

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10:45 AM
September 13, 2020



Week Two - Resentment vs. Forgiveness

Studies show that grateful people are happy people. But Satan seeks to disrupt our gratitude and steal away our joy – and he has plenty of tools – division, resentment, jealousy, nostalgia, worry, entitlement, greed, and disappointment are all culprits. Not today, Satan! In this 8-week series, we will learn gratitude by calling out the things that keep us from being truly grateful.

welcome + grow + serve

Welcome to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church!

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Our Mission: to serve all God's creation in faith and love.

WORSHIP AIDS

We have the following worship aids available for your use:

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Assistance Devices

CONNECTION CARD & OFFERING

In your bulletin you will find a Connection Card. Please complete this card and place it in the offering baskets at the back of the sanctuary along with any offerings you may have.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

Masks are absolutely mandatory—no exceptions

- *If you have a medical condition that prevents you from being able to wear a mask, please stay home and enjoy our online option*
- *If you have a child with you, under the age of 5, they are not required to wear a mask but we encourage you to take advantage of the nursery*

We will maintain 6 foot distancing at all times

- *We will remain seated, every other pew, throughout the entirety of our worship*
- *Families may sit together on the ends of the pews*
- *If you're unsure where to sit, find a bulletin placed on the pew and sit there*

There will be singing

- *Congregants will remain seated and masked, and are encouraged to sing lightly*

WORSHIPPING WITH KIDS

Nursery will be available for the duration of worship, beginning at 10:30 am

- *Still staffed by our excellent, professionally licensed Childcare teachers*

Sunday School for Older Children is now available.

- *K through grade 6 are welcome, masks required.*

ON YOUR WAY OUT

Ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.

Please return unused offering envelopes, pens, and discarded bulletins into the appropriate bins. This will help us greatly in limiting contact.

Pastor will not be greeting folks at the door, and we ask that you do not congregate in the Narthex or anywhere else in the building after the service.

If you would like to visit with folks after the service, please do so outside!



Prelude

Fanfare on McKee setting, Charles Callahan

Welcome

Please complete your Connection Card to be placed in the offering as you exit.

Gathering Hymn #876

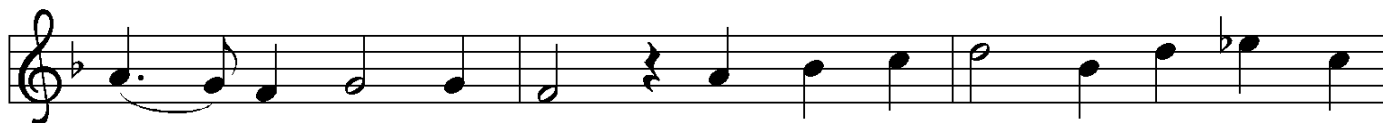
“In Thee Is Gladness!”



1 In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my
2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can



true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his



break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es



and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!



Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that forgive others as you forgive us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

P Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw



what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

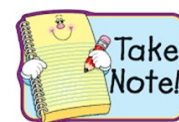
The gospel is concluded:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Feel free to take notes or write down your own reflections on this morning’s message in the space provided. Spirited doodling is also welcome!



Song of the Day

“Forgiven”

Prayers of the People

P Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love . . . “not today (or any day), Satan” . . . we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.



The Peace

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

Eucharistic Prayer

- C** 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.
- C** 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.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C** 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.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Offering

Making an offering is an act of worship. It's a way of demonstrating, through the church, our thanksgiving to God. "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Please place your connection cards and/or offerings in the baskets in the back of the church after the service.

Benediction

- P** May the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
✠ strengthen and encourage you as you go from
this place to live lives of gratitude and service.
- C** Amen



Sending Hymn #604

“O Christ, Our Hope”



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry

might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through

ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor
 setting, Johann Pachelbel



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Faith Growing Opportunities at Zion

- ♦ **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday at 10:45 am for K to Gr. 6 each Sunday
- ♦ **CATHECHISM INSTRUCTION:** Sunday from 9:30-10:30
- ♦ **THE NURSERY** will be open and staffed for babies and toddlers during today's service.

The altar flowers today are given to the honor and glory of God by Jim and Nan Maley in memory of Ryan Maley.

Last weekend's altar flowers were given by Roger and Meredith Fessler in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Next Weeks lessons:

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20: 1-16