

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lewistown, Montana



Welcome to worship today!

As we move beyond the time of the pandemic, we continue to encourage those who have or recently had a fever, cough, or shortness of breath please do not worship in the church today.

As a reminder our worship services are available online: Zion Website:

<http://www.zionlewisownelca.com/worship/video-services>

YouTube Channel: Zion Lutheran Church, Lewistown, MT

**Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**October 3, 2021 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Introduction to the day**

*Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

**MINISTRY OF ZION**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**\*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.

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**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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 **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24**

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**C      Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 8** (Spoken responsively)

You adorn us with glory and honor. (*Ps. 8:6*)

- <sup>1</sup>O **LORD** our Lord,  
how exalted is your name in **all the world!**
- <sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
- <sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your **adversaries,**  
to quell the enemy and **the avenger.**
- <sup>4</sup>**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**
- <sup>5</sup>what is man that you should be **mindful of him,**  
the son of man that you should **seek him out?**
- <sup>6</sup>**You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**
- <sup>7</sup>you give him mastery over the works **of your hands;**  
you put all things **under his feet:**
- <sup>8</sup>**all sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,**
- <sup>9</sup>the birds of the air, the fish **of the sea,**  
and whatsoever walks in the paths **of the sea.**
- <sup>10</sup>O **LORD** our Lord,  
how exalted is your name in **all the world!**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.  
<sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,  
 “What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
 or mortals, that you care for them?  
<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
 you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity.*

*These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the Tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *We Are Called***

## **\*CREED**

P With the whole church 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 INTERCESSION**

P Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(Response to the petitions.)

P Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### \*PEACE (WOV p. 20)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

### \*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

**C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

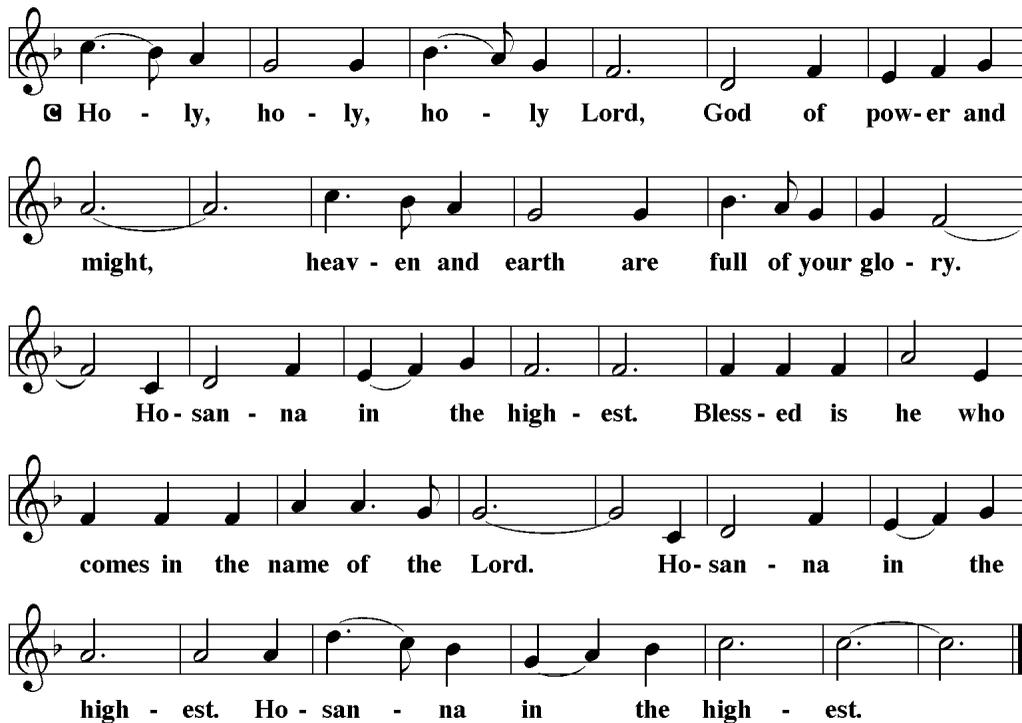
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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. 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C     Amen**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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**

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

**C     Amen**

## COMMUNION HYMN



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## \*BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

**\*CLOSING HYMN *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.**

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**Disciples: All the Baptized**

**Welcome!** Before worship, you are invited to read and reflect.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Jessie Stewart, Tia Gaughan (Pam Bowen's granddaughter), Pat Fredrickson, Wendy Pfau, Louise Langford, Roger Woltermann

**Homebound Members:** LaVerna Conard, Mary Westburg, DeAnn Paulson, Dorothy Adcock, Don Pfau, Marv Mathison, Marvin Beck

**Social Concern for October: The ELCA Disaster Relief** supports ELCA members as they give themselves freely in transforming service with the neighbor. Through a wide range of daily vocations and ministries, they nurture faith, build alliances and gather resources for a healed, reconciled and just world. As church together, they faithfully strive to participate in God's reconciling work, which prioritizes disenfranchised, vulnerable and displaced people in our communities and the world.

If you would like to contribute the is cause, please make your check to Zion and note "Disaster Relief" on the memo line.

**Today:**

Due to the uptick in COVID cases we will not be passing the offering plate at this time.  
Please drop your offering in the plate as you take your seat.

**No adult forum today. Its cleaning day.**

**Week of 10/04-10/10**

Tues	4:00pm	Bible Study Leaders Meet
	5:30pm	Caring Ministry
Wed	12:00pm	Men Over Lunch at the Elk's
	3:30pm	BLAST
	3:45pm	Confirmation
Thurs	6:45am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	Quilting
Sun	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Adult Forum

**Upcoming Events**

10/12	9:30am	Rachel Circle
10/13	12:00pm	Men Over Lunch at the Elk's
	3:30pm	BLAST
	3:45pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Youth Group Kick off with dinner
10/14	9:00am	Quilting
	1:30pm	Ruth Circle
	4:00pm	Hosanna Circle
	4:30pm	St John's Fall Delegate Day
10/10	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Adult Forum

## **Growing in Faith**

Zion Lutheran Church has many ways to grow in faith all while getting to know the people in our church family. Weekly worship services take place on Sundays at 9:30 am. For even more ways to make connections & grow in faith take look at what's happening at Zion every week!

- **ZLCW Circle Bible Studies:**
  - Hosanna Circle** – Bible study meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 4 pm in the Fireside room. Contact person: Lynette Sallee 406-535-5236
  - Rachel Circle** – Bible study meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. Contact person: Debby Shobe 406-535-5864
  - Ruth Circle** – Bible study meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact person: Kathy Trask 406-535-5601
- **Women's Podcast group**— The Podcast group meets the second Tuesday of the month. They will meet at 6:30pm during the odd months and 12:00pm during the even. Check the calendar for where they will be meeting next.
- **Men over Lunch**—Join this lively men's group each Wednesday at 12:00 pm for good food and good company! Men Over Lunch meet at the Elks
- **B.L.A.S.T.** – Stands for Believe, Learn, and Seek Truth. 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade kids meet Wednesdays after school at 3:30 – 5:00pm
- **Confirmation Classes** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade kids meet at 3:45 pm on Wednesdays in classes designed to teach bible lessons in preparation for the Affirmation of Baptism.
- **Youth Group** – High Schoolers meet from 6:30- 8:00pm on Wednesdays with dinner provided.

***Starting October 13th***

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