

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Philemon 1-21 (ESV)

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your

behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14:25-35 (ESV)

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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and follow me ...

Luke 14:27, NRSV

September 8, 2019

13th Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You. A disciple of Jesus Christ will “bear his own cross” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “all that he has” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “life and good, death and evil” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him” (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord” (Philemon 14).

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Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elder/Reader	Dale Rohde
A/V	Katie Pinet
Ushers	Dick Bluemer & Bruce Tessin
Greeters	Jeanne Kade & Maxine Diener
Altar Guild	Troy & Michelle Beyersdorf

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 68 *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,504 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$3,016 = Loose Plate \$37, Envelopes \$2,347, Mission \$220, Maintenance \$412; Cap. Prj. \$245. **Resources for Rachel \$270.**

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Sep 14 –Connie Traub; Sep 15-Rachel Greskowiak; Sep 19- Lacey Walton.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “The Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.” 2 Thessalonians 3:3



Bernard Neuenfeldt, faithful, lifelong member of Zion, died September 1, 2019 and was given Christian burial on Saturday. Bernard is survived by his wife Bonnie, his children, Charles Neuenfeldt, Martin (Lori) Neuenfeldt, Lou Ann (Leonard, Jr.) Krueger; his grandchildren, Nicholas and Nathan Neuenfeldt, Ethan (Kaycee) Head, Lyndsey (Mason)

Babcock, August and Logan Krueger; his foster brother Adam (Elsie) Sherman. “*And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'*” (Revelation 14:13 ESV).

Faith Comes By Hearing ~ In remembering 9/11 we will have a door offering this morning following the worship service. Donations received during the month of September will be matched. 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 today 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.

Bible Studies ~ Wednesday Bible Study will begin September 11 at 10:30 am covering the book of Esther. Amen’s Bible Study will begin Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 pm and meet every Thursday, except the second Thursday of the month, continuing study from Luther’s Small Catechism.

Pig in the Pines ~ Nativity Lutheran Church, 625 W Clinton, St. Charles invites you to a pig roast benefiting missionaries to Europe, Kipp & Tami Beaudoin on Saturday, September 14 from 1-5 pm. Dinner, music, raffle, silent auction and bake sale. Suggested donation adults \$8, children \$4, families \$20. Children under 5 are free. Auction winners announced at 4:00 pm.

FORE!! Valley Lutheran Golf Outing ~ Don’t miss a great day for a great cause! The 20th Annual VLHS Golf Outing is next Saturday, September 14th at Apple Mountain. This event is known for its fun, fellowship, and occasional good weather. The \$85 registration gets you: 18 holes of golf w/ cart, continental breakfast, a hot dog at the turn, and supper after the round – plus you support a great school! There are games throughout the course for all ability levels. Call the school office at 989-790-1676 to join us.

Joining Jesus in His Mission – Show Me How ~ Study begins Sunday, September 15, for 8 weeks on Sundays from 11:00-12:00 after church, except the 1st Sunday of every month when Confirmation will take place. We will also offer the same study for 8 weeks on Wednesday afternoons beginning September 18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Let pastor know which day you can attend.