

Proverbs 9:1-10 (ESV)

9 Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed." ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Ephesians 5:6-21 (ESV)

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our

Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

John 6:51-69 (ESV)

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." ⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

The FEAR of the
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WISDOM.

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August 19, 2018
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Zion Lutheran Church

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

Theme of the Day ~ *Jesus Is the Word and Wisdom of God, Who Gives You Life and Light in His Flesh.* Jesus is the divine Word by whom all things were made, who has become flesh and dwells among us. He gives His flesh “for the life of the world,” not only as a sacrifice for sin but as “the living bread” from heaven (John 6:51). Eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:54–57), and no longer walk in the darkness of sin, but walk in His light. “Arise from the dead” and live in Him, because you are “light in the Lord” (Eph. 5:8, 14). Being filled with His Spirit, confess Him to “one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart” (Eph. 5:18–19). Fear, love and trust in Him, “and serve him in sincerity and faithfulness” (Josh. 24:14). For He has brought you “out of the house of slavery” by His cross and resurrection, and now He does “great signs” in your sight (Josh. 24:17). Indeed, He is the divine wisdom, who has built His house, prepared His feast and set His table; He bids you to recline and eat of His bread and drink of the wine He has mixed (Prov. 9:1–5).

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Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
A/V	Brad Pinet
Elders	Jack Traub & Dale Rohde
Greeters	Gertie Schomaker & Karen Seeburger
Ushers	Dick Bluemer, Bruce Tessin, Kevin Ross
Altar Guild	Myrna Pruitt

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 71 Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion \$4,128 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$4,195 = Loose Plate \$90, Envelopes \$4,007, Mission \$15, Maintenance \$83; Cap. Prj. \$10

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday- Aug 24- Carol Eggebrecht; Aug 25- Dede Gath; Aug 26- Curt Seeburger, John Shields (his 93rd); Chris Thom; Aug 27- Daniel Bohn, Tammy Knierim; Aug 28- Nicole Hanson; Aug 30- Sarah Hildebrant.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:29-30.

God’s Helping Hands ~ Volunteers have been busy and Zion is ready to give away clothing and household items beginning **Saturday, August 25 from 10 am – 1 pm.** The closet will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays September through December. If you know anyone who is in need of such items please let them know. Flyers are available in the narthex. Pick one up and help spread the word. Questions?? See Paul Bohn.

Financial Peace University

Are you living paycheck to paycheck? Want to learn a new way of living? It’s time to stop being normal. Let’s be WEIRD together!! The next Financial Peace University class, at St. Mark Lutheran Church on the corner of River & Miller, starts this fall on September 9th. We will be meeting every Sunday at 6pm until November 4th. Contact Karin Tessin at karintessin@gmail.com for any questions and/or sign up at <https://fpu.com/1066494>.

“I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something.

But I can’t accept not trying.”
—Michael Jordan