

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10:45 AM
September 20, 2020



Week Three - Envy vs. Goodwill

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 10:45 am during the service.

- *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

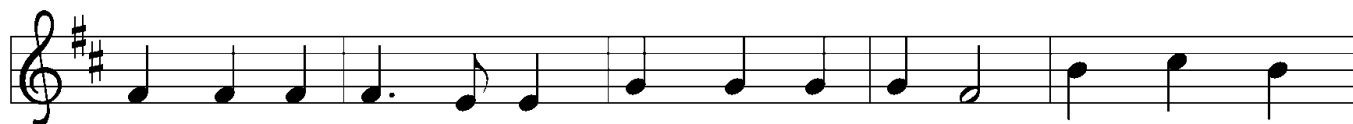
On Eagle's Wings setting, Robert Hobby

Welcome

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

Gathering Hymn #733

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.



Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

P Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

I [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing

with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The gospel is concluded:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Not Today, Satan—Envy vs. Goodwill

Song of the Day

“Your Grace Is Enough”

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.



Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.**

The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with 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.

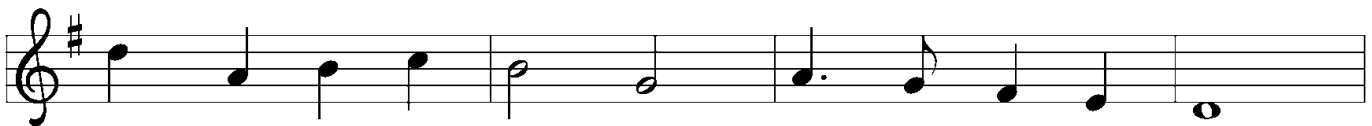
C **Amen**

Sending Hymn #537

"On Our Way Rejoicing"



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;





Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

When Love is Found setting, Janet Linker

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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.

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Worship Participants

Presiding Minister: Pastor Dan Gutman
Organist: Mary Jane Eichelberger
Nursery: Arielle Thompson
Altar Guild: Joyce Bowsher, Phyllis Simon
Projection Input: Sheila Smith
Projection: Dave Miller

Next Weekend (Sep. 27)

Nursery: Arielle Thompson
Altar Guild: Joyce Bowsher, Phyllis Simon
Bread Baker Sue Fifer
Projection Input: Sheila Smith
Projection: Dave Miller

The altar flowers today are given to the honor and glory of God
by Karen Steiner and Kathy Guy in memory of Rosella George.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Chuck Eichelberger Jan Leonard Irene Schulz
Dave McCormick Marcia O’Keefe Harold Simon
Ron & Judy Hagaman Missy Pellegrini Bill Loescher

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Don’t forget to pick up your *Gratitude Journal* from the table in the Narthex
and join in on the gratefulness!

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REMINDER: When you’re shopping local at our Lima Chiefs hang on to those
receipts! Zion Lutheran is still collecting for their rebate program. Save the receipts
marked **COMMUNITY CASH** and mail them in or drop them off to the church
office! Thanks for shopping local **AND** helping Zion!

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Next Weeks lessons:
Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32