

Genesis 18:17-33 (ESV)

¹⁷ The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰ Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." ²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Colossians 2:6-19 (ESV)

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells

bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. ¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)

¹¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'" ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

A close-up photograph of a hand turning a metallic doorknob. The hand is positioned on the right side of the knob, with fingers wrapped around it. The background is a blurred blue wall. The image is partially obscured by a white, semi-transparent hexagonal shape that contains text.

Everyone
who asks
receives, and
the one who
seeks finds,
and to the
one who
knocks
it will be
opened.

LUKE 11:10, ESV

July 28, 2019

7th Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ *The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith.* Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, “how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him” (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would “surely become a great and mighty nation” (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus’ name, we also hold “fast to the Head” (Col. 2:19), “rooted and built up in him and established in the faith” (Col. 2:6–7).

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OPENING HYMN	“Come, My Soul, With Every Care”	LSB 779 vv. 1-3
SERMON HYMN	“In Holy Conversation”	LSB 772
SERMON	“Pray! Pray! Pray!”	Luke 11:1-13
CLOSING HYMN	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	LSB 770

Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elder/Reader	Dick Bluemer
A/V	Paul Bohn
Ushers	Dick Bluemer & Bruce Tessin
Greeters	Bud & Millie Parker
Altar Guild	Would you be willing to help out?

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 79 Needed for *The Lord’s Work* at Zion \$4,504 ~ Received for the *Lord’s Work* \$4,036 = Loose Plate \$116, Envelopes \$3,540, Mission \$25, Maintenance \$355; God’s Helping Hands \$775, Hopkins Memorial \$25. Resources for Rachel \$336 (7/14)

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Aug 3- Michael Lehman; Aug 5- Elizabeth Wietfeldt; Aug 6- Adam Rohde; Aug 7- Payton Staley, Alan White.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself! Touch Me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.’ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet.” Luke 24:39-40

Parking Lot Sealing ~ FYI the parking lot will be sealed and striped on Wednesday, August 7. Please use west entrance if needed.

Are you a Coyne Oil & Propane Customer? ~ Did you know that Zion will receive a \$0.05 per gallon credit for every gallon of residential propane delivered and funded to an affiliated Coyne Oil & Propane customer? This credit will be applied to the propane bill of the church or can be used to assist other Coyne Oil & Propane customers. All you have to do is fill out the form found in the narthex. Mail form to Coyne or leave in the church office. If you lease your tank and would like to become a Coyne customer, a new tank set would credit the church \$30.00 to be used in the same way.

Job Fair ~ Soon to open in Hemlock, in the former Ric’s Food Center, Jim’s Market will hold an open hiring fair at the Richland Township Hall at 1180 N. Hemlock Rd. on Thursday and Friday, August 1 & 2 from 9 am – 1 pm. Willing to train individuals who are coachable and customer service oriented. Entry level, experienced and open positions for job seekers on all levels. Seniors and veterans encouraged to apply.

