

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA  
Thief River Falls, MN  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
August 8, 2021 9:00 AM

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**PRELUDE**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**\*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**

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD | at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory | in the LORD;**  
**let the lowly hear | and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's | name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who | answered me**  
**and delivered me from | all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**  
**and saved me from | all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD  
and de- | livers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**  
**happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2**

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

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

**\*GOSPEL:** John 6:35, 41-51

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

P: The Holy Gospel...

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

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** Pastor Ale Tulu

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW # 742

# APOSTLES' CREED "I Believe I Do Believe"

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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.

G C D G D7 G

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.

G C

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-

D G C G/B G

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**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **hear our prayer**

**\*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.

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'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.**



**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

*Ushers:*

*Acolyte:*

*Greeters:*

*Worship assistant:* Shawna Spears

*Reader:* Charlie Cornell

*Tech assist:*

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Marie Engen in memory of Loved Ones

**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](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)

July 26—Aug 1: income: \$2,131.

July 1-31 income: \$20,364.

Year to Date income Jan 1– July 31: \$187,654.

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.



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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.

**LAST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AUG. 11** Supper at 5:30 and Worship at 6:15.

**LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** resumes this week. They will meet on Thursday, August 12th 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.

**Dear Zion friends & families,**

It has been an honor to serve as the Sunday school superintendents at Zion for the past few years. We have enjoyed getting to know and love so much about Zion and the kids and families we are blessed to have as a part of our congregation. At this time, we have made the decision to resign from being the superintendents of the Sunday school program at Zion. We will continue to serve as Sunday school teachers going forward.

We appreciate all the support we received over the years. If you or anyone you know would be interested in taking over the Sunday school superintendent position at Zion please reach out to Madison Crane or the church office. **Sincerely, Becky Fredrickson & Davina Brown**

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**Sunday, Aug., 8:**

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

**Monday, August 9:**

Parish Nurse by Appt

**Tuesday, August 10:**

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

**Wednesday, August 11:**

5:30 Catered meal  
6:15 New Traditions worship—Last week

**Thurs., Aug. 12:**

10-11AM LSS Caregivers Support Group at Zion

**Friday, Aug.13:**

7 Men's Breakfast at Biffs  
9:30 Coffee with Staff

**Sunday, Aug.15:**

9:00 Holy Communion worship at Zion; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;  
Coffee fellowship following worship  
10:30 Holy Communion Worship at Silver Creek  
11:30 Baptism at Silver Creek  
12 noon Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37  
12:30 Baptism at Zion

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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**

**August 8, 2021**

**LECTIONARY 19**

**A New Identity**

In an increasingly polarized world, demographics are everything. Many of us rely on information about a person's hometown, family, alma mater, or workplace to make assumptions about their politics, social concerns, or lifestyle. Internet algorithms make inferences based on our age, gender, and relationship status to market products, services, or ideas to us. At times it feels like our lives are reduced to a statistic or a political party affiliation.

The crowds following Jesus knew who they were, and they thought they knew exactly who Jesus was too. They knew who his ancestors were, and they knew the stories of faith they all shared.

After all, Jesus was the neighbor boy—the carpenter's son. They had known him since he was just a kid. He was a simple Galilean peasant. He walked the same streets, fished in the same waters, and ate the same food as the rest of them.

And yet, he dared to claim a different identity: he was the bread of life, the living bread come down from heaven. His roots were not just in this rocky terrain of the Middle Eastern soil, but in the God of the cosmos.

This is not what God was supposed to look like. This is not the powerful king they were waiting for. This was just Mary and Joseph's son. He was supposed to be one of them!

But this is the great mystery of our faith: God cannot be reduced to an algorithm or a stereotype. God dwells in the people we least expect, in the most ordinary places, in people scandalously like us and outrageously different than us. God abides with us, defying our expectations, challenging our self-proclaimed identities by offering us the bread of life in Jesus Christ. In this holy bread, we are given a new identity more powerful and enduring than any other in this world: child of God, beloved and whole; in God, of God, and with God for all of eternity. Thanks be to God.

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