

### Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (ESV)

19 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,  
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. 9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. 11 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. 13 "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. 15 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. 17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

### 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 (ESV)

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by

fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. 18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," 20 and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." 21 So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, 23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

### Matthew 5:38-48 (ESV)

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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Matthew 5:48, ESV



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7th Sunday after Epiphany  
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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Theme of the Day** ~ God Manifests His Perfect Holiness in Christ through Compassion and Forgiveness. God reveals His perfect holiness in compassion as “he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matt. 5:45). By His grace in Jesus Christ, we are holy just as He is holy (Lev. 19:2), and we are “God’s temple” in whom “God’s Spirit dwells” (1 Cor. 3:16). This gift of holiness begins with fearing, loving and trusting God above all things, and it leads us to love our neighbor as ourselves (Lev. 19:18). No longer should we practice “injustice in court.” No longer should we “be partial to the poor or defer to the great.” No longer should we “go around as a slanderer” among God’s people. No longer should we “take vengeance or bear a grudge” (Lev. 19:15–18). Though we were His enemies, our Lord Jesus Christ has loved us and forgiven us. Nourished and sustained by His holy body and blood under the bread and wine of His holy Supper, we “shall be holy” (Lev. 19:2) even as the Lord our God is holy.

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“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”	LSB 637
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<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Hauser
<b>Organist</b>	Tami Mosher
<b>Elders</b>	Dale Rohde & Frank Yell
<b>A/V</b>	Mark Richardson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Cramer Laurenz & Jacob White
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Knoerr, Bruce Tessin & Paul Bohn
<b>Greeters</b>	Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Chris Farrar & Arlene Rohn

## Our Measure of Love and Gifts

**Attendance last week** – 81 Needed for *The Lord’s Work* at Zion \$3,856 ~ Received for the *Lord’s Work* \$3,361= Loose Plate \$118, Envelopes \$2,753, Mission \$87, Maintenance \$403. Cap. Prj. \$9,678.11. Memorial Fund \$4,000 in memory of Jacob and Doris Schafer.

**We remember with thanksgiving** our sister in Christ, Hilda Clapp, who remembered her church with a gift of \$9,678.11. May she rejoice in heaven as she celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in June.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** Feb 25- Harvey Neuenfeldt; Feb 27- Annette Berger, Paul Bohn, Jim Bohn; Feb 28- Darlene Keel, Chase Worley; Mar 1- Troy Beyersdorf; Mar 2- Bruce Pretzer.

**Today’s Memory Verse** ~ “So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.” Acts 24:16

**Youth Group Movie Night** ~ Zion youth grades 6-12 are invited to a movie and ice cream night in the fellowship hall on Saturday, February 25 from 6-9 pm. Showing the movie “Hillsong: Let Hope Rise”. Questions? See JoAnn Pinet.

## Take Care

In Jimmy Fallon’s first monologue as host of NBC’s *The Tonight Show*, he expressed thanks to all past hosts. On an occasion when he might have said, “And now this stage is mine!” or “I’m delighted to be counted among such greats,” instead he stated with deep humility, “I just want to do the best I can and take care of this show for a while.”

*Take care of.* That’s language not of ownership but of stewardship. That’s the language of Genesis 2:15 (NIV) — “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and *take care of it.*”

What have we been called to “take care of for a little while”? The earth, surely. Perhaps a congregation, a business, a neighbor in need, a volunteer or an employee. A child, who may need less care — or different forms of it — as time goes on. We don’t own these people and things. God invites us to be stewards of them, to care for them, to use wisely and value these precious gifts ... and someday, to pass them on to others.