

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Thief River Falls, MN
SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER
May 16, 2021
Holy Communion



I write these things to you who believe in the
name of the Son of God, so that you may know
that you have eternal life. 1John 5:13

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
TEMPLE TALK
CALL TO WORSHIP

“Shout to The North”

Glenice Johnson
Senior Choir

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

Leader: Gracious, loving and healing God, bless these shawls that they might be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of this congregation.

People: Bless the ones who will receive these shawls. Remind them that they are loved and never forgotten. We ask your blessing on all who are lonely, sick and suffering. In the name of Jesus Christ, the gentle healer. Amen.

***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.**

***GATHERING SONG** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ELW #834

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE (p. 203)**

Congregation: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

(*Please stand as you are able.)

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 204)**

Congregation: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Matthias added to the apostles

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the

eleven apostles. *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 1

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that | do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

Life in the Son of God

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 205)**

Congregation: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

Christ's prayer for his disciples

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am com-

ing to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

LIFE WITHOUT END

Pastor Ale Tulu

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW # 439

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **Your mercy is great.**

***NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING *Offering plates are available at the entrance and exit*

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Ushers will guide you forward at this time)*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Response: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG “Shall We Gather at the River” ELW # 423

***BLESSING** Response: **Amen.**

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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: Phyllis Dalager

Ushers: Rodney & Sandy Knutson

Acolyte: Maverick Iverson

Worship assistant: Millie Reiersen

Reader: Kami Spears

Tech assist: Megan Brevik

FLOWERS at the front of the church today are in Honor and in Memory of all the Ladies involved in the Prayer Shawl Ministry

OUR PRAYERS TO: Delores Laliberte and Sandy Lubitz hospitalized at Altru, Roberta Kalsnes recovering at home.

BROADCASTS today are in memory of Melvin Rosholt sponsored by Judy Hams

ZION'S WEBSITE for May is sponsored by Chris & Nicky Ellison & family in memory of Joe & Ginny Armstrong.

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

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.

ZION QUILTERS will meet Thursday May 20 at 1 PM. Anyone interested in helping with this project is welcome to come.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY will be held virtually thru Zoom on May 22nd from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. If you would like to be a delegate from Zion, please contact the church office. Discounted registration ends May 10th. Final day to register is May 18th. A large screen will be available at Redeemer for delegates to watch the assembly. You would still need your own device with email access for voting.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS Sign-up sheets on Madison's office door to Acolyte, Read, or Tech Crew for Sunday worship and receive credit.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY is May 23rd. Seniors-please email Madison a senior picture, future plans, and a favorite bible verse by May 18th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Seeking volunteers to help put on our own VBS this summer. If you are interested please contact Madison. Call/Text 608-535-9151 A planning meeting will be held May 25th, 6PM at Redeemer.

A BIG THANK YOU to our Sunday School Superintendents, Becky Fredrickson and Davina Brown for all the work they put into the virtual Sunday School program this past year. Many Thanks to ALL who provided the weekly video lessons for our students.

A HUGE "Thank You" from Koni Johnson to our volunteer drivers for delivered Meals, May 10-14. The volunteers were: Bonnie and Chet Camp, Charlie and Kittie Cornell, David and Karen Kirkeby, Ron and Ruth Ostby, Ale Tulu.

****WORSHIP TIME CHANGE****

Beginning Sunday, June 6th:

Zion worship/ Broadcasts will be 9:00 AM

Silver Creek worship will be 10:30 AM

Wednesday Worship at Zion begins June 9th with Supper at 5:30 and Worship at 6:15.

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

May 3-9 income: \$8,516.

May 1-9 income: \$16,676.

Year to Date income Jan 1– May 9: \$120,811.

2021 budget \$353,032. / \$6,789. is needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

Contributions may be made by scanning the **QR code** provided. This is processed by Vanco Services.

The credit/debit card kiosk is available in the narthex for contributions also.



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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, May 16: 8:30 Holy Communion Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10:00 Holy Communion Worship at Silver Creek; SC Council following worship
6:30 Zion Call committee meeting

Monday, May 17: Parish Nurse by appt.

Tuesday, May 18:

9:30 Staff meeting
12 noon Pastors Text Study
3:00 Valley Home worship
7:00 Zion Council

Wednesday, May 19:

1:00 Skylite worship
6:00 Confirmation Class– Sanford speaker, parents invited to attend
7:00 Senior Choir

Thursday, May 20:

1:00 Quilting
7:00 Johnson Voice recital

Friday, May 21: 7AM Men's Breakfast at Biff's

9:30 Coffee with Staff
5:30—6:30 Zoom orientation for Synod Assembly

Saturday, May 22: 8:30—3:30 Synod Assembly thru Zoom

Sunday, May 23: Senior Recognition Day

8:30 Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10:00 Worship at Silver Creek

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