

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

**235 Pond Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492**

**Pastor: Robert C. Hass**

**Organist: Sandy Mehinovic**

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**The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 19 & 20, 2026**

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**Welcome**

It is a genuine joy to welcome all who have come to praise our Lord. Let us begin this service as we should begin every day: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Prayer Before Worship**

Enable us, O Lord, to approach you with pure hearts and proper praise. In Christ’s name. Amen

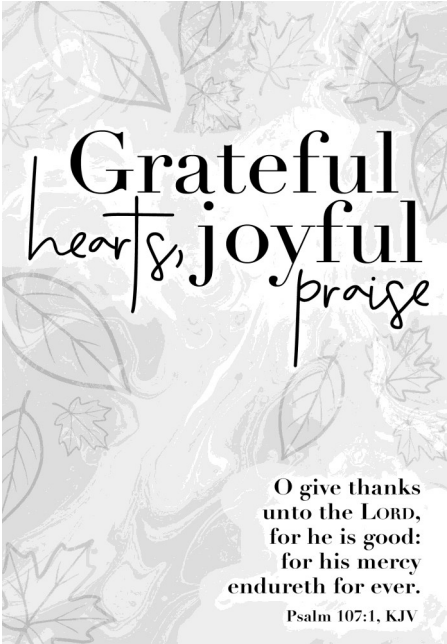
**The Altar Flowers**

The Altar Flowers are given in honor of September birthdays from the Flynn family.

**Eternal Light**

The Eternal Light is lit by Nancy and Walter Koskie in memory of Helen and Walter Koskie Sr.

**Theme: “God’s Abundant Generosity”**



On the surface, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard seems wrong. Shouldn’t the worker receive the wages he or she deserves for his or her time and labor? It offends our sense of fair play that one who worked less should receive the same as one who worked more. If you only focus on the perspective of the laborer, that might seem true, but if you focus on the generosity of the vineyard owner, you get a very different perspective. God’s mercy is not the reward for our labor but a pure gift of grace given to those who deserve none of His kindness. When you begin to look at this parable from that perspective, God’s abundant generosity becomes clear. The Lord does what none of us would do—forgives all our sins, no matter how great, and bestows upon us the mercy and salvation we did nothing to earn and could never deserve. How can anyone begrudge Him such generosity?

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**Our Worship to The Lord**

- Saturday**

**5:00 pm**

Liturgy: Page 203, Holy Communion

Hymns: #557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

#850 God of Grace and God of Glory
- Sunday**

**10:30 am**

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