

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 9:00 AM
Thief River Falls, MN
TWELVTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 15, 2021
Holy Communion



Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16

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** “Children of the Heavenly Father” ELW #781

***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.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world.
Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.” *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *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 6:51-58**

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Ale Tulu

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW # 793

***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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE SONG**

Congregation: **We share this food together, rememb'ring Christ;
we share a common treasure and know the price;
we share it without measure, a gift of love;
we share our life forever, with God above.**

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

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION** “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” # 204
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.

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

SENDING SONG “Go My Children With My Blessing” ELW # 543

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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

Worship assistant: Millie Reierson

Ushers: Greeters:

Reader: Jamie Bakken

Acolyte: Tech assist:

Communion assistants: Ruth Ostby, Dick Haugen

OUR SYMPATHY to Ione Poole on the death of her husband Kenneth.

BAPTISMS TODAY (after services):

✝ Sophie Rae Lee, daughter of Brady & Maci Lee. Her sponsors are Ashley Mundell, Tyler Mundell, Andy Helm, Jarett Lee. (Zion)

✝ Clayton Donald Rupprecht, son of Seth & Chantel Rupprecht. His sponsors are Maisie & Eric Molskness (Silver Creek)

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Bob Nelson in memory of family & friends.

ZION'S WEBSITE for August is sponsored by David & Karen Kirkeby in memory of Cody Lundgren.

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)

Aug. 2-8 income: \$3,607.

August 1-8 income: \$7,263.

Year to Date income Jan 1– Aug 8: \$194,918.

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.

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



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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.

LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, September 9th from 10-11:00 AM at Zion. All caregivers are welcome, you do not need to register. Please spread the word to those who can benefit from this group.

WELCA EVENTS - Conference 2 Fall Gathering Saturday, Sept. 11 - Grace Lutheran Church, Grygla, MN. Registration at 8:30, program at 9:00. Speaker: Connie Moe on "Adoptive Children from Korea", Registration fee: \$10. Car pooling from Zion parking lot at 7:45 a.m.

Synod Annual WELCA Convention - Sept. 17-18, Lutheran Church of Christ the King, Moorhead, MN. Registration as soon as possible.

Questions? Call Glenice, 681-4472

FAREWELL FOR PASTOR ALE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND.

Silver Creek meal to follow worship - Zion Potluck at 5:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS to begin activities in September. If you can help, please contact the church office.

GOD'S CREATION WALL CALENDARS FOR 2022 - if you would like to pre-order a large number of these calendars, please call the church office. A limited number of calendars will be available at \$8.00 each.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, Aug.15:

9:00 Holy Communion worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10:00 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Holy Communion Worship at Silver Creek

11:30 Rupprecht Baptism at Silver Creek

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

12:30 Lee Baptism at Zion

6:30 Call committee meeting

Monday, August 16:

Parish Nurse by Appt

Tuesday, August 17:

9:30 Staff meeting

10:30 Coffee with Staff

12 noon Pastors Text Study

Wednesday, August 18:

1 Skylite

2 Greenleaf

3 Valley Home

Thurs., Aug. 19:

1 Quilting

Friday, Aug.20:

7 Men's Breakfast at Biffs

9:30 Coffee with Staff

Sunday, Aug.22:

9:00 Worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10:00 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Worship at Silver Creek followed by potluck

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

5:00 Zion Potluck - Farewell for Pr Ale

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