

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
Thief River Falls, MN
TIME AFTER PENTECOST
September 5, 2021



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** “Gather Us In” ELW #532

***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)**

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.
Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.
The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are
bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs

over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 7:24-37**

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

SERMON “SHALL WE RESCUE JESUS?” PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” ELW #708

***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)*

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

SENDING SONG “On Our Way Rejoicing” ELW # 537

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

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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

Reader: Denny Minks

Ushers: Joppru family

Communion Assistants: Ruth Ostby, Sharon Jorde, Dick Haugen

WELCOME to Interim Pastor Mark Helgeland

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

ZION WELCA, Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 10:00 a.m. All Zion women are invited to gather to get "re-acquainted" after 16 months of not meeting due to COVID. We will enjoy fellowship, refreshments, WELCA updates, and discussion of future plans. Please join us and bring a friend!

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)

Aug 23-29 income: \$6,111.

August 1-29 income: \$23,561,

Year to Date income Jan 1– Aug 29: \$211,216.

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.

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.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

We have been blessed with much and some of which is in our toolbox, used to rise above this virus that has caused so much disruption in our lives. The Covid Vaccine is among these tools. In our area we are seeing a sharp rise in Covid cases fueled by the mutated "Delta Variant". This strain is tremendously easy to transmit and carries a very heavy viral load which makes it easy to transmit to many in a short time. Yes this is affecting our most precious children that are unable to get vaccinated. We need to protect these children along with ourselves, family and friends. We have heard over and over what the CDC guidelines recommend and it is our responsibility to protect everyone around us by following these guidelines. Feel free to wear masks again, in church, if you wish. We will get ahead of this virus as we have done in the past with Polio, Measles, and many other diseases, but with compliance. May Gods Love be with us all and give us strength and understanding . Enjoy a beautiful fall!

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

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
Mark Helgeland, *Interim Pastor*
Sandy Knutson, *Parish Nurse*

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, Sept 5:

9:00 Holy Communion Worship at Zion;
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10:00 Coffee fellowship
No Worship at Silver Creek
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Sept 6:

Labor Day - church offices closed

Tuesday, Sept 7:

9:30 Staff meeting
12 noon Pastors Text Study
Board Meetings

Wednesday, Sept 8:

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Sept 9:

10-11 LSS Caregivers Support Group

Friday, Sept 10:

7 Men's Breakfast at Biffs

Saturday, Sept 11:

Fall WELCA Conference Gathering at Gatzke

Next Sunday, Sept 12: Rally Day!

9:00 Worship at Zion/ **Blessing of Backpacks**;
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10-11 Sunday School Rally event in Sanctuary
10:00 Coffee fellowship; October Sharing Servants
meet in lounge
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



Confirmation

- ➔ **Confirmation Kick off Meeting Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:00 PM—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 will be sent out to families.**