

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Thief River Falls, MN

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 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** “Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW #612

***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) *Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer...*

(*Please stand as you are able.)

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (p. 204)

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth...

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**
³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?**
⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**
⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
⁹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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

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

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word...

***GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "WHEN TWO BECOME ONE"

PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY "When Love is Found" (WOV #749)

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| <p>1 When love is found and hope comes home,
sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky,
praise God and share our maker's joy.</p> <p>2 When love has flow'ed in trust and care,
build both each day that love may dare
to reach beyond home's warmth and light,
to serve and strive for truth and right.</p> <p>3 When love is tried as loved-ones change,
hold still to hope though all seems strange,
till ease returns and love grows wise
through list'ning ears and opened eyes.</p> | <p>4 When love is torn and trust betrayed,
pray strength to love till torments fade,
till lovers keep no score of wrong
but hear through pain love's Easter song.</p> <p>5 Praise God for love, praise God for life,
in age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts. Let love be fed
through death and life in broken bread.</p> |
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***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 in the narthex*

***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.

***THE SONG**

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)*

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

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

SENDING SONG "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ELW # 836

***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 *Pianist:* Laura Rude
Reader: Glenice Johnson *Greeters/Ushers:* Mike & Becky Philipp family
Acolytes: Mya Bregier, Elizabeth Arett *Communion assistants:* Ruth Ostby & Sharon Jorde

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Marie Engen in memory of Ronald Engen.

ZION'S WEBSITE for October is sponsored by Zion memorials

REMINDER to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us. If you wish Pastor Mark to call, please let the office know.

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.

RIDES TO WORSHIP - We are looking for someone to give rides to worship. Please contact the church office if interested.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY New Members will be received on Sunday, October 10th with orientation on Thursday, October 7th at 7:00 pm. Please contact the church office if you are interested in membership.

BEREAVED PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP: Are you a parent or grandparent of a child or grandchild of any age who has died? Would you be interested in support in dealing with your loss (doesn't have to be recent)? You are welcome to join us as we begin to organize a group to offer you some support. Our first meeting will be **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19th, at 10:30 am** in the Lounge or Patio (depending on weather) at Zion. Pastor Mark will be leading us. If you have questions, please call Marcia S. @ 681-6242.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE How exciting to see increasing activity at Zion and also getting back to seeing familiar faces and new faces! Great thanks to the leaders and support staff working hard to make this happen and happen safely. Moving forward we need to move not in fear of the increase in Covid again but with the idea of how can we work safely with this bump in the road again. We have the tools but just need to remember to use these safety measures. Prayer is powerful and we need to remember in prayer, our dedicated call committee that is progressing with their work as we speak. May Gods Love be with them and give us all patience and understanding as we work for a common goal which is a "Healthy Zion Church" for all! A big thank you to the Call Committee for your time and dedication to make this goal a reality. Our prayers are with you!

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

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

LWR Stewardship Kits will be assembled on Thursday, October 7th at 1PM in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to come and help.

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

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

Sept 20-26 income: \$5,035.

September 1-26 income: \$19,394.

Year to Date income Jan 1– Sept. 26: \$231,358.

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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Pastor Mark's 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*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today - Sunday, October 3:

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

10 Blood pressure screening available

10-11 Sunday School

10:00 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Worship at Silver Creek

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Oct 4:

9 SAIL

Parish nurse by appt

7-8 Troop 59

Tuesday, Oct 5:

9:30 Conference Pastors meet at Zion

12 noon Pastors Text Study

BOARD MEETINGS

4:00 Parish Health meeting

No Worship board tonight

6:30 Parish Fellowship

8:00 Christian Ed & Youth

Wednesday, Oct 6:

5:15 Confirmation Supper

6:00 Confirmation Classes

6 God's Joy Choir

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, October 7:

9 SAIL

9-1 LSS Respite care in lounge

1 Quilting

7 New member orientation

Friday, Oct 8:

7 Men's Breakfast at Biffs

Next Sunday, October 10:

9:00 Worship at Zion/ Baptism/New Members/
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



Sunday School meets from 10:00 to 11:00 AM

2ND GRADE BIBLE CLASSES will be October 10th and 17th during class time. Shawna Spears will lead these classes. Bibles will be presented during worship on October 24th.

MUFFINS Students will resume bringing muffins/treats in October for coffee fellowship. Schedules have been mailed out to families. If you will be gone on your assigned Sunday, treats can be brought in Thurs or Fri and left in the basement kitchen fridge. Proceeds from muffin money helps fund youth projects such as baptism bibles and 2nd grade bibles.

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday morning classes for 6 & 7th Graders

- 6th Grade meets with Becky Philipp
- 7th Grade will meet with Kami Spears upstairs

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin on Wednesday, October 6th.

A meal will be served at 5:15 followed by classes at 6PM.

Oct 6 menu: Spaghetti & meatballs, \$4.00. pop/ water bottle .50 cents

A BIG THANKS to Kami Spears for preparing meals each week.

THANK YOU to the Confirmation leaders who are working with the 8-10th grade students Your leadership & commitment to the youth is much appreciated.

8th grade—Mike & Jodi Flaagan

9th grade— Shawna Spears

10th grade— Cammy Joppru

11th Grade Confirmation will be held October 31st at the 9 AM worship.

GOD'S CREATION wall calendars are available in limited supply.

They are \$8.00 each and can be picked up in the church office.

Also available are magnetic notepads and notecards.