

Isaiah 66:18-23 (ESV)

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

Hebrews 12:4-29 (ESV)

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with

tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:22-30 (ESV)

²²He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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HEBREWS 12:28, ESV



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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ *The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God.* With the cross of Christ, the time has come *“to gather all nations and tongues”* (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord’s glory *“among the nations”* (Is. 66:19). Many *“will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God”* (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only *“weeping and gnashing of teeth”* (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ’s disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into *“the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem”* (Heb. 12:22).

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Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elder/Reader	Dale Rohde
A/V	Katie Pinet
Ushers	Mark Pinet & Frank Yell
Greeters	Les & Sharon Hyatt
Altar Guild	Jeanne Kade & Myrna Pruitt

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* \$3,124 = Loose Plate \$85, Envelopes \$1,704, Mission \$60, Maintenance \$275, Par Rent \$1000; Cap. Prj. \$30.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Aug 30-Sarah Hildebrant; Aug 31-Carolyn McKellar, Nicole Mayer; Sep 1-Chris McMahon; Sep 2-Amy Siler; Sep 4- Michelle Klemish, Kahl Mallek; Sept 5- Krista Kade, Adam Siler.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10

Resources for Rachel ~ Door offering **will be taken next Sunday** following the worship service for our sponsored Missionary Rachel Meyer in Uganda.

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Representatives from each board are encouraged to attend.

Confirmation Classes will begin on **September 8** following the church service. The class will meet once a month on the first Sunday of the month from 11 am until noon. If you know of any potential students please let them or their parents know or contact Pastor Hauser or the church office. We currently have 4 students enrolled.

Funeral Dishes ~ There are several dishes on the cart in the hallway, with dishes with no names, left after funeral dinners. If you are missing a dish please check out the cart. Some have been there for quite some time and will be donated to God’s Helping Hands if not claimed in a timely manner. Thank you for your help in providing food for our dinners.

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.

Part Time Job Opportunity ~ Holy Cross Lutheran School is looking for a part-time employee in our after-school care, Monday-Friday from 3:00PM-5:00PM. Training will be provided. Please call the school office at 989-793-9795.

Thank you to Gerald and Carolyn Laurenz for donating and growing the cabbage for sauerkraut. Thanks also to Gerald, Carolyn, Jack Armstrong, Calista Goward, Kiera Goward, Kayla Goward, Julayne Goward, Irene Kruth, Randy Laurenz, and Millie Parker for helping prepare the kraut. Help will also be needed in a few weeks to can the sauerkraut!