

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 9:00 AM  
SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH 10:30 AM  
Thief River Falls, MN  
TIME AFTER PENTECOST - July 24, 2022



“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. “ Luke 11:9-10

## **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** “Day By Day” ELW #790

**\*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.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32**

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

## PSALM: Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup>my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup>sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you <sup>1</sup>answered me;  
you increased my <sup>1</sup>strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup>of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>1</sup>for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup>from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>1</sup>keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me;**

**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

*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: Luke 11:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel...

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'<sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

<sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON LINDA ANDERSON

HYMN OF THE DAY "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW # 742

**\*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 to the dead. 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: **receive our prayer**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** *Offering plates are available in the narthex.  
Ushers will bring the plates forward at this time.*

**\*OFFERTORY** “Create in Me a Clean Heart” # 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**C** **God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” ELW #774

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**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

*Pianist:* Laura Rude

*Reader:* Sharon Wagner

*Ushers:*

*Greeter:*

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**THANK YOU** to Linda Anderson for providing pulpit supply today.

**OUR PRAYERS TO** Joyce Swenson, hospitalized in Fargo.

**OUR SYMPATHIES TO -**

+ Keith Swanson on the death of his brother, David Swanson.

+ Dede Swanson on the death of her brother, Jim Jarshaw.

**THANK YOU** to all who have kept me in your thoughts and prayers as I recover from covid. Your kindnesses are much appreciated. God Bless you all. Looking forward to being back with you soon. Wayne Bjerken

**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.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored in memory of Harold & Mary Dupree by Ron & Ruth Ostby

**ZION'S WEBSITE** for July is sponsored by Zion memorials

**LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available from an usher.

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP July 27th** - Holden Evening Prayer service with Shawna Spears, message ; **August 3 & 10** Eric Mickelson, message & music. Supper will be served at 5:30 with a free will donation for the catered meal followed by worship. All are welcome!

**SYNOD ROAD TRIP** The Synod Staff is coming to you! Wed., Aug. 17th 5:30 pm at Zion. Come and join the synod staff for a light meal and conversation. Bishop Bill at the grill. Conference 2 Pastors, Council members, congregation members welcome!

**FROM PARISH HEALTH** - Darlene will be out of office Tuesday, July 26th.

Have you ever tried visualization to manage daily stressors? It can certainly be helpful so why not give it a try. God gives us many messages to remind us to slow down, to focus our lives on the positive gifts He has given us. *The smell of the rose, the smile of a baby, the colors of a sunset, the soft feel of a puppy's fur.* We only need to take a moment to visualize these gifts and also to look at what is most important in our life. God tells us in so many ways, what is most important. Our secular world often pushes His vision from our hearts and minds. Take a moment to re-focus, to find your vision in your faith. Let go of the pull of the world, Relax in His guidance. Let go, and see that truly "*all things are possible to him who believes.*" Take care of yourself in these very warm days of summer! God's Blessing & Peace, Parish Health

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** meets Tuesday, July 26th at 10:30 in the lounge.

**OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN** Current donations & Pledges: \$13,675. If you wish to contribute to this project you can drop off or mail to the church office. A down payment has been made on this project.

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

July 11-17 income: \$5,534.

July 1-17 income: \$12,745.

Jan 1– July 17 income: \$167,631.

2022 Budget \$324,553./ \$6,241. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

**VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING** is available - forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru Zion's website. Donations can be set up as monthly, weekly, bi-weekly, or a one-time donation.

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## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

### **Today, Sunday, July 24:**

**9:00 Zion Worship**

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10 Coffee fellowship

**10:30 Silver Creek Worship**

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

### **Monday, July 25:**

9 SAIL

### **Tuesday, July 26:**

9:30 Staff Meeting

Parish Health—out of office today

10:30 Bereavement Group in Lounge

### **Wednesday, July 27:**

5:30 Supper

6:15 Worship

### **Thursday, July 28:**

9 SAIL

12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge

### **Saturday, July 30:**

10 Jami Hanson memorial service

### **Next Sunday, July 31:**

**9:00 Zion Worship**

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10 Coffee fellowship

**10:30 Silver Creek Worship**

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

**CALLING ALL FISHERMAN**  
ages Preschool-6th grade to join us in a  
**ONE DAY BIBLE CAMP!!!!**

**Tuesday August 30th**  
**from 12:30 p.m.-5:00p.m.**  
**at Zion Lutheran Church**  
**with a BBQ and family fun night**  
**to follow in the Zion parking lot!**

Please watch for a mailing  
with more details to come.  
Event held at no charge.



**"Come, follow me,  
and I will make you fishers of men."**

Matthew 4:19