

Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church



1 PETER 2:10

6th Week after Pentecost: Praises in the Park

Sunday, July 21st, 2019

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Welcome to our family of faith! Large Print Editions of our bulletin and hymnal, as well as assistive listening devices are available by asking an usher. Please feel free to ask for help or if you have any questions. We are glad you are here!

A FAVOR PLEASE: Please be sure to fill out the ivory colored attendance card that was given to you with your bulletin for our church records (guests and members alike). The cards will be collected around the time that the offering is taken (after the sermon). Thank you for your help!

THEME OF THE DAY

Following Christ calls for TOTAL COMMITMENT; the life of faith walks in lock step with God's will & does not half-heartedly follow the meandering ways of this world!

Opening Hymn: 225 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

***1. This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours his own.
Let heav'n rejoice; let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.***

**2. Today he rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints his triumphs spread And all his wonders tell.**

***3. Hosanna to the anointed King, To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from the throne.***

**4. Blessed is Jesus Christ, who came With messages of grace,
Who came in God the Father's name To save our sinful race.**

***5. Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth shall raise;
The highest heav'ns, in which he reigns, Shall give him nobler praise.***

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674--1748, alt.

Order of Service: We follow the '**Service of the Word**' which, for the 8am service at church is on page 38 in the front of our red hymnals, Christian Worship (**CW**), found in each pew or under each chair; AND for *the 10am Praises in the Park Service is on the GREEN* *handout you received.*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your

promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (we *sing*.) **Amen.**

THE WORD OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 KINGS 19:14-21 (found on page 286 of your pew Bibles)

Elijah replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant. (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: We join to sing **Psalm 47** found on p. 85 of our hymnal [**NOTE:** The Psalm Cantor will sing the 1st phrase up to the "*", & **the Congregation will sing the 2nd phrase in each couplet.** We *all join together to sing 'Glory be to the Father' & the Refrains.*]

(Refrain) Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

*Clap your hands, all you nations;**
shout to God with cries of joy.

*How awesome is the LORD Most High,**
the great King over all the earth!

*God reigns over the nations;**
God is seated on his holy throne.

(Refrain) Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

*God has ascended amid shouts of joy,**
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

*Sing praises to God, sing praises,**
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

*For God is the King of all the earth,**
sing to him a psalm of praise.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

(Refrain) Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

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EPISTLE: GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25 (found on page 945 of your pew Bibles)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: *Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia. (Mark 8:34b)*

Anthem: by the Stuedemanns - "Fill-a-Me Up!" (by Pepper Choplin)

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:51-62 (found on page 842 of your pew Bibles)

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"

But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."/ We sing: "***Praise be to You, O Christ!***"

Anthem: by the Stuedemanns - "*Jesus Take My Hand*" (Words by Wes Hannibal & Music by Brad Nix.)

Hymn: 250 From All that Dwell below the Skies

***1. From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**2 Eternal are your mercies, Lord; Eternal is your glorious Word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise & set no more
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

SERMON TEXT: 1 PETER 2:4-10 (found on page 981 of your pew Bibles)

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him — you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus

Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. "They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (NIV 2011)

Sermon by Pastor Steven Neumann on 1 PETER 2:4-10

'When it comes to worship, God wants YOU to be active & even at times to lead!'

Our Faith Responds: with the Apostles' Creed (also found on p. 41 in the front of **CW**)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Offerings: The offering is a chance for God's people to respond to God's love by giving to carry on the ministry HE has entrusted to us. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We are truly pleased that you have joined us for worship, so we could share the gospel with you! Please come again!

Attendance Card Collection: Please take a moment to fill out the attendance card found in each pew (guests & members alike). On Sunday the cards will be collected right after the offering baskets have been passed through in the 2nd basket that comes around after the offering; on Monday, cards can be dropped right in with the offering basket, as it comes by. Thank you!

Offertory by the Stuedemanns - "The Lord is My Salvation" (Words & Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockels and Jonas Myrin.)

Prayer of the Church: found on p. 42 , concluding with the Lord's Prayer *spoken together*:

The 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.

Hymn: 369 Beautiful Savior

***Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.***

by the Stuedemanns Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

***Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.***

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!**

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Closing Prayer (as found on page 43 in the front of CW after which we sing '**Amen**')

Anthem: by the Stuedemanns - "*God Go Before You*" (by Roy Hopp)

Closing Hymn: 256 How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.**

***(Refrain:) Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"***

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
*(Refrain: cf. above)***

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

***(Refrain:) Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"***

**When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
*(Refrain: cf. above)***

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*Thank you for worshiping with us.
Go with God's Word in your hearts and minds!*

Our Mission Here at Mt. Zion:

- † **Grow** in God's Word
- † **Gather** around His Word and Sacrament
- † **Go** into our community and the world with the good news of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.



Please feel free to return this *Worship Folder* to the Ushers at the door as you leave today for use in the next service, unless you want to take it home for devotional purposes. Thank you!

Attendance Information

Our Growth in God's Word . . .

<i>Attendance:</i>	<i>Sunday Attendance</i>	<i>135</i>
	<i>Monday Attendance</i>	<i>38</i>
	<i>Bible Study Attendance</i>	<i>94</i>
	<i>Sunday School Attendance</i>	<i>7</i>

NEWS & notes

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THIS WEEK AT MT. ZION

- Sunday** Worship Service – 8:00am
NO BIBLE STUDY OR SUNDAY SCHOOL
Praises in Pets Park #3 – 10:00am
Church Picnic – 11:15am
- Monday** VBS – 9:00am - noon
Worship Service – 6:30pm
Board of Elders Meeting – 6:30pm
- Tuesday** VBS – 9:00am - noon
NO BIBLE CLASS due to VBS set-up
- Wednesday** VBS – 9:00am - noon
CAP Class – 7:00pm
- Thursday** VBS – 9:00am – noon
Woodstock Worship – 1:30pm
- Friday** VBS – 9:00am - noon
- Sunday** Communion Service – 8:00am
Summer Sun. School / Bible class – 9:15am
Communion Service – 10:45am
- Monday** Communion Service – 6:30pm
Church Council Meeting – 7:00pm



Bible Study Topics This Week

- † **Tuesday AM** – *Drive Through History - The Gospels*
- † **Wednesday CAP** – His Hand Among the Nations

ALL ARE WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

Scrip Schedule – Scrip is available TODAY after 8am church. NO SCRIP next week July 28th. You can get Scrip at SLHS on Mondays from 8-9am, and Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am. Thank you!

Golf Outing – On Sunday, August 25th at 1pm at Kenosha Muni Golf Course, all are invited to play in our season ending Mt Zion golf outing; it will be a best ball format, so all skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$17.50 for 9 holes and a cart; sign-up by Monday, August 12th. Golfers are asked to bring a raffle prize valued at c.\$20 for drawings. Contest prizes and fellowship will follow at Union Park Tavern, with a delicious chicken/burger dinner for purchase; spouses or family members are welcome to sign-up for just the dinner. Questions? Contact Tracy Kopp at 262-496-9292.



Are You Willing to Train for Ministry? – God has clearly outlined qualifications for those who lead in His work. So, we are looking to offer (starting this fall) a series of classes (from our called worker training college in MN) to help people meet those qualifications and to receive the knowledge and faith needed to lead in His work – *a church leadership program*, if you will. This series of classes, in addition to helping you grow in faith and knowledge of God’s Word, would prepare you to serve as a future elder, deaconess, member of our church council, or officer in our women’s ministry organization (WICS) right here at Mt Zion. OR if you’ve ever thought about serving God more fulltime in His church (as a pastor, staff minister, parochial school teacher, etc.), which is a HUGE need right now, this curricula prepares people for that step too (although you don’t have to want to enter fulltime ministry to take this class – it also serves as an effective leadership training course for our work right here). These classes will meet once/wk for 90 minutes, on a day and time that works best for those who enroll; there is homework between classes. And it will be open to the other WELS Kenosha churches, since there is a WELS member who has served as a public school teacher for decades who has now been called to teach at Friedens; so these classes will help him become WELS certified to do so. ***Would you be interested in training to help serve in leadership in God’s church and Kingdom in the future?*** If so, speak with Pastor Neumann by August 20th. For by then, we will be scheduling the 1st class in the training curricula. Please pray about it and for this endeavor!

Installation Celebration - Pastor Dustin Burgene (a classmate of Rev B who formerly served in Barre, VT) will be installed as the new pastor at our sister church, Zion in Bristol on Sunday, August 4th at 3:30pm in a special service that our District President will preach for and conduct the installation rite at. You are invited to attend. After the service, all are invited to a celebration meal in Zion’s fellowship hall; please sign-up on the sheet on the table in the entryway if you will attend the dinner after the service so their ladies know how much food to prepare and how many places to set.

Altar Flowers – Our Flower Chart has many openings available for the rest of the year. Flowers beautify our sanctuary; and in addition to being a thank offering to God, they serve as a gift to those who attend worship. They also can fittingly mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, or death, or may be used as an expression of joy of thanksgiving at any time. Flowers can be a simple bouquet from a grocery store, a local florist, or out of your own garden! If you’d like to provide flowers for church some Sunday/Monday, please feel free to sign up on the chart (near the mailboxes in the entryway) by the corresponding date. If you are bringing flowers to church, please have them on the altar prior to the 8am Sunday Service. If you need assistance, please contact Chris Demo (cell) 847-224-2625. Thanks!



Our ANNUAL Voter's Meeting and Potluck – is on Sunday, August 4th at noon in our fellowship hall; please bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch. Annual Reports (complete with ministry plans for the new fiscal year) were in your member boxes last week. Join us as we do God's work together!

Healthy Marriage Seminar – Check out the poster on p. 4 for information about a WELS marriage enrichment workshop in our area. Pick up a brochure on the table in the church entryway for more information. (*Could you sponsor a young Mt Zion couple to attend? Speak with Rev N if you would.*)

FREE Family Fun Day & Ice Cream Social - You're invited to *New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers* for their Annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 17th from 1:30-4:30pm. New Beginnings is a WELS home for single mothers located at 9215 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI. This FREE family event will include a bouncy house for kids, awesome prizes, volunteer appreciation gifts, tours of the home, and the opportunity to meet the mothers and babies at New Beginnings. For more information about the Ice Cream Social or New Beginnings, please visit www.homeformothers.com/events, or call our office at (414) 376-0595. See you there!

Fall CAP Class – If I mention a great humanitarian, who comes to your mind? Do you think of more recent charity supporters like Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, or Oprah Winfrey, or do you think of those of old who spent their lives serving others, like Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr., or Mahatma Gandhi? The dictionary defines a humanitarian as *'someone who has concern for or helps to improve the welfare and happiness of others, especially to alleviate suffering.'* Well, that makes the title of the book we will study this fall so appropriate: GOD – The Ultimate Humanitarian (by Rev. Mark Cares of Truth in Love Ministries). Join us on Wednesday nights this fall starting September 11th (at 7pm) as we begin a 10-week course which will work through this new book and Bible study which focusses us on the ways that God blesses us each day of our life. What a perfect preparation for Thanksgiving this year! The cost for the materials (a textbook and workbook) is \$15/attendee (family members can share a textbook, but each attendee needs a workbook which is \$2). Sign up by August 26th.

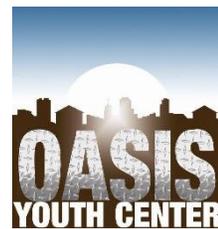


Job Opportunity – Shoreland Lutheran High School is accepting applications for Mission Advancement Director. Email President Scriver (scriver@slhs.us) if you'd like to receive a position description or more information on applying.

NEW Job Opening - Shoreland will be accepting applications for a Transportation Coordinator. This part-time position starts at \$13/hr for 20-30 hours/wk during school months. Email Scott Zondag (zondags@slhs.us) if you'd like to receive a position description or more information on how to apply.

Pacer Patron Kenosha County Fair Booth - During the August 14th-18th Fair festivities, Shoreland will be operating a food booth to benefit the Pacer Patrons. If you'd like to help in the booth, please contact Joy Strutz at home 262-898-3244, cell 262-989-7772 or pacers@slhs.us.

OYC Treasurer Needed – Oasis Youth Center, our WELS urban outreach to youth, is looking for a new Treasurer. The Treasurer sits on the OYC Board (therefore a confirmed male, 18 or older is required), attends the monthly meetings, and oversees the OYC Bookkeeper. A detailed description will be provided, upon request. If this is something you're interested in, please contact Russ Pearson (262-496-3757 / RLPearson67@gmail.com) or Amy Haun (262-909-7579 / OYCKenosha@gmail.com).



OYC Burger Wars - Oasis Youth Center's 1st ever *Burger Wars* is **TODAY** Sunday, July 21st at St. Luke's (6700 30th Ave) from 1-4pm. *So, you can have lunch at our Praises in the Park, and then go over and enjoy the afternoon at this event!* Thanks for supporting OYC; we hope to see you there!

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