

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
Time After Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship
September 25, 2022

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Song "Lord, Be Glorified" ELW 744

Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,
grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

Children's Sermon /Noisy Offering for Operation Christmas Child

Shawna Spears

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life...Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 146

¹Hal-^l lelujah!
Praise the LORD, ^l O my soul!
²**I will praise the LORD as long ^l as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I ^l have my being.
³Put not your ^l trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there ^l is no help.
⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- ^l turn to earth,**
and in that day ^l their thoughts perish.
⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ^l for their help,
whose hope is in the ^l LORD their God;
⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ^l is in them;**
who keeps promis- ^l es forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ^l those who hunger.
The LORD sets the ^l captive free.
⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who ^l are bowed down;**
the LORD ^l loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD cares ^l for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹ of the wicked.
¹⁰The LORD shall ¹ reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹ Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also

come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Sermon “Love Sees” Pastor Mark Helgeland

Hymn of the Day “In Christ Alone” *printed on next page*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism ELW page 227

Baptism of Spencer Jace Pacheco Laboy, son of Alanda Colden and Israel Pacheco Laboy
Spencer’s Sponsors are Josh & Chelsey Huttleston

Offering - *ushers bring offering forward*

Offertory “Sanctuary”

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you. (CCLI Lic. # 11095451)

Prayers of Intercession *response: hear our prayer.*

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Sending Song “Shine, Jesus, Shine” ELW 671

Dismissal Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

Post-service Music

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

Ushers: Aaron, Dean, Don, & Wade Joppru

Pastor: Mark Helgeland, Interim

Reader: Millie Reierson

Greeters: Cammy Joppru, Cookie Overbye

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 by Della Burstad in memory of Loved Ones.

ZION'S WEBSITE for September is sponsored by Richard & Janice Haugen in memory of family & friends

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

TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: (Zion)



+ **Spencer Jace Pacheco Laboy**, son of Alanda Colden & Israel Pacheco Laboy
Spencer's Sponsors are Josh & Chelsey Huttleston

CONGRATULATIONS to Mackenzie (Lubitz) & James Johnson who were married here yesterday.

OUR SYMPATHY to Dale & Erica Opdahl & family on the death of his mother Corinne Opdahl

WELCA FALL GATHERING— Conference 2 women will gather on Sat., Oct. 8, at First Lutheran Church in Warren, MN. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee; program at 9:00. Speaker will be Suzie Novak Boelter, director of North Country Food Bank, EGF. Registration is \$10 per person, including morning coffee and noon lunch. We will carpool from our Zion parking lot at 8:00 a.m

SARAH CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 1:30 PM in the church lounge

NEW MEMBERS a tentative date has been set for October 9, 2022 as New Member Recognition Sunday. If you are interested in membership, please contact the church office.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet the 1st Thursday of the month. Next group Oct. 6 at 10am.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF "PICK UP" NOV. 5 the truck will be in Thief River Falls on Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 a.m. - noon. Any group, circle or individuals with quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits or school kits for missions can bring them to Zion the week before to be packed into shipping cartons.

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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP meets Tuesday, Sept 27th at 10:30 AM

CHOIRS - Senior Choir meets Wednesdays at 7PM; God's Joy youth choir, meets Wednesdays at 6PM. All are welcome to join. For more information contact Laura Rude.

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

Sept. 12-18 income: \$6,169.

Sept 1-18 income: \$16,804.

Jan 1– September 18 income: \$206,414.

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

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru the link on Zion's website.

OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN Donations & Pledges: \$13,715. If you wish to contribute to this project you can drop off or mail to the church office.

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.

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, 12 Noon to 4:00 PM in the Lounge. For more info and to sign up please contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, October 13th 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

FROM PARISH HEALTH - You probably know that **high blood pressure** isn't healthy. But since it doesn't usually impact how you feel, it's easy to put off taking it seriously. It is a serious illness. That's why it is called the "silent killer". Left unattended, it can damage your blood vessels, as well as many organs over time. This can lead to problems such as heart attacks, stroke, atrial fibrillation, heart failure, aneurysm, kidney disease or kidney failure, vision loss and cognitive difficulties. The higher the blood pressure and the longer it goes untreated the greater the risk that it will cause damage.—the good news: you can easily get tested for high blood pressure and there are effective treatments and lifestyle changes you can take to keep things under control. It is usually accomplished through a combination of lifestyle changes and medication. The steps may include choosing healthy foods, watching your salt, getting up and moving, and limiting alcohol and cutting out tobacco— Regular exercise often can decrease blood pressure and eliminate or decrease the medication dosage. Blood Pressure screenings will begin after worship starting October 2nd. Guidelines recommend that you reduce your BP to less than 130/80. Come by and have it checked! —*God's Blessing & Peace—Parish Health*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, Sept. 25:

9:00 Zion Worship/ Baptism;

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10 Coffee fellowship

10 Sunday School

10:30 Silver Creek Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

4 Girl Scouts

Monday, Sept 26:

9 SAIL

5:30 Kiwanis Banquet in fellowship hall

Tuesday, Sept 27:

9:30 Staff Meeting

9-12 PM Parish Health Hours

10:30 Bereavement Group

Wednesday, Sept 28:

1:30 Sarah Circle

6 God's Joy choir

6 Confirmation meeting for Students Gr 8-10 & Parents

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Sept 29:

9 SAIL

12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge

Friday, Sept 30:

7 Men's Breakfast /Biffs

Next Sunday, Oct 2:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship/ Baptism;

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10 Coffee fellowship

10 Sunday School

10 Blood Pressure Screening

10:30 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



Sunday School 10:00-11:00 AM

- **2nd Grade Bible Class** begins October 2nd during Sunday school time. A parent is required to attend with their student.
- New student families - please contact the church office to register so you receive mailings/ information.
- **Noisy Offering** collected in September/October will go for Operation Christmas Child. Noisy Offering is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Spotlight Family



Please consider being our next Spotlight Family and helping with Food & Fellowship on October 9th. You can contact Kami at 218-689-4266 with any questions or to get your family signed up!!

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP –October 9th 10-11:30



Come and enjoy a yummy French toast breakfast!
Free will donation.

2023 GOD’S CREATION CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING FOOD & FELLOWSHIP. CALENDARS ARE \$8.00 each



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FORMATION**



IMPORTANT DATES FOR CONFIRMATION- —PUT THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

- September 28, 2022- 6:00 pm- MANDATORY Parent/Student meeting **Grades 8-10**
- October 5, 2022- 6:00 pm- 1st night of Confirmation class!
- Supper served at 5:15- Tater-tot Hotdish

11th Grade:

- September 18, 2022- 11th grade Confirmation Retreat 12-4PM
- October 11, 12, 13th- Faith Statement Reviews
- October 26th- Confirmation pictures- time: TBD
- October 29th- 6:00 pm- Confirmation Banquet
- October 30, 2022- Confirmation service for 11th graders