

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV)

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:1-16 (ESV)

¹¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer

and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Luke 12:22-34 (ESV)

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Now faith is
confidence
in what we
hope for
and assurance
about what we
do not see.

HEBREWS 11:1, NIV

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✝ **In the Name of Jesus** ✝

As We Gather ~ The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom. The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For *"the word of the LORD came to him"* and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham *"believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness"* (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted *"descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore"* (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire *"to give you the kingdom"* (Luke 12:32). Therefore, *"do not be anxious about your life,"* but instead *"seek his kingdom"* (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. *"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming"* (Luke 12:35, 40).

ORDER OF SERVICE Service of Prayer and Preaching	260
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Pastor	Larry Warsinski
Organist	Pam Welzein
Elder/Reader	Dick Bluemer
A/V	Dave Hutfilz
Ushers	Bruce Tessin and Dick Bluemer
Altar Guild	Myrna Pruitt and Mary Lou Garner

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 70 Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion
\$4,316 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$2,983; Capital Projects \$207;
God's Helping Hands \$50 in memory of Keith Kienitz. .

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday ~ August
10- Debbie Bowman; August 12- Anna Miller, Cora Van Nortwich;
August 14- Gary Neuenfeldt; August 16- Gerald Laurenz (his 86th),
Anna Laurenz.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "But thanks be to God, who gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57



Cross Repairs ~ If you haven't noticed, the cross on the front of the church is in need of repair. The left cross piece is failing. Pumford Construction will soon be taking the cross down, repairing and placing it back up. This will cost over \$8,000. Contributions directed to the Capital Projects Fund on your weekly envelope to cover the cost of repairs is greatly appreciated.

Duane Tessin, lifelong faithful member of Zion died Tuesday, August 5. Duane is survived by his brother Daryl (Jane) Tessin; sister Dawn (Wayde) Cochran; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Walter and Helen Tessin; and his sister, Denise Martin. **And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:13 ESV).** "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." Rev. 14:13.

