

Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM

Thief River Falls, MN

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST — HOLY COMMUNION**

September 4, 2022

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**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 “Lift High the Cross” ELW #660**

**\*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.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. *Word of God, word of life....* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>1</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>1</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching <sup>1</sup> day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that <sup>1</sup> do not wither; everything they <sup>1</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so <sup>1</sup> with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind <sup>1</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>1</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council <sup>1</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way <sup>1</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall <sup>1</sup> be destroyed.**

## SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. *Word of God, word of life....***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 14:25-33**

**P:** The holy Gospel...

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

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord...

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

**SERMON** “THE LORD OF SECOND CHANCES” **PASTOR MARK HELGELAND**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW # 798

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** ELW page 227

Baptism of Gemma Lucille Janzow, daughter of Chaslin & Steven Janzow.

Gemma’s Sponsors are Zoey Magner, Mason & Lauren Riess

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **hear 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** Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **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** "I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light" ELW #815

**\*DISMISSAL** Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**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:* Glenice Johnson

*Ushers:* Aaron, Dean, Don, & Wade Joppru

*Greeters:* Cammy Joppru, Cookie Overbye

*Communion assistants* Patty Schob, Vivian Knutson

**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.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is offered at worship today. Those believing that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to participate. Please tell the communion assistant if you prefer grape juice. If you desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion registration cards are available in the narthex.

**WELCOME** to Pastor Mark Helgeland who will provide interim pastoral services.

**TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:** (9:00)



Baptism of Gemma Lucille Janzow, daughter of Chaslin & Steven Janzow.  
Gemma's Sponsors are Zoey Magner, Mason & Lauren Riess

**PRAYERS TO** Mike Swenson and Harvey Hanson who are hospitalized at Essentia, Fargo.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored in memory of Richard Melby by Judy Melby.

**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.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** has a tentative start date of Thursday, September 15th at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone having questions please call Deb Holtan at 218-686-3758 or 218-449-4645.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

August 22-28 income: \$1,989.

August 1-31 income: \$15,826

Jan 1– August 31 income: \$189,594.

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.

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



**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, September 8th 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** - It's been two years of pandemic news and updates, and it is frustrating. COVID 19 does NOT go away. It seems to be losing some of its severity though, and most people have lost some of the fear of getting it. That is good!

That said, COVID 19 cases are on the rise in the United States, and Omicron BA.5 is now the prominent variant, causing an estimated 78% of cases. It is more contagious, but symptoms are milder. For those who are vaccinated and boosted, this can protect against both infection and/or severe reaction to the virus. The symptoms are mild enough for one to have the virus and not realize it. For those who have underlying health issues, it is important to get tested, because post Covid pneumonia can happen and create long term effects. The good news is that there is now an anti-viral medication called Paxlovid, that when started within the first five days, can resolve the infection and decrease symptoms. It has been most effective on all variants with an efficacy of 90%. That's impressive!

The most common symptoms of Covid, along with many other viruses, are runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue. Intercounty Nursing Service has free test kits available, and there are a few in the church office. I will be available during office hours to help with using a test kit if needed – or for answering any questions.

The COVID-19 Public Hotline – 1-833-431-2053. “Please Lord, make this virus go away. AMEN.”  
God's Blessings and Peace—Parish Health

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

### **Today, Sunday, Sept. 4:**

**9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship**

**Janzow Baptism**

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10 Coffee fellowship

**10:30 Silver Creek Worship**

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

**Monday, Sept 5:** Labor Day—Office Closed

### **Tuesday, Sept 6:**

9:30 Staff Meeting

9-12 Parish Health Hours

4 Parish Health meeting

**BOARD MEETINGS**

### **Thursday, Sept 8:**

9 SAIL

10 LSS Caregivers Support Group

12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge

### **Friday, Sept 9:**

7 Men's Breakfast resumes/Biffs

### **Next Sunday, Sept. 11: Rally Sunday**

**9:00 Zion Worship**

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10 Coffee fellowship

10 Sunday Sch

**10:30 Silver Creek Worship**

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



## Rally Sunday September 11th!

- New students please contact the church office to register so you receive mailings/ information.
- Teachers/helpers are needed. Please contact Amber Holtan if you can help

## Spotlight Family

*Zion's Youth and Education Board want to shine the spotlight on you and your family!*



We are looking for families to help with our monthly food and fellowship breakfasts. This is a great opportunity for your family to help Zion- and it is fun!! All you need to do is help set up, help make food, serve breakfast, and then clean up! David Lee is our resident cook who will get it ready and started. Then we also will have confirmation students helping. We just need one smiling family to help each month. Please consider signing up for a great opportunity to serve your church family!  
You can contact Kami at 218-689-4266 with any questions or to get your family signed up!!

### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP begins September 18th!



Come and enjoy a yummy breakfast!  
Breakfast will be served 10:00-11:30!

### 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

