

Bulletin for Sunday, October 10, 2021 For Distribution

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Readings

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendour to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Gospel – Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good

news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of our Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - The thing you lack - Mark 10:17-31

“You lack one thing.”

I fear I lack much more than one thing, do you?

But what does this fellow lack, exactly? Of course, there’s all kinds of irony here, because in the end, by material standards, by society’s standards, by the measures of the world that have determined the criteria for abundance and blessing, he lacks nothing — nothing at all.

Does he lack an ability to care for the poor? Does he lack a consciousness of another’s scarcity? Does he lack the ability to appreciate his abundance?

The story is frustratingly ambiguous and rather ambivalent which make for an interpretive temptation to reduce this text to a message that is far too simplistic, but theologically easy.

Let’s just take Jesus literally. We *do* have too much. We need to give it away. We have not given out of our abundance. So we are eager to stand behind Jesus’ injunctions against rich people. We readily chide those who hoard their wealth. We are quick to say to another, “With all you have? Good luck getting through the eye of a needle, friend.” Yet all the while, we secretly wish we had wealth to hoard. Or at least more than we have. And then we have succeeded in wiggling out of Jesus’ charge. “I don’t have money like this guy, so Jesus isn’t talking to me.” And all of a sudden we’ve managed to escape Jesus’ words to us, “you lack one thing.”

I spent last weekend running a whole gamut of emotions. I presided at a funeral of a faithful member on Thursday, presided over a beautiful marriage on Saturday, and experienced wonderful love at my installation. You might have said the entire weekend was ones where I experienced the real means of grace and love. Death, love, hope of what is to come.

It is a rare thing in life to feel so cared for, to sense the gift of attention and abundance by even those with whom you are the closest let alone people you met just days before. I was deeply touched by the ways in which the community of believers at Zion so clearly and demonstratively knew God’s abundant grace.

It is so easy for us to view the concept of lack in only material things, material categories, as if lack is only determined by an absence of wealth. This is not to say that this text is not about money, about wealth, and what you do with it. There is a clear message that wealth does something to us and that something is usually not viewed as having a positive effect. Riches seem to steer our glance inward, to stoke our individuality, to set our sights on our own abundance with nary a thought about securing someone else's.

Beyond the fact that the rich man has too much, there's another part to the rich man's problem. He knows only to ask about safeguarding *his* eternal life without concern for that of others. "What must *I* do," he asks. He is unable to see that the potential to experience eternal life might very well lie outside of his own doing. He is incapable of recognizing that abundance may very well be found outside of the wealth and riches he has stored up. He insists that what he has procured is irrelevant to who he is or who he thinks he wants to be.

Where do you locate your abundance? Where does your abundance come from? Do you trust only yourself to make it possible? Lack takes on many forms in our life. This story asks us to ponder how we might complete the sentence, "I lack _____."

.....There is one thing you lack. And you need to figure that out.

But the issue of lack takes on a particular meaning in this story — it is that which prevents you from a full expression of faith. What is the one thing that is at the core of who you are, what keeps you from being the follower, the disciple, the believer, the witness God wants and needs you to be? This is a terribly hard question to answer, I know.

And so we ask it among the community of the faithful, hearing the truth from another so that perhaps we can then tell the truth to ourselves, with the sure hope that the places and spaces of lack might be filled once again.

News & Announcements

Please Pray for Those Who are Ill, in Hospital, or Requested Special

Prayers: Florence Felske, Jason Godin, Richard Hubert, Stanley Kubiseskie, Heather Miller, Vince Rabishaw, Aileen Roesler, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Dorian Verch, Ryan, Joan Schimmens.

A DONATION has been made to the Organ Restoration Fund by Cheryl Sack and family in loving memory of Fred Gorr, a father, grandfather and great grandfather. *“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” Deuteronomy 31:8*

RETURN TO FULL HOLY COMMUNION

This Sunday we are returning to full Holy Communion with Bread and Wine. We will only be using the individual cups. The ushers will direct you forward in the middle. Maintain social distancing. You will receive the bread from Pastor Scott and a cup will be given to you by the assisting minister. After drinking the wine you can return your empty cup to the side wall at the front and return to your seat. Masks must be worn but obviously moved to consume the bread and wine.

RE-OPENING FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE – SINGING AGAIN!

We ask that you follow the Covid guidelines of social distancing of 2 metres and wearing of masks. Masks must be worn while singing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN AGAIN!

The Sunday School Classes are back in! Just show up. No need to register. Friends are welcome.

SERVICE BROADCAST ON COGECO

Cogeco Community Channel is now broadcasting Zion's services at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30pm (if it is not on at 12:30, it will be on at 1:30pm) on Sunday mornings a week later.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY October 31 REFORMATION SUNDAY at

11:30am Service – This year's confirmation class includes 9 confirmands and therefore a special service needed to be organized. They will be confirmed at 11:30 on October 31. All confirmands must call the office and reserve spots for family. The **rehearsal is at 10am on Saturday 30.** There will still be a service at 10am.

GARAGE SALE SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH 8:00AM - 1:00 PM

Please come out to support our annual garage sale by bringing your donations. If you can help by volunteering it would be greatly appreciated. We will be setting up starting Monday October 11 @ 1:00 pm. Tuesday-Friday we will be setting up in the morning. This is a guideline and may change as required. We accept your donations of furniture, household goods, tools, house plants, books and pretty well everything except clothing. Many of you have already brought your donations in. Thank you very much. Please pass the word along when our epic garage sale will be. We also need volunteers on Saturday morning. Please let me know if you have any questions and/or if you can help. Ellen 613-504-1866 or 613-732-7649. We look forward to working with you. We always have lots of fun and we always find some treasures. The proceeds of the Garage Sale will be donated to The Robbie Dean Center and The Bernadette McCann House

ZLW NEWS

1. The ZLW are collecting school supplies for children who may not have what they need. Simply bring them in and put them in the foodbank box - HB Pencils, Large glue sticks, Coloured pencil crayons. Pens (blue or black ink). White glue. Highlighter pens. Geometry set. Waxed crayons Washable markers Metric ruler Erasers 3-ringed lined paper. Also, the ZLW are again gathering donations for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Please consider giving. The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace, and reconciliation led *by* Christian women *for* women and girls all over the world.

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS

We are finally able to hold coffee hour in the parish hall following our worship services. We invite all members who have had 2 covid vaccinations. This rule has been put in place by the Ontario Government anytime that an event takes place where masks are being removed. We ask that you continue to wear your mask until you are seated at a table. We are looking forward to seeing the smiling faces and hear the chatter of voices as we re-connect.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE OCTOBER 17th AT 3PM AT THE CHURCH. Come with your pets and there will be a brief service and blessing by Pastor Scott.

MONTHLY ELCIC BIBLE BOOK CLUB. We will gather on **October 21 at 7:00pm in the parish hall.** This month we will read the book of Genesis and answer the questions. The questions will be provided on that night. This is a casual study. All are welcome.

WEEKLY LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY (LESSONS FOR FOLLOWING SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE)

Starting October 26 Pastor Scott will be running a Weekly Lectionary Study and Coffee on Tuesday mornings at 10am. All are welcome to come. Bring friends.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION WORSHIP on Wednesday, October 13th at 10:30am

CONFIRMATION SWYG (Second Wed Youth Group)– Wed Oct 13 6:15PM

CAMP LUTHERLYN 100 X 100 IN 100 CAMPAIGN

As previewed at the AGM, now that the Comfort Station is complete the team at Camp Lutherlyn is turning its attention to the next Legacy Project. Hoffman Beach is a beautiful underused area and an important part of the camp's sustainable future. We are looking for 100 people to contribute \$100 in the next 100 days! Help us reach our goal. Your donation can be provided in one of four ways. You will receive a charitable tax receipt for the full amount. As we have been able to weather the pandemic, this year's fundraising campaign will go to Legacy Funds. We look forward to telling members, partners and friends of Camp Lutherlyn more in the months to come. Thank you for your contributions and the Camp Lutherlyn team looks forward to engaging you on future use and programming at Hoffman. - Robert Tremblay, Secretary, Camp Lutherlyn

JAM JAR FUNDRAISER

Every year the Social Ministry Committee holds the Jam Jar Fundraiser to raise money to help with some cause. This year we have chosen our Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Centre. We are kicking off the event today, Thanksgiving Sunday. We ask that you pick up a jam jar and fill it with spare change or paper if you like 😊. Please bring it back by All Saints Sunday, November 7th. Lutherlyn is such a beautiful camp. With our help and support to upkeep and help it to improve it will continue to host children and families long into the future. Thank you for your support. Your Social Ministry Committee.

This Week at Zion – October 11 - 17

Mon Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

Tues 7pm Council Mtg.
7p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wed 10:30am Mid Week Holy Communion Service
6:15pm SWYG (*Second Wednesday Youth Group*)

Thurs 9:30am Ottawa Valley Lutheran Clergy Cluster
Mtg. @ Ladysmith, Schwartz

7pm Music Healing Vets

Saturday 8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Garage Sale

Sunday 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion