



**Language of the Spirit:  
Justice and Shalom  
10th Sunday After Pentecost  
August 14, 2022 + 9:00 a.m.**

## **Congregational responses are in BOLD.**

All are welcome to receive Jesus' unconditional gift of God's grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Regardless of your church membership or affiliation, all are encouraged to participate in communion or to come forward for a blessing.

Children of all ages are encouraged to worship with the whole community in Christ. Children's worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Page numbers that are listed are found in the front of the cranberry-colored hymnal on the bottom of the page. Hymn numbers are listed in bold, large print on the top of the page.

If you would like home communion, hospital visit, or a conversation with the pastor, please contact the church office at 715.687.4110 or at [office@zionstratford.org](mailto:office@zionstratford.org) or Interim Pastor Andrea Fluegel at 715.391.9311 or [pastor@zionstratford.org](mailto:pastor@zionstratford.org).

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*Individual prayer before worship: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful: Grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (from the Canticle in the Nordic Lutheran Church of Sweden)*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CENTERING**

### **We Gather in Grace**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

The words God speaks  
are the life and sustenance  
of all that exists.

The life Jesus gives  
is the re-creation and renewed birth  
of all that is broken and worn.

The Spirit's stirring in our souls  
is the inspiration  
for creativity, compassion, joy and community.

**Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God;  
may our whole lives be worship.  
In all things, may we seek to connect with  
and to reflect your love and your hope. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

***“O God of Mercy, God of Light”***

**Hymn 714 vs. 1, 2, 6**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for individual confession and self-reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### **GREETING**

The love of God poured into your hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

**Hymn 414 vs. 1, 4**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of hope, we come to you  
in the midst of a world fraught with troubles.  
**Although darkness is powerful, open our eyes, Lord,  
to the light of your presence.**  
Give us faith to stand against the voices of division and violence.  
**Through your Spirit remake us into hope-filled disciples,  
discovering lives attune to your wonder,  
and sparking in others a desire to know you more.**  
**In the name of the One who comes to us, we pray. Amen.**

## We Hear the Word of God

### **FIRST READING (read responsively)**

Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

**<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,

**<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

**<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.**

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

**<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.**

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"**

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**GOSPEL****Luke 4:16-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

<sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.****THE WORD** *“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”* Hymn 400 vs. 3**SERMON****Pastor Andrea Fluegel****HYMN OF THE DAY** *“When Pain of the World Surrounds Us”***Hymn 704**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters, especially from wildfires, tornadoes and floods. Transform the devastation of these floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. We ask that the Holy Spirit intercede for us when we have no words. Gracious Lord, we now name silently in our hearts or aloud with our voices all the people, places and circumstances on our hearts and minds... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us, O Lord, to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility, and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

## **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*“Lamb of God”*

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*“Let Streams of Living Justice”*

Hymn 710

*“O God of Every Nation”*

Hymn 713

## BLESSING

### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **We Serve the World in God’s Name**

### BENEDICTION

As you enter a new week,  
may you experience God’s presence.  
May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit  
over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips,  
over your hearts and your feelings and emotions  
and your compassion for all others,  
and over your hands and your feet  
as you put into action all that God commands you.

During this week,  
may the grace of the +Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with each of you. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**    *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*

**Hymn 712 vs. 1, 4**



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