

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 12 & 13, 2020

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Welcome

Welcome to worship! It is good to reconnect, even during this time of social distancing. But God is not distant! Our Lord is present with us in worship and blesses us through Word and Sacrament! Welcome.

Prayer Before Worship

Gracious Lord, You offer forgiveness through the sacrificial death of Your Son, Jesus. As You have forgiven us, help us to forgive those who sin against us; in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Maria Williams and family in memory of Ray Williams.

The Eternal Light

The Eternal Light is lit this week by Maria Williams, children and grandchildren in memory of Ray Williams.

Theme: "The Power of Forgiveness"



The Power of
Forgiveness

The Readings for today focus on living together under the kingship of God. Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they had sold him into slavery. Paul urges us not to quarrel over opinions about earthly matters, but to honor the Lord in all we do. Jesus tells a parable about God's overwhelming forgiveness and how such forgiveness leads us to forgive others. We can live under the kingship of God only because He has forgiven our sins. In Jesus, God has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west. We practice such forgiveness with one another, living together as the family of Christ.

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OUR WORSHIP TO THE LORD

We are now encouraging people to worship with us in our Sanctuary with Holy Communion. Our Sanctuary is large enough to accommodate us while maintaining a social distance. We will also continue with outdoor worship in the parking lot and with lawn chairs near the gazebo when there is no Communion. If the weather is questionable, we may set up by the church front doors - people can sit under the portico, chestnut trees, or in their cars in the church driveway.

Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Holy Communion

Liturgy & Hymns: Insert

Sunday at 10:30 A.M. Outdoors

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