

# **Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool**



2020  
August

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The  
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**Mission Statement: "Zion is God's family of faith in Christ serving our communities, our country, and our world".**

## *Humor*

**Why didn't  
they play  
cards on the  
Ark?**

**BECAUSE NOAH WAS  
ALWAYS STANDING  
ON THE DECK**

**Why didn't  
Noah ever go  
fishing?**

**HE ONLY HAD TWO  
WORMS.**

## *From the Pastor*

This year, 2020, has been a difficult one for many of us. We have faced challenges from Covid. We have faced economic challenges. We have faced the frustration of being separated from family and friends. We have faced the painful problem of being separated from our church family for several months as Zion shifted to online Bible Classes and Worship Services due to Covid restrictions. In this challenging year, I would like to turn to the experiences of Martin Luther, and how he received God's grace, given in God's Word, to overcome the frustrations facing him.

A couple of years ago, I had the privilege of visiting Germany and touring prominent sites of the Lutheran Reformation there. One of the most striking places we visited was the Coburg Castle in southern Germany. While we usually think of the Wartburg Castle when it comes to prominent Luther sites (that is where Luther stayed after being "kidnapped" by his Duke for his own protection following the Diet of Worms, and where he translated much of the Bible into German), the Coburg Castle is also a striking landmark with a fascinating Lutheran history all its own.

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Luther stayed at the Coburg Castle in the spring and summer of 1530, while the Diet of Augsburg was taking place. Augsburg is in Bavaria, and Luther was declared an outlaw there. He would not have been safe or protected in Bavaria, so he stayed at the Coburg Castle which was just across the border from Bavaria. There, he was still protected by his Duke, but was close enough to Augsburg to remain in regular consultation with Philip Melancthon and other prominent Lutheran theologians and princes as they revised and presented the Augsburg Confession on June 25, 1530.

Luther faced difficult times at the Coburg Castle. He was separated from his wife and children, whom he adored. He was separated from the daily theological discussions at Augsburg, where he thought he should be. And, in the midst of all this frustration, Martin Luther received word that his father, Hans Luther, had died. Luther faced some dark days at Castle Coburg.

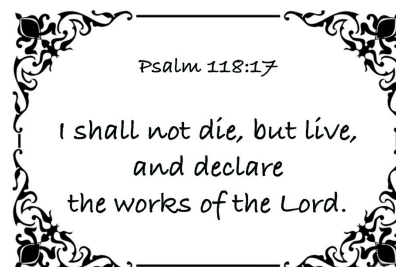
And yet, Luther found hope and strength at Coburg. In the midst of his sorrow and frustration, Luther took solace in God's Word. He turned to Psalm 118:17, "I shall not die, but live, and proclaim the works of the Lord." In this, Luther found hope and courage to continue the Lord's work that was set before him. In fact, these words from Psalm 118:17 were so important to Luther that tradition has it that he wrote these words on the wall of his room at Coburg, "I shall not die, but live, and proclaim the works of the Lord."

We also are going through difficult times. Like Luther at Coburg Castle, we have faced separation from friends due to the Covid quarantines, and many have even faced separation from family if you don't happen to live in the same house or town as your loved ones. As Luther faced the death of his father while he was at Coburg Castle, so we have been surrounded by reports of death the last several months. The news has been filled with the counts of how many people have died with Covid on a daily basis. We are confronted with death every time we turn to the news. We, like Luther at Coburg, have faced isolation and death.

And yet we, like Luther, can find hope and courage in God's Word. "I shall not die, but live, and proclaim the works of the Lord." This word of promise is for you. Drink in that word of promise. It is God's promise, which cannot fail. It is your hope and certainty. We see the reports of death all around us in these morbid times, but we know that in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, death cannot defeat us. Even though we die, yet shall we live, and while we live in this earthly life we can proclaim the wonderful works of the Lord who is preparing for us an eternity where we will truly live. The promise of life is ours. Death has no lasting power over us. For that reason, disease also has no lasting power over us. Covid, despite its fearful grip on the rest of society, has no power over us. In Christ all separation is temporary. All the separation we have faced, and might still continue to face if future quarantines are ordered, cannot break us. We have God's Word, which is more sure and certain. "I shall not die, but live, and proclaim the works of the Lord."

That was a powerful promise for Luther that carried him through dark days in the Coburg Castle in 1530. That remains a powerful promise for you, and can carry you through the dark days of 2020. In many ways, 1530 was a difficult year for Luther. (In fact, most years were difficult years for Luther!) He found that God's grace given through God's Word could carry him through. In many ways 2020 has been a difficult year for many of us. We also can have confidence that God's grace given through God's Word will carry us through. We shall not die, but live, and proclaim the works of the Lord!

In Christ,  
Pastor Clayton



## C.S. Lewis on New Dangers

Over the summer, our Family Sunday School has been reading through books by C.S. Lewis. Recently the following quote has been making its way around the internet, comparing what C.S. Lewis wrote about the threat of nuclear war (a new danger in Lewis' time) to the threat of Covid, a new danger in our time.

What might CS Lewis say of our new COVID situation? ... Here's what he said in 1948 about the mental shift required by living with the threat of the atomic bomb:

In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. "How are we to live in an atomic age?" I am tempted to reply: "Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents."

In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—anesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.

— "On Living in an Atomic Age" (1948) in *Present Concerns: Journalistic Essays*



What is the plan for choir this fall? I wish we knew! Choir will resume whenever it is deemed safe. Ideally, that will be very soon! Until that time, we will likely organize ensembles to play Zion's three octave set of hand chimes. We will also continue to work with individuals and families to provide other special music for Zion's worship services. More definite information will be coming soon, but in the meantime, feel free to contact us if you are interested in playing chimes or preparing special music.

In Christ, Josh and Nancy



## Membership Changes

**Baptisms:**

**Miles Charles Krausz**

**Transfer In:**



## THRIVENT CHOICE – DESIGNATE YOUR FREE MONIES

**PLEASE READ:** If you are a Thrivent client who receives FREE money through the Thrivent Choice program, PLEASE ensure you designate your monies for the first six months of 2020.

Zion has at least 35 members receiving free monies. This does not cost you ANYTHING! Zion Lutheran Church and Zion Preschool are two eligible choices that would appreciate the funds, but there are many others you might choose to select.

The process is easy! IF you have any questions, please talk to Glenda or Lionel.

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## HARVEST TABLE

It's harvest time again! Check the harvest table in the Narthex. Bring an extra vegetable or fruit from your garden, you can trade for another or buy the item with a donation to Concerned Christians.





## LWML SID CONVENTION

### REV. DR. DALE MEYER — SPEAKER



The LWML SID Convention this September is excited to have Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer (recently retired President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) as the Keynote Speaker. The convention is on Saturday, September 26, at Metro East Lutheran High School, (MELHS), Edwardsville. This year's theme is **20/20 Vision: All Eyes on Jesus**. Registration is from 7-8:20 Saturday morning, with opening worship at 8:30. There will be an ingathering for MELHS of a monetary collection for scholarships, reams of copy paper, Kleenex tissues, dry erase markers, Clorox wipes, post-it notes, pens, and pencils. The cost is \$30 and will include morning fellowship refreshments, as well as a bagged lunch (and bottled water available all day).

**ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.** If you wish to attend, please contact Glenda at 806-3656 or [gpike478@hotmail.com](mailto:gpike478@hotmail.com) NLT August 8. More details will be available in future bulletins.



## President's Page

Hello Zion Family!

I hope everyone is doing well!

We have been blessed to be back at Zion with in-person services and I hope you have had the opportunity to return to worship in the sanctuary. While there have been a few hiccups, for the most part, our return to worship service on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings has gone well. I want to thank Pastor and the Elder's for their hard work, planning, and preparation on behalf of Zion's members!

This month we look forward to our first Voter's Meeting of 2020 and we will have some rather important issues to discuss and vote on so I hope everyone will be able to make it. Tentative date is August 20th at 7:00PM in the sanctuary with social distancing.

Finally, I want to welcome our new Preschool Director, Vikki Harms, who has been very active during her first month promoting, planning, and preparing for the start of the new school year while addressing the challenges COVID guidelines present. May God bless her in this new and important role with Zion and please keep Vikki, the staff, parents, and students in your prayers.

In Christ, Torrin Suedmeyer

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

It is hard to imagine Summer 2020 is in full swing and schools will be resuming in just over a month's time! In normal circumstances, teachers would be organizing their classrooms and students would be enjoying days at the park and public pools with their friends. However, all are experiencing different challenges we could have never guessed. Teachers are focused on keeping their classrooms sanitized and students with their masks on, with students craving friends' conversations.

Zion Preschool too is discussing the changes they will face, including class sizes and limitations and the use of masks for their students and staff. The preschool will be following the Illinois DCFS guidelines, for which we follow the updates nearly daily. The new director, Vikki Harms, will be directing families on changes and policies and has already taken the lead on the preschool website!

It is unclear at this time how Sunday School will resume in the Fall, but we are planning and continuing to explore ways to engage our youth with God's Word and His church family.

Please continue to look for messages through the church bulletin and announcements for Preschool and Sunday School updates! Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

Christa Sink (BOE)



Happy Summer everyone! I hope everyone is staying healthy during this somewhat crazy time. My name is Vikki Harms and I am the new director for Zion Preschool. I am so excited to be a part of this wonderful ministry. I know God has great plans! I would like to extend a very big thank you to Marlene Lockwood for her help during my transition and for her dedication to young children over the years!

The hallway is quiet right now, but come September there will be little voices once again. Yes, the preschool will be re-opening this fall after an extended break due to COVID. Things will be a bit different around here, but we will still be sharing our love for God with all of our little friends.

We have a few spots available in our 3 year old program, but due to COVID enrollment restrictions, our 4 year old program is full for the time being.

Parents will receive information in August regarding the beginning of school. May God bless everyone with a happy, restful, and safe summer!

God Bless,  
Vikki Harms, Preschool Director



# Elders Corner

Even though we're only into the eighth month of the year, to say that 2020 has been like no other may be an understatement. While each year brings its own "personality," this year is truly unique. One constant we can always count on is change. Just as each calendar year changes from one to the next, our lives will see change - no matter how big or small.

2020 is no different. Whether it's personal or professional, and with only four or so months to go, we will see more change before we welcome in 2021.

While we can always count on there being change in our own lives and within the world, another constant that we can count on - and always have - is God's love for us. As children of God, no matter how difficult or joyous life can be, He is always there for us - and that will NEVER change.

Sometimes change is bittersweet, it can be difficult, and at times it can be very much welcomed. Nevertheless, we can, and must, turn to God and our Lord and savior Jesus Christ to thank them and offer our prayers to them to shepherd us through all life's changes - no matter the circumstances.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Malachi 3:6 "I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed."

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Philippians 4:6-8 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Randy Schorfheide, Elder



Summer Greetings from the Sunday School team! A big thank you to Lori Clayton for leading the July study over C.S. Lewis' *Prince Caspian*, from the Chronicles of Narnia, and how it ties in and reflects the Word of God. August will feature a study over *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, led by Marianne McDaniel, so please join us for that installment of C.S. Lewis' inspirational series.

The Sunday School would also like to thank Amy Kolweier for her service as a co-teacher for the Sunday School Kindergarten class. She has decided to pass that privilege on to anyone interested in teaching and guiding our young ones this Fall. Please contact Jenna Dunn if interested at [j.dunndean@gmail.com](mailto:j.dunndean@gmail.com).

Discussion about the upcoming school year for Sunday School is occurring, and information will be shared as soon as we know more about how to proceed during the current situation with Covid-19. Thank you for your patience.

Jenna Dunn



# Stewardship

Winston Churchill reportedly said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?” to “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

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• The more you shop, the more we earn! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Twenhafel at [twenhafelb@gmail.com](mailto:twenhafelb@gmail.com) or at 618-660-8872.



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**August 2**

**"Christ's Resurrection Makes Everything New"**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

There is power in doing good works for the sake of others, but that kind of civic righteousness can't compare with the perfect righteousness of God which covers us through faith in Jesus Christ. In a classic radio message, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann shares the power of Christ's resurrection that overcomes death. It's "Archives August".

**August 9**

**"Over The Darkness, God Hovers"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

A 5-year-old boy once observed, "God has the whole world in His hands-but sometimes He drops it." Hear how Dr. Dale Meyer responded to that young philosopher in a classic message titled "Over the Darkness, God Hovers". It's "Archives August".

**August 16**

**"A Wrong Comparison"**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Wallace Schulz

It's "Archives August".

**August 23**

**"Fear And Faith"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

It's "Archives August".

**August 30**

**"It's Not Over 'till Jesus Says It's Over"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

It's "Archives August".



Mascoutah Food Pantry  
items needed for August

Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Sugar, Oil, Canned Carrots,

Au Gratin Potatoes, Chicken & Dumplings



## Birthdays

08/01 Rainer Bretz  
 08/01 William Bretz  
 08/02 Peggy Lange  
 08/02 Daniel Mileur  
 08/02 Benjamin Pannier  
 08/03 Karen Harstick  
 08/04 Makenna Gryga  
 08/06 Gianna Sink  
 08/06 Daryl Underwood  
 08/07 Ramona Witte  
 08/10 Michael Chaffin  
 08/11 Samer Fanous  
 08/11 Cary Robinson  
 08/12 Claire Harlan  
 08/13 Kynan Drinnon  
 08/13 Sylvia Phillips  
 08/15 Cindy Seering  
 08/16 Lucas Orr  
 08/17 Maggie Harlan  
 08/17 Josh Peterson  
 08/17 David Rowold  
 08/20 Stacey Chaffin  
 08/21 Derek Schanz  
 08/22 Roger Drinnon  
 08/22 Allison Spomer  
 08/25 Gloria Peterson  
 08/25 Hunter Phillips  
 08/27 Lauren Twenhafel  
 08/28 Jadon Lorton  
 08/29 Johnathan Clayton  
 08/29 Chloe Pannier  
 08/29 Larry Richards  
 08/30 Justin Linn  
 08/30 Kurt Spomer  
 08/31 Ella Sax



# August



## Wedding Anniversaries

08/03 Tony & Jen Lara  
 08/05 Kirk & Lori Clayton  
 08/08 John & Sylvia Phillips  
 09/09 Ralph & Jennifer Biebel  
 08/12 Lee & Kelly Harlan  
 08/14 Mark & Mary Kay Krausz  
 08/17 Gary & Marsha Fulton  
 08/27 Ray & Jean Kemezys

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 \* Flowers for August \*  
 \* 2 Claytons, in honor of their 25th \*  
 \* wedding anniversary. \*  
 \* 9 Amy Kolweier, in thanksgiving \*  
 \* and appreciation of her family \*  
 \* and church family. \*  
 \* 16 \*  
 \* 23 Kemezys, in honor of their \*  
 \* anniversary. \*  
 \* 30 \*  
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## Faith



## Baptismal Anniversaries

08/03 Phoebe Corey  
 08/03 Rhiannon Corey  
 08/04 Laura Duffie  
 08/04 Ainsley Fournie  
 08/04 Gary Fulton  
 08/07 Abigail Benner  
 08/08 Alan Kneschke  
 08/09 Karen Harstick  
 08/10 Angie Twenhafel  
 08/11 David Hutchinson  
 08/11 Sarah Hutchinson  
 08/11 Cheryl Sax  
 08/12 Gianna Sink  
 08/15 Ian Robinson  
 08/16 Amanda Kemezys  
 08/16 James Trame  
 08/20 Rick Meredith  
 08/21 Austin Murphy  
 08/21 Geoff Phillips  
 08/23 Peggy Lange  
 08/25 Beth Twenhafel



## Special Music for August

2 Cecily Peterson  
 16 Maggie Harlan  
 23 Knut Peterson  
 30 Cary Robinson



## Altar Guild Schedule for August

9 Lita Timmerman  
 23 Jenny Kneschke  
 30 Linda Hoskins



**Council Meeting Minutes  
Zion Lutheran Church  
June 2, 2020**

Call to order

Opening prayer and devotion – Pastor Clayton

Roll call - Torri Suedmeyer, Christa Sink, Mike Twenhafel, Pastor Clayton, Terry Twenhafel, Dale Wehmeyer, Ken Knutson, Rachel Bretz, and Mark Krausz.

Approval of May council meeting.

**MMSP** - to approve minutes from last meeting

**Pastor's report:**

●**Official Acts**

- Funeral of Dorothy Donner, May 28, 2020.

●**The Numbers**

- Visits: 73 (68 members and 5 non-members)
- Congregational Meetings and Activities: 11
- Circuit/District/Synod Events: 27
- Community Contacts: 1

●**Other Items**

- Robin returning to work – Visitors must wear masks. Signs will be posted on doors and sanitizer will be available.

**MMSP** - to allow Robin to come back to work with safety precautions in place.

Need camera and sound for recording services – Gadge, Nathaniel, and Mike will work on a better recording device.

Parsonage – would like to fill with a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year student.

**Treasurers report:**

- First Federal Savings Bank - \$48,453.70
- Busey Bank (PPP) - \$39,200.00
- Petty Cash - \$50.00
- Edward Jones - \$81,497.22

**MMSP** to approve Treasurer's Report.

**Board of Finance report:**

- 2020 Budget YTD: \$128,437.69
- 2020 Actual YTD: \$108,228.81

**Board of Elders report:**

- Reopening of church services proposal presented.

**MMSP** to accept the reopening proposal as amended.

- Wedding Services planned in June.

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**MMSP** to approve weddings to allow up to 65 attendees not more restrictive than the Elders proposal.

**Board of Education report:**

●**Preschool:**

- BOE has created position to ensure “check and balance”, Amanda Ganey has volunteered to do this for the next 3 years.
- Director will need Credit Card for purchasing.

●**Sunday School:**

- VBS is cancelled for this summer, bags ordered by Alicia will be saved for events either later this year or next year VBS, will be needing new VBS director for 2021.
- June 7, starting family reading series of C.S Lewis The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, will be led by Sem. Don Stein.

●**Junior/Senior Youth:**

- This Thursday youth will have a Netflix Virtual Movie night starting at 7PM -URL will be sent out ~20 min prior for access.
- Meeting with executive officers Wednesday via Zoom to brainstorm summer ideas.
- Youth decided to refund Higher Things, the non-refundable \$100 will be refunded from the refund from Higher Things.

●**Board of Ed:**

- Work on evaluation plan for staff.
- Want to transition Zion to a Preschool form daycare qualification with small changes over the next 2 years.
- Will be working on the budget closely with Director.
- Develop new contract & staff handbooks, both are in need of update.

**Board of Trustees report:**

- Disinfecting regularly.
- Ray installed LED lights in the narthex and downstairs bathrooms.
- May get a grant for light replacements up to \$2000.
- HVAC – getting bid.

**President's report:**

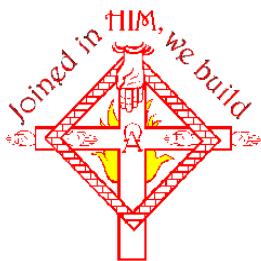
- Lutheran Foundation – need to decide if we want to join by September.
- Strategic Planning – Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Will include new preschool director in future meetings.
- Constitution – Torri will reach out to members.
- Directory – waiting to hear back from Lifetouch. Might wait until Spring and include a digital directory.
- Evangelism – no update.
- Transfer the Blessings – Voter's meeting in August.

**Next Meeting date/time – July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**MMSP** to adjourn.

Close with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Rachel Bretz



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**Address Service Requested**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday 10:00 AM

**BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday 8:45 to 9:45 AM on Zoom

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday 9:00 to 9:45 AM on Zoom

**Worship Topics This Month**

**August 2 — 8th Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 7:15-23**

**— “Growing a Garden”**

**August 9 — 9th Sunday after Trinity — Luke 16:1-13**

**— “God’s Grace”**

**August 16 — 10th Sunday after Trinity — Luke 19:41-48**

**— “Seeking the Hidden Peace”**

**August 23 — 11th Sunday after Trinity — Luke 18:9-14**

**— “Being the Bad Guy”**

**August 30 — 12th Sunday after Trinity — Mark 7:31-37**

**— “He Has Done All Things Well”**

**Please join us in worship to hear more about the Good News!**