



We Are One Body

Zion Lutheran Church

Frewsburg, New York

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:16 — King James Version

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

*As you are able, please stand

Hymns through #569 are in the green *LBW* hymnal and hymns above #600 are in the blue *With One Voice* hymnal.

GATHERING

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed your church with the joy and care of children. As we bring them up, give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Announcements

Children's Sermon

Pastor Dan Rumfelt

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

*Hymn

God Is Here!

#719

*Apostolic 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.

*Hymn of Praise



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

***Prayer of the Day**

☞ The Lord be with you. ☞ And al-so with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

WORD

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalms 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants¹ of the LORD;
praise the name¹ of the LORD.
²Let the name of the¹ LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for-¹ evermore.
³From the rising of the sun to its¹ going down
let the name of the¹ LORD be praised.
⁴The LORD is high a-¹bove all nations;
God’s glory a-¹bove the heavens.

⁵Who is like the ¹LORD our God,
who sits en- ¹throned on high,

⁶but stoops ¹to behold
the heavens ¹and the earth?

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out ¹of the dust
and lifts up the poor ¹from the ashes,

⁸enthroning them ¹with the rulers,
with the rulers ¹of the people.

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a ¹childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. ¹Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are
in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in
all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the
sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For
there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a
herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a
manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was

squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Hymn of the Day

The Church’s One Foundation

#369

***Apostles’ Creed**

**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**

Installation and Blessing of Teachers

A reading from First Corinthians. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

P: Brothers and sisters, you have volunteered your time, your energy, and your gifts to the children, youth, and family ministries of this congregation. Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

Teachers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

A reading from Proverbs. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Prov. 3:5-6)

Will you carry out this ministry centered in Christ's call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration?

Teachers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

A reading from Ephesians. I pray that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know

the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:16-19)

Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

Teachers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

I now ask you, people of Zion: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray. Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these ministers to care for the young ones in our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Almighty God, who has given you the gifts and the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

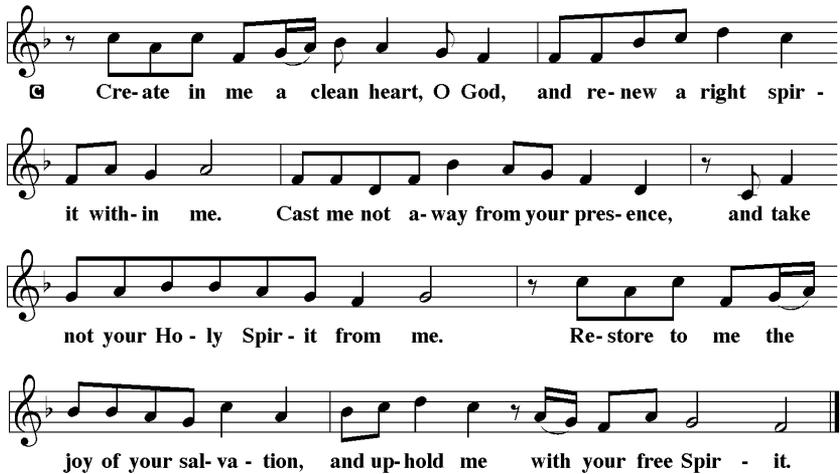
On behalf of Zion, we now commission you for ministry of teaching, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve.

The congregation may offer acclamation with applause.

Offering

Choir Anthem

*Offertory and Prayer



♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

*The Prayers

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Savior 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.

SENDING

*Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

*Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#294

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Our Mission: Zion is a gathering of God's people dedicated to Learning, Sharing & Spreading the Love and Word of God.

Ministers	The People of Zion
Pastor	The Rev. Phillip Roushey
Organist	Dennis Petzold
Choir Director	Cody Hiller
Accompanist	Lou Ann Dobmeier
Worship Assistant	Wendy Brake
Acolyte	Edwin Clover
Lector	Lou Ann Dobmeier
Ushers	Neil North and Richal Hair
Greeters	Bob Johnson and Denny Williams

THE ALTAR flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of all September birthdays and Pastor Phil's 10th anniversary of his ordination from Lou Ann Dobmeier

THE BULLETINS are given in celebration of Cordelia Rodgers' 14th birthday on September 17th with love from Mom, Dad and Cadence.

PASTOR PHIL will be out of town this week Monday – Thursday for Continuing Ed. For any pastoral emergencies when he is gone, please call Pastor Rob Allport-Cahoon @ 716-485-6310.

NO LUKE Bible Study this week. It will resume next Wednesday, September 28th, at 11:00 AM.

THE WOMEN of the ELCA Niagara Frontier and Southwestern Conferences joint gathering – *Spiritual Renewal Centered in Prayer* – will take place Saturday, October 1st from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Ellicottville. The program will be presented by Contemplative Outreach Buffalo. The cost is \$10 – lunch is provided. The registration deadline is September 21st. Registration forms are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

THE RELIEF Zone will be holding its annual Pig Roast today from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, or until gone. The Pig Roast will feature pulled pork sandwiches (or hot dog), corn on the cob, baked beans, applesauce, chips, pie (or cookies) and beverage. The cost is \$10/pulled pork meal and \$8/hot dog meal.

IF YOU would like to demonstrate your love for others and support Love, INC, for a \$15 fee a *You Are Loved* sign will be placed in your loved one’s yard for one week. A volunteer from Love, INC will deliver the sign along with a card personalized for you. September 26th is the last day to request a sign. To request a sign, there are forms in the narthex.

NEXT SUNDAY is Confirmation Sunday. Weather permitting, the service will be held outside.

WE WOULD like to say thank you to the Zion Lutheran family for your kindness and generosity before and on our wedding day. We are so blessed to be a part of this loving congregation. Peace and God’s Blessing to all.
Susan and Kevin

DURING THE announcements the ushers will be handing out the black pew pads. Please sign your name and pass it to your neighbor.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Today	9:00 Rally Day
	10:00 Worship
Monday	1:00 Bunco
Wednesday	6:00 Choir
Friday	1:00 Rummikub
Next Sunday	9:00 Sunday School
	10:00 Worship-Confirmation and Communion

