

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA  
Thief River Falls, MN  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
July 4, 2021  
Holy Communion

**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.**

**\*GATHERING SONG** "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" ELW #527

**\*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.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.  
*The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

### **PSALM: Psalm 123**

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift | up my eyes,  
to you enthroned | in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us  
your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,

<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision | of the proud.**

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I

know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*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: Mark 6:1-13**

**P: The holy Gospel...**

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take

nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**            "In Weakness is Strength"            Pastor Mark  
Helgeland

**HYMN OF THE DAY**            "Lord of All Hopefulness"            ELW # 765

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **Hear our prayer.**

**\*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)*

**\*SONG AFTER COMMUNION** "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" # 204

*Congregation:* Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with  
Shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

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

**SENDING SONG** "This is My Song" ELW # 887

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

## Pentecost 6– July 4, 2021

## Announcements

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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:* Deb Holtan, Dan Bartsch

*Acolyte:*

*Worship assistant:* Millie Reierson

*Reader:* Millie Reierson

*Tech assist:*

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**OUR SYMPATHY TO:** the family of Delores Hirst. Dolores' funeral will be held Wed., July 7th, 10:30 am at Zion.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored in memory of Vernon & Lillian Kees by Vivian Knutson & families.

**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](http://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)

June 21-27: income: \$6,111.

June 1-27 income: \$30,795.

Year to Date income Jan 1– June 27: \$166,309.93

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 7 menu: Macaroni Ham Salad, Fruit salad, bun, dessert

**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. **Register on Redeemer's website until July 15th**. Contact Madison for more information.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**Sunday, July 4**

9:00 Holy Communion Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;  
10:30 Worship at Silver Creek

**Tuesday, July 6:**

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

**Wednesday, July 7:**

10:30 Delores Hirst funeral at Zion

**Wednesday Worship**

5:30 Catered meal  
6:15 New Traditions worship  
7:45 6th—8th grade bonfire at Redeemer

**Friday, July 9:**

7AM Men's Breakfast at Biff's  
No Coffee with Staff today

**Sunday, July 11**

9:00 Holy Communion Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;  
10:30 Worship at Silver Creek