

SERMON

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26

² "Meaningless! Meaningless!"
says the Teacher.

"Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless."

¹⁸ I hated all the things I had
toiled for under the sun, because I
must leave them to the one who
comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows
whether he will be a wise man or a
fool? Yet he will have control over
all the work into which I have
poured my effort and skill under the
sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So
my heart began to despair over all
my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹
For a man may do his work with
wisdom, knowledge and skill, and
then he must leave all he owns to
someone who has not worked for it.
This too is meaningless and a great

misfortune. ²² What does a man get
for all the toil and anxious striving
with which he labors under the sun?

²³ All his days his work is pain and
grief; even at night his mind does
not rest. This too is meaningless.

²⁴ A man can do nothing better
than to eat and drink and find
satisfaction in his work. This too, I
see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for
without him, who can eat or find
enjoyment? ²⁶ To the man who
pleases him, God gives wisdom,
knowledge and happiness, but to
the sinner he gives the task of
gathering and storing up wealth to
hand it over to the one who pleases
God. This too is meaningless, a
chasing after the wind. (NIV)

NOTHING IS BETTER . . .

I. Than life in Christ

II. Than life for Christ

Zion

Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2010

Gathered at Jesus' feet on the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - **211**

Given out of love for the Savior,
to support the proclamation of his gospel - **\$7,529.76**
(General Fund - \$7,444.76)



EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
AND
SCHOOL

2600 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
Denver, CO 80227
(303) 985-2334

Divine Services

8:00 and 10:30AM (Sunday)
7:00PM (Monday)

Bible Study

9:31AM

Rev. Earle D. Treptow, *Lead Pastor*
etreptow@zion-wels.org

Rev. Brett J. Krause, *Associate Pastor*
bkrause@zion-wels.org

Mr. Kip D. Wilson, *Principal*
kwilson@zion-wels.org

Mr. Joshua M. Krieger, *Vicar*
jkrieger@zion-wels.org

www.zion-wels.org



**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2010**

Too easily we get caught up in the busyness of daily life and the desire to "have it all." But God has called us to be different than the rest of the world. By the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, he calls us to see everything in the proper light, enabling and equipping us to confess with the psalmist, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you." God bless us with such perspective!



Welcome to all who have gathered to hear God's Word! May the Holy Spirit work through the Word that you hear to lead you to trust completely in Jesus, your Savior. A special welcome to our visitors. We are happy to have you with us and hope that you will come again soon. Contact the pastor or one of the ushers if you have questions about the service or the congregation.

A nursery is available downstairs, should you find it necessary to take your child out of the service. During the second service, the nursery will be staffed. We are glad for the sound of young voices, but we also understand that parents may be a little more sensitive to the noise their children make. The service is available downstairs via closed-circuit television. There are also toys available.

fee arrangements. If you have a schedule conflict, please contact Wendy Schaefer at 303-985-2334 to make other arrangements.

Kindred Spirits Study

The Kindred Spirits Study scheduled for August 18 has been postponed. The group will meet on Wednesday, August 25, at 10:00am, in the fellowship hall, to continue a study of the Ministry of the Keys. All are invited to attend.

Preparing for Next Week

The Lord wants us to give careful

thought to our ways as we await his return. Prepare for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost by reading Haggai 1:2-14 (sermon lesson); Revelation 3:1-6; and St. Luke 12:32-40.

Church Cleaning

Thanks to those who will volunteer their time, energy, and skill to clean the church in the coming weeks: Greg and Trish Pauley and Carol Ott (second weekend) and Larry and Cheryl Pickett and Ken and Anne Saggau (third weekend). Please contact the church office to schedule a cleaning time.

This Week at Zion

Today: Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30AM
25-Minute Bible Study at 9:31AM
Potluck Dinner at 11:45AM

Monday: Divine Service at 7:00PM
Bible Readers' Group at 7:50PM (Parts 120-124)

Tuesday: Church Council Meeting at 6:30PM

Wednesday: School Registration, 6:00-8:00PM

Thursday: Bible Information Class at 7:00PM

Saturday: School Cleaning Day at 9:00AM

Next Sunday: Divine Service with Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Installation of Vicar-elect Ryan Schlicht
25-Minute Bible Study at 9:31AM

The Lord willing!

Zion News and Notes

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning have been given to the glory of God by Patty and Kirk Volkel in thanksgiving for the Lord's blessings in the twenty years of their marriage.

Moving Help

Vicar and Julie Krieger will be moving out of their apartment this afternoon at 3:00pm. If you would be willing to help, please speak with Vicar Krieger.

Vicar-elect Ryan Schlicht and his wife, Stacey, will be moving into their apartment at The Village at Bear Creek tomorrow morning, beginning at 9:30am. Assistance in unloading the truck would be welcomed. Volunteer your services to Pastor Treptow.

Christian Book Club

The Christian Book Club begins its discussion of Rev. Dr. Arthur Just's *Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service* on Friday, August 20, at 7:00pm, at the Pearson home. Participants should be prepared to discuss pages 1-115. If you would like to participate, but didn't purchase the book in May, you may either borrow the library copy or contact Anne Saggau in the office about ordering it.

School Cleaning Day

School begins on Wednesday, August 25. In preparation for that day, the school needs a thorough cleaning. Please come on Saturday, beginning at 9:00am, and help clean. One of the major items to be done is removing the rocks and rubble by the fence on the south side of the parking lot. (If you have a trailer that could be used to transport the rubble, please bring it.)

School Registration

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be on Wednesday evening, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Registration forms are available on the website (www.zion-wels.org) for those who would like to streamline the process. If you are unable to attend the night of the registration, please contact Principal Kip Wilson or Anne Saggau to make other arrangements.

Preschool Orientation

Wednesday, August 18, 6:30-8:00pm, has been set aside for preschool orientation and registration. All parents of incoming preschool students (3s and 4s) are asked to attend. The office manager, Anne Saggau, will also be available to take care of registration and

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to
saints, your cho - sen host,



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

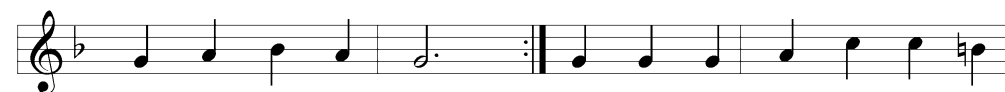
C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of



forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort



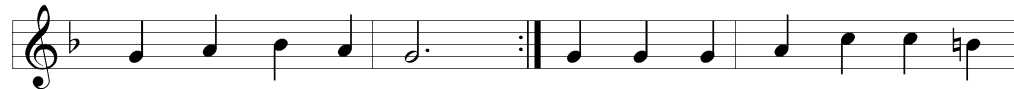
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and



sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -



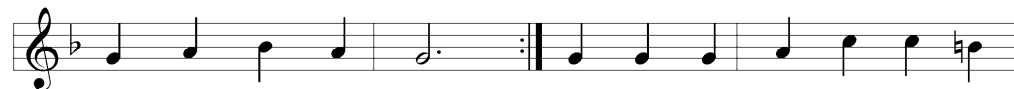
filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me



all, O Lord, from me.
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or

O God our Father, hear our intercessions, answer them according to your will, and make us the channels of your infinite pity and helpfulness. Join our prayers with those of all your faithful people as we pray as our Savior has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

What is the World to Me (*Christian Worship* 477)

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose (*Christian Worship* 466)

Organist

Mrs. Julianne Hardinger

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you love your whole creation and forget none of your creatures. We bring you our supplications for all your children, for all those we love and all those committed to your care: **We implore you to hear us, O God.**

For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, and restored and refreshed us by their sympathy and help: **We implore you to hear us, O God.**

For all who have wished or done us ill, that you would turn their hearts to penitence and ours to blessing: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all prisoners and captives and all who suffer from oppression, that you would lead them to know the perfect freedom of your Son's forgiveness, relieve their suffering, and move us to imitate you by assisting them with works of mercy and compassion: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who bear the cross of suffering, who are sick in body or in mind: **Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.**

For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have experienced worldly loss, that in the midst of darkness and confusion they may find their peace in you: **We implore you to hear us, O God.**

For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brothers and sisters and to know and appreciate the fellowship of those who bear Christ's cross: **We implore you to hear us, O God.**

For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that in sacrifice they might find strength and joy; and that you, who see in secret, may uphold them by your grace, so they may at last come to an open reward: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of the joys of others, that they may know you as their Father, Friend, and Comforter: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Special intercessions may follow.

For all for whom we have forgotten to pray but who are dear to you: **Assist them according to their needs, and bring them to your heavenly kingdom.**



© 2008 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-705801.

PRAYER

M: *Let us pray.*

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26 (page 815)

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34 (Christian Worship, page 80)

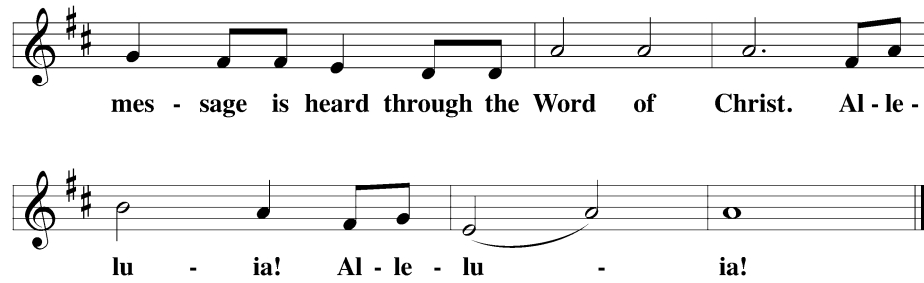
SECOND LESSON

James 5:1-11 (page 1507)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17



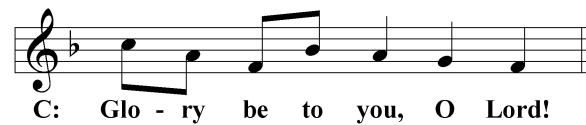


© 2008 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-705801.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 12:13-21 (*page 1309*)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly (*Christian Worship 484*)

SERMON

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26 (*printed on the back page of the service folder*)

CREATE IN ME

