

SERMON

Haggai 1:2-14

² This is what the LORD Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come for the LORD's house to be built.'"

³ Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

⁵ Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

⁷ This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸ Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the LORD. ⁹ "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is

busy with his own house. ¹⁰ Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. ¹¹ I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD.

¹³ Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: "I am with you," declares the LORD. ¹⁴ So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God. (NIV)

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2010

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Divine Services

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

Bible Study

9:31AM

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"First things first." It's a simple concept. Do first the activities that are most important and let everything fall in place behind them. In the life of a child of God, the kingdom of God comes first. Seek first the kingdom of God, Jesus says, and the Lord will provide everything else that we need. God grant us the strength to prioritize properly, so that we do not put spiritual growth aside to address at a later, supposedly more convenient, time!

OUR
FOCUS

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 one of the pastors or an usher 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.

Pentecost by reading 2 Kings 11:1-3, 12-18 (sermon lesson); Ephesians 6:10-20; and St. Luke 12:49-53.

Church Cleaning

Thanks to those who will volunteer their time, energy, and skill to clean the

church in the coming weeks: Larry and Cheryl Pickett and Ken and Anne Saggau (third weekend) and Lanny and Karen Prahl and Michael and Karla Rogers (last weekend in August). Please contact the church office to schedule a cleaning time and to secure a key.

This Week at Zion

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

Monday: Divine Service with Holy Communion at 7:00PM
Bible Readers' Group at 7:50PM (Parts 125-129)

Tuesday: Elders' Meeting at 7:00PM

Wednesday: Preschool Registration, 6:30-8:00PM

Thursday: Bible Information Class at 7:00PM
Youth Group Bowling Outing at 7:00PM

Friday: Christian Book Club at 7:00PM (Pearson Home)

Next Sunday: Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30AM
25-Minute Bible Study at 9:31AM
Mission and Ministry Committee Meeting at 12:00PM

The Lord willing!

Worshipping the Savior on the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - 207

Offered to the Savior,
whose life and death give meaning to our lives - **\$9,822.60**
(General Fund - \$9,712.60)

Congregational Directory

It's time to replace the congregational directory. Could you be so kind as to pass along any change in address, phone/cell number, or e-mail? You may include those changes in the Friendship Register or drop a note in the office manager's box. You may also call the office with the information. Because a directory is only as useful as the information it contains, thanks in advance for the corrections offered.

Youth Group Outing

The Youth Group is going bowling on Thursday night at 7:00pm at Brunswick Zone (945 S. Kipling Parkway). All high-school-aged youth are invited and encouraged to participate, regardless of bowling skills *(or lack thereof)*. Contact Pastor Krause for more information.

Fantasy Football League

Interested in participating in a fantasy football league this fall? No previous experience is necessary. An online draft will be held during the final week of August. If you would like to join the fun, please speak with Pastor Treptow.

Lost and Found

Please check out the coat rack in the narthex for items that have been left here in the last several months. There are a couple of sweatshirts and jackets, as well as a hat and an umbrella. Anything that isn't claimed in the

coming weeks will be donated to charity.

There are also pans and plates left over from the potluck dinner last week. Find yours on the island in the kitchen.

LWMS Fall Retreat

The Rocky Mountain Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is planning a retreat for September 24-26. The retreat, under the theme *"Quiet Time with God,"* will be held at the Rodeway Inn in Estes Park.

Vera-Ellen Cook, an active member of the WELS Women's Ministry Committee, will serve as the guest speaker. Registration information can be found downstairs in the fellowship hall on the women's bulletin board (just outside the kitchen). ***The deadline to register has been extended to August 31.***

Please give mission box offerings, due by August 29, to Pauline King. The offerings gathered will be reported at the fall retreat.

Preparing for Next Week

Jesus, who came into this world to create peace between a holy God and sinners, is the great divider of human beings. People either recognize him as the Savior, the only way to life with God, or they reject him in unbelief. That division happens even within families. Prepare for the Thirteenth Sunday after

WORSHIP NOTES

Order of Service: The Common Service *(Christian Worship, page 15)*

Hymns: 442, 472, 220, 315

Organist: Mrs. Julianne Hardinger

Piano: Claire Meyer

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Haggai 1:2-14
(page 1196)

The people of Judah, instead of carrying out the Lord's command to rebuild the temple, focused on building their own homes. They foolishly thought that spiritual growth could wait.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 3:1-6
(page 1528)

The Lord reproved the church in Sardis for their spiritual apathy. Out of love for their souls, he pleaded with them to repent, that they might be prepared for his return.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 12:32-40
(page 1310)

Jesus encouraged his disciples to consider everything of secondary importance to the kingdom. Those who put the kingdom first are prepared for the Savior's return, whenever it might be.

Zion News and Notes

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning have been given to the glory of God by Hildegard Kudsk in thanksgiving for the Lord's many blessings during her marriage to her late husband, Kenneth.

Welcome

Sean and Sara Austin will be welcomed into communicant membership this morning by adult confirmation. Sara will also be baptized in the name of the Triune God. May the Lord bless them through their membership and make them a blessing to many! Please introduce yourself to the Austins in the coming weeks and welcome them into the congregational family.

Installation of Vicar

Vicar-elect Ryan Schlicht, assigned this past May to serve here for one year, will be installed in the first service. Ryan has completed two years of training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. The third year of training—the vicar year—means to provide hands-on experience that is critical to full-time ministry. Following this year, Vicar Schlicht will return to the Seminary for a final year of training, after which he will, Lord willing, present himself as a candidate for the holy ministry. May the Lord bless this year of training and grant Vicar Schlicht growth in his ministerial skills!

Pastor Krause's Office

Pastor Krause's office is currently located in the basement of the school, in the school library. This is intended as a temporary solution, both for the sake of Pastor Krause and the school.

President Chip Woods will be appointing a committee to discuss options for office space, including the possibility of building additional space. If you have comments or concerns in that regard, please address them to President Woods.

Kindred Spirits Study

The Kindred Spirits Study scheduled for this Wednesday has been postponed. The group will meet instead next 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. Please use the front entrance of the church or the fellowship hall entrance between the church and school buildings.

With Thanks

Thanks to those who helped with the painting of the fellowship hall on Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7. Your work is greatly appreciated!

Thanks to all who helped load up the truck for Vicar and Julie Krieger last Sunday afternoon. Because so many assisted, the loading was finished quickly. Julie flew to Milwaukee on Monday in order to attend meetings at St. Marcus Lutheran School, where she will be teaching this year. Joshua and his brother drove the truck to Milwaukee. They left mid-morning on Tuesday and arrived safely on Wednesday. They unpacked the truck

and returned it by that evening. The Kriegers will be living at 4236 N. 92nd, Unit 1 Milwaukee, WI 53222.

Thanks also to those who assisted in unloading Vicar Schlicht's truck and moving it into their first-floor apartment (*a whole lot easier than third-floor apartments!*). Vicar and Stacy are living at 2614 S. Miller Drive #102 Lakewood, CO 80227. You can reach Vicar at schlichr@wls.wels.net or 920-737-7711.

Thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time to clean the school and prepare the grounds for the beginning of the new school year. Classes begin Wednesday, August 25.

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, at 7:00pm, at the Pearson home. Participants should be prepared to discuss pages 1-115. New participants are always welcome.

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