

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
547 S. Main Ave.
Groveland, FL 34736
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 26, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

L: 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

GATHERING HYMN #636 *How Small Our Span of Life*

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How Small Our Span of Life



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
 3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
 4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath,
 our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
 to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
 il - lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
 Music: English traditional
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KINGSFOLD
 CMD



a drop with-in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
 While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,
 You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
 for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass-ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
 while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
 and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.
 for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

GREETING

L: 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.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

C: Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

C: Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation; blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

P: This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READINGS

FIRST READING – Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19: 13-20

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-^lvives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom ^lto the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re-^ljoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light ^lto the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-^ldures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous ^laltogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than ^lmuch fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey ^lin the comb. **R****

¹¹By them also is your ser-^lvant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is ^lgreat reward.

**¹²Who can detect one's ^lown offenses?
Cleanse me from my ^lsecret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion ^lover me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a ^lgreat offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable ^lin your sight,
O LORD, my strength and ^lmy redeemer. **R****

SECOND READING – James 5:13-20

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The holy gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON – Reverend Howard Nielsen

HYMN OF THE DAY

JUSTICE, PEACE

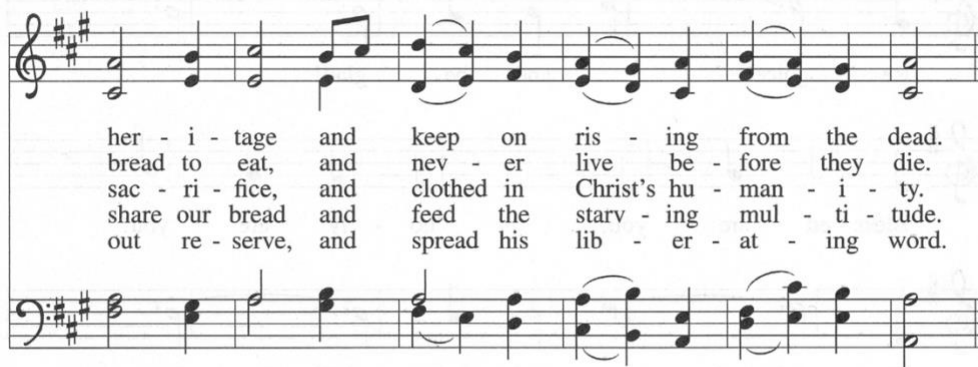
729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 - Please respond to each petition: **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING - Giving offerings to God from what God has first given us is a spiritual practice grounded in gratitude. We are grateful for your continuing stewardship. Donations may be sent to Zion Lutheran at PO Box 607, Groveland, FL 34736.

ANTHEM

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN #822 *Oh, Sing to the Lord*

Oh, Sing to the Lord

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

Cantad al Señor

822



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.

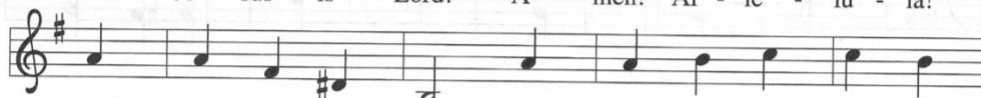
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.

3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.

4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.

5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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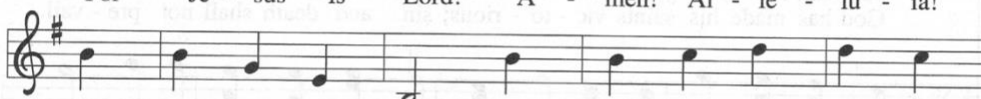
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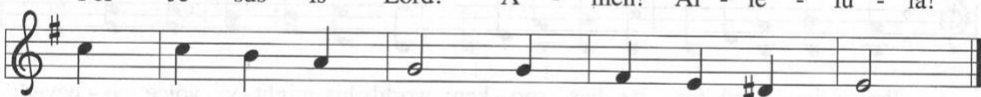
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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

- 2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.* 4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.*
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¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor! *¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

- 3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.* 5 *¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!*
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SENDING

L: Go in peace, you are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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