

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30 AM, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hym

“Gather Us In”

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



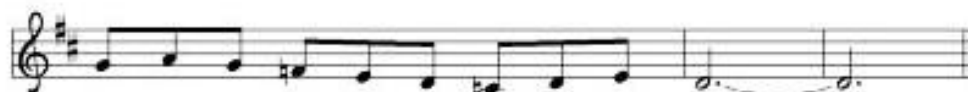
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

Asst. Minister: Come, let's praise God together!

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty, God's mighty acts throughout
history:

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's remember the compassion shown toward us; God's mercy and unfailing love,
generation after generation:

For God is great, and worthy of our praise! Let's worship God together!

Let us pray:

**God, we come before you broken and beleaguered, still alive in you and
walking in hope. We come before you, knowing that you know us better than
we know ourselves. See us for who we are, and guide us into a new day.**

Pastor: The good news is real. You are forgiven and made whole. The saving grace
of Jesus Christ is upon you. Almighty God strengthen you with the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

People: Amen

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand,

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Prayers of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

People: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!” ²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 54

Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

² **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³ For the insolent have risen against me,

the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them.

⁴ **But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

⁵ God will repay my enemies for their evil.

In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

⁶ **With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;**

I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷ For God has delivered me from every trouble,

and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, Oh Lord.**

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Oh Christ.**

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord, who 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 to the dead. 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

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

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love
for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together
for your sake. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care
for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual
efforts to heal our environment. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire
leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to
disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety
in their home or country. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help
them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward
seems bleak, and we especially pray for those whose names we speak silently or
out loud....God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation, especially
as they return to school and public places. Renew in us your call to welcome the
children in our midst and on our hearts. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our
commitment to them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray
for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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



Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

People: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

[Reminder: Giving is happening through the website (zionlutheranmi.org) the app, or by sending to the church mailing address. The offering plate is also located in the middle of the center aisle for those giving in person.]

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the word that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks, and gave it to the 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 remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

**People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Distribution – Eating and Drinking

Now may this the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in his grace, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

Amen

The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

Amen

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave,
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed, Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve,
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race,

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all,
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share,

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call,
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear,

Assistant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**