

Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM
Silver Creek Lutheran Church, 10:30 AM
Thief River Falls, MN
TIME AFTER PENTECOST — HOLY COMMUNION
August 7, 2022



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
—Luke 12:34

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 “Beautiful Savior” ELW #838**

***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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you
wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God ¹is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to ¹be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks ¹down from heaven,
and sees all ¹humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell ¹on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions ¹all their hearts
and observes ¹all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size ¹of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by ¹their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**
¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
¹⁹**to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**
²⁰Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.
²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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: Luke 12:32-40

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord...

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

SERMON “TREASURE”

PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY “Have No Fear Little Flock” ELW # 764

***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: **receive our prayer**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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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***THE 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

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG** “How Great Thou Art” ELW #856

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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

Pianist: Laura Rude

Reader: Russell Rhen

Ushers: Greeter:

Communion assistants: Marcia Sandahl, Ruth Ostby, Dick Haugen

THANK YOU to Pastor Mark Helgeland for leading worship today.

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.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of Ida Nordvall, given by Marie Engen

ZION'S WEBSITE for August is sponsored by David & Karen Kirkeby in memory of Cody Lundgren

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

HELP! READERS NEEDED: If you would like to read lessons Sunday services, please call the church office at 681-3296 or Carol Narverud at 681-4805. We'd love to have you.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP August 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!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE Pastor King, who visited our congregation several weeks ago, has accepted a call to another congregation. The Call Committee currently has two other possible candidates and is working on the interviewing process and invitation for face-to-face visits. Please continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers.

FOOD FOR THE POOR, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, is the largest international relief organization in the United States. Since its founding in 1982, Food For The Poor has provided more than \$17 billion in aid and has built more than 88,500 safe and secure homes for destitute people in need of adequate shelter. **Sunday, August 14th, Pr. Darrell D. Golnitz** will share with us the story of this ministry through a Message entitled: *"Expecting Justice"* You will be invited to participate in this ministry through a special offering.

LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, August 11th 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

OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN Donations & Pledges: \$13,675. If you wish to contribute to this project you can drop off or mail to the church office.

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

July 25-31 income: \$4,355.

July 1-31 income: \$18,842.

Jan 1– July 31 income: \$173,728.

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.

You can also SCAN the Vanco QR code to support Zion electronically.



FROM PARISH HEALTH - *Christ in Our Home* is a great little devotional book we are fortunate to have available to us from our church. If you have a cell phone there are many free apps available that are similar to it. One of these is the Bible KJV—Daily Bible Verse which offers a daily morning and evening bible verse and explanation, followed by a prayer. There is an audio bible available on the app as well. Your phone will ding like a text message when the verse is received. The app is a great way to help make prayer and bible study a part of your day. Following is an example:

Psalm 149:4 For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify to meek with salvation.

Inspiration/Explanation: People are imperfect. But God's church is made of people, and He has exalted his church. He loves these imperfect people deeply, and He wants the best for them. This is our hope, and what we are thankful for. God has promised salvation to His church, and we can be certain that he will deliver it.

Prayer Lord, I praise you! You have loved your church and delivered us from evil. You will bring us to salvation, of that I am sure. May our hearts remain clean as we wait for the return of Christ, and may we be filled with faith that moves us to serve You. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

It's a great app to help engage with God's word every day, a little at a time. - God's Blessings & Peace, Parish Health

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, August 7:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Aug 8:

9 SAIL

Tuesday, Aug 9:

9:30 Staff Meeting

9-12 Parish Health Hours

Wednesday, Aug 10:

5:30 Supper

6:15 Worship

Thursday, Aug 11:

9 SAIL

10:30 Caregiver's Discussion

12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge

Friday, Aug 12:

3 Baptism

Next Sunday, August 14:

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
BBQ and family fun night
from 5:30 to 6:30
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