

Proverbs 25:2-10 (ESV)

² It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³ As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴ Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵ take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸ do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Hebrews 13:1-17 (ESV)

¹³ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no

lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Luke 14:1-14 (ESV)

¹⁴ One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶ And they could not reply to these things. ⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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Luke 14:11, NRSV

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September 1, 2019

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ *We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ.* “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and “at the resurrection of the just,” He will say to you, “Friend, move up higher” (Luke 14:10; 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you “in the presence of a noble,” where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, “do not neglect to do good and to share what you have” (Heb. 13:16) and “do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.

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Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elders	Paul Bohn & Frank Yell
A/V	Dave Hutfilz
Ushers	Jerry Neuenfeldt, Joel Hutfilz, Dale Rohde
Greeters	Don & Bernice Beach
Altar Guild	Troy and Michelle Beyersdorf

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 78 Needed for *The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,504 ~ Received for *the Lord’s Work* \$4,498 = Loose Plate \$68, Envelopes \$4,160, Mission \$50, Maintenance \$220; Cap. Prj. \$20.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Sep 6- Joan Scott; Sep 7- Kit Walton; Sep 8- Carolyn Laurenz; Sep 10- Caitlyn Siler; Sept 11- Thatcher Hodges; Sept 12- Laura Hollingsworth.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

Church Council will meet Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 pm Please have representative of your board in attendance.

Resources for Rachel ~ Door offering following the worship service supporting Rachel Meyer. Follow her on Face book “Missionary Meyer in Uganda”. Rachel’s email is Rachel.Meyer@LCMS.org if you would like to email her.

Faith Comes By Hearing ~ In remembering 9/11 we will have a door offering next Sunday following the worship service. Chaplins are currently requesting an average of 2,000 Military Biblesticks per week. Each Biblestick includes a card that offers free MP3 Bibles for spouses and children. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

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.