

# August 7, 2022 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have.

The altar flowers are given by Kathy & John Rustwick in honor of their granddaughter's 1st birthday.

Assisting Minister – Jeff Livingston  
 Acolyte – Kayden O'Connor-Shin  
 Greeters – Rick & Carolyn Schroeder  
 Ushers – John & Wendy Minerowicz

Hymn of the Day        *"Blessed Assurance"*  
 Sending Hymn         *"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"*



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from your phone!

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be directed to Tithely's  
electronic giving site.



**Save the date!** Zion's third 5K Fun Run/Walk supporting the Good News Home for Women is coming on Saturday, September 10th. Please watch your email for opportunities to volunteer at the event and to register for the run/walk.



**Family Promise**  
of Hunterdon County

In the last two years, the Family Promise program has had to adapt to the restrictions of Covid-19. Although churches are no longer hosting the guests, Zion continues to support Family Promise by purchasing and delivering groceries to families in temporary housing. Our next opportunities to assist are on August 21st and August 28th. If you would like to support this effort by donating a Shop Rite gift card and/or assist with delivering groceries, please sign up via the link emailed from the Parish Office. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

## Financial Summary YTD

**INCOME**  
\$190,577

**EXPENSE**  
-\$193,801

**DIFFERENCE**  
-\$3,224



The ELCA Churchwide Assembly will take place on August 8th-12th in Columbus, OH. The Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, convenes every three years. Voting members are elected by and sent from each of the ELCA's 65 synods across the USA and Caribbean. This year's assembly's theme is "Embodiment of the Word." More information, including reports and schedules, can be found at the assembly website: [www.elca.org/cwa-2022](http://www.elca.org/cwa-2022). A livestream will also be available.

## July 31st Attendance

9:30 a.m.

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During the summer months, Zion's weekly fellowship time takes place on the front lawn of the church, immediately following our worship service. If you would like to volunteer to co-host on one of the remaining Sundays, please sign up via the link emailed from the Parish Office.

*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

### **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9b-18**

9 At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 15 Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

### **Gospel: Luke 12:32-40**

Jesus said: <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

# Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



## *Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



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# 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.