



18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1254 S. Union Street, Shawano, WI 54166

COMMUNION WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

(5:00) **MUSIC VOLUNTARY** *Lord, I Need You* Jill Sousek, piano

(8:00) **HYMN #871** *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good* vs. 1-4

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

WORD

FIRST READING Psalm 19:7-14 *Responsive reading.*

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the
commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

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

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above 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.

**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 James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They
should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call
for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them
with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will
be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one
another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is
powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed
fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did
not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and
the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and
is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a
sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will
cover a multitude of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 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.” But 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. Whoever is not against us is for us. For 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.

“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. If 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. And 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. And 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, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt 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 the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON Pastor Scott Ludford

(5:00) **MUSIC VOLUNTARY** *Holy Bible, Book Divine* Jill Sousek

(8:00) **HYMN #712** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

APOSTLES’ CREED

We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

...Lord, in your mercy, / **hear our prayer.**

The petitions conclude: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. / **Amen**

THE PEACE *Assembly is invited to share God's peace.*

COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC Jill Sousek, piano

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICATION

(5:00) **MUSIC VOLUNTARY** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

(8:00) **HYMN #800** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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