

Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

Pentecost 8 ~ July 26, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

Invocation Pastor Ale Tulu

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

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Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Solomon's prayer for wisdom

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I



give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you." *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136 *When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding.*

¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened | it gives light;**

it gives understanding | to the simple.

¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant

because I long for | your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,**

as you always do to those who | love your name.

¹³³Order my footsteps | in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,**

and I will keep | your commandments.

¹³⁵Let your face shine up- | on your servant

and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed | streams of tears,**

because people do not | keep your teaching.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

Nothing can separate us from God's love

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

Children's Sermon

Madison Crane

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*Parables of the reign of heaven*

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Sermon

YOU ARE PRICELESS TREASURE

Pastor Ale Tulu

Hymn of the Day

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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Apostle's Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *response: hear our prayer***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.

Hymn

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

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Benediction

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Announcements

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician: Laura Rude

Worship assistant/Reader: Millie Reiersen

BROADCASTS today are in loving memory of Harold & Mary Dupree given by Ron & Ruth Ostby.

ZION'S WEBSITE for July is sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Loved Ones.

REMINDER to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us.

THE HERALD Newsletter is available online at Zion's site or by mail. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive it by mail. Extra copies are available on tables in the narthex or by the church office.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 8:30AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS are available for pick up outside the church office entrance.

MASK DISTRIBUTION Mondays from 2-4 PM in Zion's parking lot weather permitting, as supplies last. **NEEDED** - children's and men's masks. If you are interested in sewing masks for Zion's Mask Give-Away, please contact Darlene Hulteen—dhulteen@mncable.net or 689-8921. Supplies will be provided.

TRF PRAYER WALK—sponsored by the Thief River Falls Ministerial, will be held Saturday, August 1st at 6PM at Floyd Olson Park. This is a time to walk and pray for the city of Thief River Falls, all are welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during broadcast worship on August 9th. Pre-filled home communion cups and wafers (sealed) may be picked up at the church August 3-7 during regular office hours (9-3). A signature sheet will be available for communion record.

The ELCA National Youth Gathering has been postponed to Summer of 2022.

VIRTUAL VBS—Redeemer & Zion youth—check Redeemer's YouTube channel Aug. 3-6 for a daily video for faith & fun!

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Simply Giving/ Silver Creek included in all totals)

July 12-19 income: \$13,494.

July 1-19 income: \$20,526.

Year to Date income January 1– July 19: \$191,881.

2020 Budget \$389,621. /\$7,493. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses

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We are blessed and thankful for our great local/area education leaders that are trying to maximize the education opportunities for the students of our area. Our prayers are with them all, at every level. Minnesota Department of Health is anticipating more transmission in rural areas. We all need to think about what each of us can do to minimize this transmission in our area. We have and are doing a lot, but do not give in to the fatigue we feel in doing so. We will get through this and think positive! Thinking about what you can do and enjoying that, instead of what you cannot do, is helpful always, but much needed during this time. Follow CDC Guidelines. We pray for the researchers working tirelessly for a vaccine, as they are truly a blessing! Enjoy the great outdoors as you are able, even from a window. Remember we are never alone and we are wrapped in God's Love!