

Jeremiah 31:7-14 (ESV)

⁷ For thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’

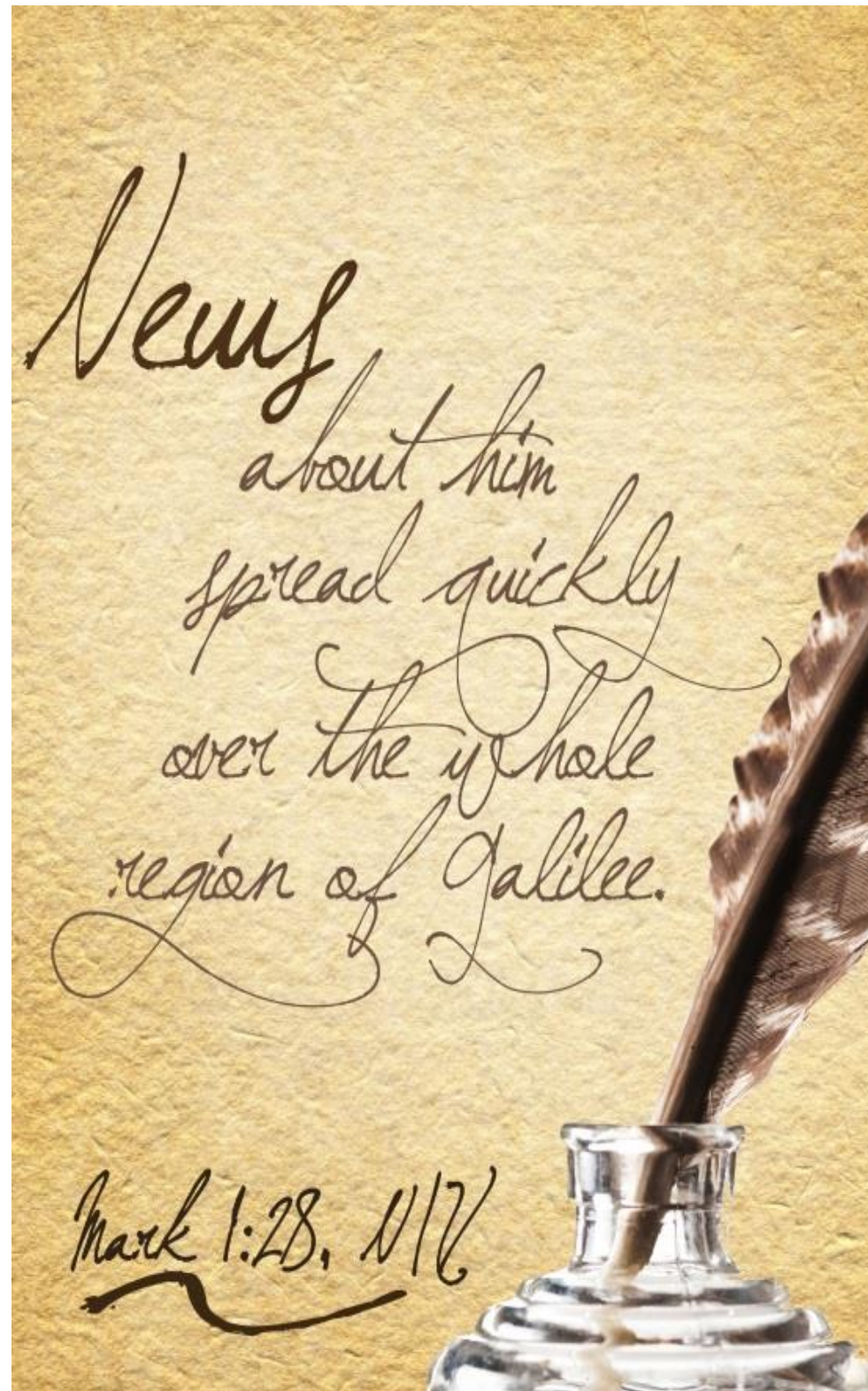
⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰ “Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’ ¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. ¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴ I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the LORD.”

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (ESV)

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling^[b] the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Mark 1:40-45 (ESV)

⁴⁰ And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” ⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.



September 22, 2016

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ Today, Paul Bohn and Pastor Hauser will be commissioned as Stephen Leaders here at Zion Lutheran Church, to bring Stephen Ministry to those poor in spirit, grieving over losses, and needing caring ministry for healing, as Jesus did to those who were lepers crying out for new life. They will be Stephen Ministry Leaders who will teach others of you to be Stephen Ministers through training, as Jesus taught His disciples to care and share His love by listening and loving and praying. May you pray, not only for Paul and Pastor, but also whether God is calling you to use your gifts to care and share in prayer for those who need Jesus and hope in Him. God bless us all.

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WELCOME AND COMMISSIONS OF STEPHEN LEADERS

OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB 803

SERMON HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783

SERMON "His Hands, Our Hands, His Hands" Mark 1:40-45

CLOSING HYMN "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying" LSB 826

Pastor Paul Hauser
Organist Tami Mosher
Elder/Reader Frank Yell
A/V Paul Bohn
Ushers Dale Rohde & Kevin Ross
Greeters Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt
Altar Guild Troy & Michelle Beyersdorf

Creator God, remind us that even as one season fades, another begins; you are always doing something new and bringing life out of death.

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 99 Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion \$4,504 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$2,907 = Loose Plate \$97, Envelopes \$2,363, Mission \$120, Maintenance \$327.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday ~ Sep 27 – Julie Hagarty, Elise Leasure; Sep 28- Carol Dietrich (her 82nd).

Today's Memory Verse ~ "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Altar Flowers have been placed by Troy and Michelle Beyersdorf in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Bible Studies ~ Wednesday Bible Study will continue September 25 at 10:30 am studying the book of Esther. Amen's Bible Study will continue on Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 pm and meet every Thursday, except the second Thursday of the month continuing review of Luther's Small Catechism.



Joining Jesus in His Mission – Show Me How ~ Study begins continues 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 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Marketing & Communications Coordinator needed! Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School is seeking a candidate to fill the role of part time Marketing & Communications Coordinator. 2+ years of work experience in marketing communication and promotion is preferred. Applicants must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, computer skills, Strong competency in graphic design, and excellent organizational skills. Must be able to pass a background check. Go to www.bethlehemsaginaw.org

