

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 9:00 AM

Thief River Falls, MN

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 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** “Love Divine, All Love Excelling” ELW #631

WELCOME LITTLE LAMBS Following are the Little Lambs known to us:
(students beginning Sunday school—age 3)

Leah Bruggeman

Brylee Dyrdal

Chloe Haugen

Emma Klamar

Rosie Lawrence

Barry Meunier

Braxton Radeke

Leni Ranum

Adrian Robson

Emily Sagstuen

Rowen Thompson

*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.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. *The word of the Lord...* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 205)**

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: 9:30-37**

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Mark Helgeland

HYMN OF THE DAY "Listen, God is Calling" ELW # 513

***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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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION (*Ushers will guide you forward at this time*)

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

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

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

SENDING SONG "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" ELW # 536

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

Organist: Phyllis Dalager *Reader:* Shawna Spears *Ushers:* Joppru family

Communion assistants: Vivian Knutson, Patty Schob



We Welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism (later today)

Olivia Tekla Ewalt, daughter of Tra & Breanna Ewalt

Olivia's sponsors are Kira Beier, Trentyn Groslie, Leann Fremling & Gary Hintz

OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

† Darlene & Terry Wiseth & family on the death of her mother, Arlene Huseth.

† Darla & Shannon Boen & family on the death of her father, Raymond Masloski.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Zion memorials

ZION'S WEBSITE for September is sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Family & Friends.

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.

A FAREWELL for Phyllis Dalager will be held today following worship.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY a tentative date for receiving New Members will be Sunday, October 10th with orientation on Thursday, October 7th at 7:00 pm

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE - The Ministry Site Profile, a 12-page document which describes our community, our congregation, and priorities for ministry, has been completed, approved by Zion's church council, and submitted to the NW Synod office. It will then be posted for prospective pastoral candidates to consider applying. While this is the primary method of attracting a new pastor, individuals can also suggest names of possible candidates. If you know or have heard a pastor that might be interested in considering serving as Zion's pastor, please contact one of the call committee members: Kaylynn Wold, Tim Numedahl, Sally Mumm, Shawna Spears, Jarrod Kalsnes or Glenice Johnson

ZION'S SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING will be held Sunday, September 26th following the 9AM worship service. Election of officers/boards will be held.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE We have to admit we are winding down from Summer activities and for many of us that means that our activity level may decrease going into the winter months. Regular physical activity can help older adults stay independent and prevent many health challenges that come with age. Our younger generation may experience this same decrease in activity so should work to make sure they are staying active as well. Zion has a program called Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) that you can join for free to help older adult stay active. This is good exercise as well as an opportunity to socialize. If interested please call the office and leave a message for Glenice Johnson or Ruth Ostby. Wearing a mask is encouraged if you are uncomfortable with the rising of Covid cases once again. We can certainly come out ahead of this nasty Virus, but we need to use the health measures we are given. Stay safe and enjoy this beautiful Fall we have been blessed with! God's Love

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

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, 9am-1pm in the Lounge. For more info contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, October 14th 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. More info Julie Praska Moser 218-686-6228

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.

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

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

Sept 6-12 income: \$3,076.

September 1-12 income: \$7,337.

Year to Date income Jan 1– Sept. 12: \$219,289.

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.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, Sept 19:

9:00 HC Worship at Zion/ **Little Lambs pinning;**

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10-11 Sunday School

10:00 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Worship at Silver Creek

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

11:45 Baptism at Zion

11th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Silver Creek

Monday, Sept 20:

October Newsletter items due

9 SAIL

Parish nurse by appt

Tuesday, Sept 21:

9:30 Staff meeting

12 noon Pastors Text Study

7 Zion Council

Wednesday, Sept 22:

6 Confirmation Kickoff meeting

6 God's Joy Choir

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Sept 23:

9 SAIL

9-1 LSS Respite care in lounge

1 Quilting

Friday, Sept 24:

7 Men's Breakfast at Biffs

Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, Sept 25:

Bauer/Bastian wedding at Zion

Next Sunday, Sept 26:

9:00 Worship at Zion/Installation of Sunday School teachers & helpers;

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10-11 Sunday School

10:00 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Worship at Silver Creek

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Pastor Marks Office Hours are 9-5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
Mark Helgeland, *Interim Pastor*
Linda Hamrick, *Office Manager* ziontrf@mncable.net;

Office Phone: 681-3296 *Fax:* 681-3048
Sandy Knutson, *Parish Nurse*
Tiffany Sterry & David Lee, *Custodial*



TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Yes! 1-hour)

LITTLE LAMB PINNING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m. worship service



**Coming Soon —Sunday morning devotions for 6 & 7th Graders -
In the youth room...more info to follow**

Confirmation

- ➔ **Confirmation Kick off Meeting Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:00 PM meet in the sanctuary—This is for students and parents.**
- ➔ **Confirmation Classes will begin on October 6th. A meal will be served at 5:15 followed by classes at 6PM.**
- ➔ **11th Grade Confirmation Retreat is Sunday, September 19th.**
- ➔ **Details of these events have been mailed out to families.**

GOD'S CREATION wall calendars are now available in limited supply.
They are \$8.00 each and can be picked up in the church office.