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Luke 17:15–16a

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2026 THEME FOR BEREA & ZION **“LIVING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT”**

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."
Galatians 5:22-23*

The fruit of the Spirit is evidence of His work in our lives, shown by how we serve Christ by serving others. Because of the salvation Jesus bought for us, we are now free. But what **SHOULD** we do? Paul says he (and we) are "slaves" ("servants") to Christ.

By being servants and in gratitude to Jesus for His saving work, we are empowered by the Spirit working in and through us to do what He wants. We praise Him with lives well lived, and bring the message of salvation to everyone around us, bringing Him glory by our actions.

Throughout the year, we will explore the meaning of all nine fruit. Watch for these explorations on the announcement page. We hope you will revisit your understanding of God's gifts, seeing where the Holy Spirit's fruit shine through. You are a work in progress, a work of art that God has not yet finished.

BEREA & ZION GUESTS

At the end of worship we would like to invite you to please take a moment to sign our guest book in the foyer.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

It's great to have you with us today! If you're here because you're looking for a church family to be a part of, we're always excited to unite brothers and sisters in Christ.
Talk to Pastor John or one of our Elders today.

Invitation to Holy Communion



Holy Communion is a special gift that Jesus has given to His church. This gift is a Sacrament through which Jesus forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, and helps us to remember His death and resurrection for our forgiveness.

Berea and Zion Lutheran Church confesses in unity the Biblical teaching that this gift is intended for those who:

- *Have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.*
- *Recognize and believe that we are receiving, not just the bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of Jesus in, with, and under the consecrated bread and wine.*
- *Are desiring to turn away from their sins by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
- *Are willing to forgive others as Jesus has forgiven you.*

If after personal reflection, you determine that...

- *Your beliefs **are not consistent** with these points...*
or
- *You are **knowingly and intentionally** living in a state of unrepentant sin...*
or
- *You have **not received instruction** regarding Holy Communion from a Lutheran Church-Canada congregation or a church body in altar and pulpit fellowship with us...*

... we ask that, for the your own spiritual well-being, you would please **refrain** from receiving Holy Communion at Berea and Zion

until you have talked with the Pastor or one of our Elders due to the caution that the Bible has given to us:

“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 11:27)

Pastor John or one of our Elders would welcome the opportunity to speak with anyone who is seeking guidance about the Christian faith or who would like to receive Holy Communion at Berea and Zion in the future.

If you would like to come forward to receive a blessing during communion, we welcome you to do so by coming forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

Thanksgiving ~ October 11, 2026

As We Gather

Happy Thanksgiving! You are in the right place. Like the leper who returned to Jesus to offer Him thanks, you are a guest of the God of all things, who in love provides for all your needs. As you reflect on the abundant blessings you have received from the Lord this year, do not forget the gift of faith. You know a Savior in Jesus Christ! You have hope and salvation! You are an heir of heaven! You have a treasure more valuable than the wealth of the whole world. Rejoice that the Master has had mercy on you and that your faith has made you well.

WELCOME AND SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

Opening Hymn LSB 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Invocation and Opening Sentences Psalm 100

P: We come together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C: Serve the LORD with gladness!

P: Come into His presence with singing!

C: Know that the LORD, He is God!

P: It is He who made us, and we are His;

C: we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

P: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

C: and His faithfulness to all generations.

Confession and Absolution

P: Lord, Your steadfast love endures forever. You are the source of all good things.

C: Yet, with thankless hearts, many times we don't recognize Your hand, or blessings, or return Your generosity with gratitude. Our stubborn, sinful nature hoards and refuses to share the overflow that we have been given. Forgive us for these and all our sins of thought, word, and deed. Stir in us hearts of thankfulness for all Your blessings and a desire to share them.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all Your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast (LSB 155)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honour, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

4 Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: *We pray,* Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

(The Lord pledges His past faithfulness will carry His people into their future.)

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-4

(Prayers of thanks)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of

God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

(A Samaritan leper responds to Christ's miraculous mercy with thanksgiving.)

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was not one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again

according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN

Hymn of the Day LSB 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Sermon

The Offerings Are Gathered

(The Offertory Prayer is sung as the offerings are brought forward)

*We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!*

Prayers of the Church

P: Gracious God, on this Thanksgiving weekend we gratefully remember Your bountiful gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We praise You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father You provide for all our needs. We are in awe. We come before You with thankful hearts for all You have done and look forward to what lies ahead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We confess, Lord, that You have given us so much more than we deserve, and there have been times when we have even been foolish enough to think that what we have is OUR doing alone. Forgive us for our foolishness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we lift to You those who are sick, and suffering, and those recovering. We especially lift up... and all in our hearts. We lift them to You asking that You would bring healing and health as You know is right and best. Give patience to all those in this time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, Your Word reminds us to pray for kings and all in authority that we might live peaceful lives. We lift up every ruler in every land. Guide all by Your Holy Spirit to accomplish Your will and care for those under their protection and rule. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, Your Word calls us to remember the poor and those in any need. By Your Spirit, open our eyes to see the needs of those struggling and open our lives to help when, and how we can. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, You have sent the Spirit into our hearts, to believe Your Word, but we know there are those who don't yet. Use us, according to Your will, that these ripe fields may bring a great harvest for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift these and all the prayers of our hearts before Your throne,
Lord, in Jesus' name.

C: AMEN

+ CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +

Luther's Admonition to the Communicants

P: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament. LW p.

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Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.

You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

We rejoice to join the hymns Of earth and sky and sea.

Generations praise you, with the saints and angels

Holy, blessed through all eternity.

Lord's Prayer

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

Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: AMEN

Agnus Dei

***O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away --
Our faith increase.***

***Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.***

Distribution of Communion

Distribution Hymn

LSB 785 We Praise You, O God

Dismissal Blessing

P: May this holy and precious body and blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: *Let us pray.* Lord, Your steadfast love endures forever, and Your faithfulness extends to all generations. As you have called us to share this Meal at Your Table, keep us steadfast in the true faith, that knowing Your grace we might be those who do not forget Your benefits or fail to thank You for Your matchless love through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN

Closing Sentences Psalm 103:1-5a

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and forget not all His benefits,

P: who forgives all your iniquity,

C: who heals all your diseases,

P: who redeems your life from the pit,

C: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P: who satisfies you with good! Let us bless the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn

LSB 895 Now Thank We All Our God

Announcements and Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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