

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
Thief River Falls, MN
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 25, 2021 9:00 AM



PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.

(Please be seated)

GATHERING SONG “Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: Here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came To the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor. **Refrain**

And I'll never know, How much it cost; To see my sin, Upon that cross. (repeat)
Refrain 2x

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see.

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***GREETING** (p. 184)

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. 184) *“Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way...”*

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (p. 185) *“Glory to God in the highest...”*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD. *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

- ¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**
- ¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**
- ¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Madison Crane

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (p. 188) *“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...”*

***GOSPEL: John 6:1-21**

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called “signs,” because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

P: The Holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples,

“Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Ale Tulu

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW # 712

APOSTLES’ CREED “I Believe I Do Believe”

I be- lieve I do be- lieve tru- ly I be- lieve it tru- ly I be- lieve it tru- ly I be- lieve it.

I be- lieve I do be- lieve tru- ly I be- lieve it tru- ly I be- lieve it tru- ly I be- lieve it.

1. I be- lieve in God the Al- migh- ty Lord Cre- a- tor, Migh-
 2. I be- lieve in Je- sus the Sa- vior of the peo- ple, Sa-
 3. And I do be- lieve in the pow- er of the Spir- it, Pow-

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **Your mercy is great**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (p. 208)

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.

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

***SENDING SONG** “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striving cease.
My comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scored by the ones He came to save.
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by Darkness slain.
Then busting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He Rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow’r of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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***DISMISSAL** Response: **Thanks be to God.**



Pentecost 9 – July 25, 2021

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: Millie Reiersen

Ushers:

Greeters: Dave & Mary Morken

Reader: Beth Nelson

Acolyte:

Tech assist:

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Ray Nelson whose funeral was held at Zion on Friday.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of Harold & Mary Dupree by Ron & Ruth Ostby

ZION'S WEBSITE for July is sponsored by Zion memorials

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 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

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

July 12-18: income: \$6,068.

July 1-18 income: \$12,907.

Year to Date income Jan 1– July 18: \$180,197.

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.

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



Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact.

LAY READERS : Lay readers are needed for Sunday services. If you are interested, please call the church office at 681-3296 or Carol Narverud at 681-4805. We'd love to have you.

All are invited to enjoy informal coffee fellowship in the lounge following the service.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP Supper at 5:30 and Worship at 6:15. All are Welcome!

July 28 Menu:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - K thru 5, August 2nd—5th. From 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Redeemer. Bring your own lunch for 5:00 to 5:30 outdoor picnic.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, July 25:

9:00 Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10:30 Worship at Silver Creek
12 noon Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, July 26

Parish Nurse by Appt
6:30 Call Committee meeting

Tuesday, July 27

9:30 Staff meeting
10:30 Coffee with Staff
12 noon Pastors Text Study

Wednesday, July 28:

Wednesday Worship

5:30 Catered meal
6:15 New Traditions worship
7:30 Christmas in July Event at Redeemer

Friday, July 30:

7AM Men's Breakfast at Biff's
No Coffee with staff

Sunday, August 1:

9:00 Holy Communion worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10:30 Worship at Silver Creek
12 noon Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

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⇒ An Onsite Defibrillator (AED) for use on someone with Sudden Cardiac Arrest is located in the elevator alcove on the wall in the narthex.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

July 25, 2021

LECTIONARY 17

A Feast of Grace

Five loaves of bread. Two fish. Thousands of hungry people. Baskets and baskets of leftovers. Today's gospel is a story of startling juxtaposition and miraculous transformation.

It is a story in which God comes in the way God always does—in ordinary elements and imperfect circumstances. Jesus gathers up perceived scarcity, holds questions and fears of inadequacy, and turns meager offerings into a feast of grace for all. And there is enough—enough for everyone to have as much as they could ever want, with plenty to spare. It's a feast that meets physical needs and nourishes physical bodies, and through the mystery of faith also unites the feasters with God and one another.

As we hear these words from John, we too are invited to this ordinary and holy feast. It's a feast that crosses time and space to welcome us in and to send us out. We too get to rejoice in the transformation that happens when we show up to worship, with hands open to receive and a deep hunger for new life.

We recognize our hunger in confession and prayer. We feast on the promises of God's word. We taste God's abundance at the communion table. We are drenched in God's generous love in the waters of baptism. We are joined with the other perfectly ordinary and holy banquetgoers as we raise our voices together in song. And we extend this exuberant lovingkindness to the world when we go forth from worship, filled with hope and prepared for service in Christ's name.

With Christ as the host, there is forever enough food for all. Christ's table is one brimming with grace. All of us are invited, just as we are, with whatever meager offerings we have. For we can trust that in Christ, it is more than enough.

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