

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 9:00 AM
SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH 10:30 AM
Thief River Falls, MN
SEASON AFTER PENTECOST
August 29, 2021



**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP**

***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** “Forgive Us Our Sins As We Forgive” ELW #605

***GREETING** (p. 203)

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.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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: GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

P: The Holy Gospel...

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

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Bob Dahlen

HYMN OF THE DAY “Thy Holy Wings” ELW # 613

APOSTLES CREED

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**

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.

OFFERING *Plates are available at the entrance and exit for your contributions.*

***SENDING SONG** “Savior Again, To Your Dear Name We Raise” ELW #534

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

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: Shawna Spears

Reader: Dan Bartsch

OUR PRAYERS to Millie Reiersen who is recovering at home.

OUR SYMPATHIES:

+ to Bill Penning on the death of his wife, Melba. Her funeral was held yesterday at Johnsons Funeral Home.

+ to the family of Howard Dalager. His funeral will be held at Zion Monday, Aug 30th at 1:00 PM.

THANK YOU to Pr Bob Dahlen for bringing the message today.

INTERIM PASTOR Mark Helgeland will begin September 1st.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Chris & Nicky Ellison, Brianne & Caitlyn in memory of Joe & Ginny Armstrong, and Suzy Ellison.

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 16-22 income: \$7,713.

August 1-22 income: \$17,451.

Year to Date income Jan 1– Aug 22: \$205,105.

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

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: If you are interested in reading for Sunday services, 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

LWR QUILTING & Lutheran World Relief Workshop the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month 1- 4pm.
Questions? call Sharon Bergerson 681-5445, or Renee Henney 964-5816

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.

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

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Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Alemayehu Tulu, *Associate Pastor*

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Tiffany Sterry & David Lee, *Custodial*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today- Sunday, Aug.29:

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

10:00 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Worship at Silver Creek

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Aug. 30:

Parish Nurse by Appt

1PM Howard Dalager funeral

Tuesday, Aug. 31:

9:30 Staff meeting

12 noon Pastors Text Study

Friday, Sept 3:

7 Men's Breakfast at Biffs

Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, Sept 4:

Aaron Schneider & Jaci Gumeringer wedding at Zion

Next Sunday, Sept 5:

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

10:00 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Worship at Silver Creek

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Zion is going to one worship service from 9:00-10:00. Sunday school will be changing too and will now be from 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Yes! 1-hour)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACK

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

9:00-10:00 a.m.

We invite all students and educators to bring their backpacks, briefcases or tote bag along to the service to receive a blessing for the upcoming academic year.

RALLY SUNDAY - "LET'S DIVE IN WITH DOUGHNUTS"

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Please join us in the Sanctuary to kick off the Sunday school year. Doughnuts, music and tons of fun will be had! We look forward to seeing everyone back at church!

*Masks are optional

LITTLE LAMB PINNING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m. worship service

