

Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM

Thief River Falls, MN

TIME AFTER PENTECOST — HOLY COMMUNION

September 18, 2022



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 “Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW #685**

WELCOME LITTLE LAMBS (students beginning Sunday school—age 3)

Following are the Little Lambs known to us:

Quinn Beger

Matilda Gerszewski

Blaine Opdahl

Cora Opdahl

Riley Rusillo

Evan Hopperstad

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION

Angie Jensen

Gracie Jensen

Kendal Rantanen

Julia Rude

Dru Harbott

Megan Peterson

Heather Harbott

Laura Rude

Laura Fay

Amber Holtan

***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.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another.

Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the
grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying,
“When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we
may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and prac-
tice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of
sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of
Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

PSALM: Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants¹ of the LORD;
praise the name¹ of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the¹ LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for-¹ evermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its¹ going down
let the name of the¹ LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the¹ LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops¹ to behold
the heavens¹ and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out¹ of the dust
and lifts up the poor¹ from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them¹ with the rulers,
with the rulers¹ of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a¹ childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.¹ Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 16:1-13

P: The holy Gospel...

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

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do,

now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord...

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “IMAGE OF GOD—GENEROSITY” PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY “Son of God, Eternal Savior” ELW # 655

***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: **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** “Rise Up, O Saints of God” ELW #669

***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

Ushers: Aaron, Dean, Don, & Wade Joppru

Communion assistants: Dick Haugen, Russell Rhen

Reader: Shawna Spears

Greeters: Cammy Joppru, Pam Joppru

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 Zion memorials

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:



- + **Greta Leona Jean Nelson**, daughter of Jordan & Makenzie Nelson (Silver Creek) her sponsors are Rylee Bergeron & Jayden Nelson (proxy: Morgan Bergeron)
- + **Hayes Jay Mathieu**, son of Guthrey Mathieu & Abby Thorpe. (Zion 1:00 PM) his sponsors are Jordan Osborne, Charlee Mathieu, Kelsey & Tyler Thorpe

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Thursdays at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone having questions please call Deb Holtan at 218-686-3758 or 218-449-4645.

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.

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.

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.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP today 10 –11:30 in the fellowship hall. Join us for French toast breakfast.

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

Sept. 5-11 income: \$2,905.

Sept 1-11 income: \$10,635.

Jan 1– September 11 income: \$200,245.

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.



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

PARISH HEALTH -

The King James Bible App is the best - I just love it and want to share one of the posts.

Morning prayer- (which is always a bible verse)

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

Inspiration— It is good to be giving—in word and in deed. Give your help wholeheartedly. Give your love without cause. When necessary, give money to those who are in need. You will never regret living a life of giving. The joy and the peace you get in return is irreplaceable.

Prayer— Dear God, I pray that in all I do may I be as giving as you are to us. I desire to follow your example, Lord, because it is the best example to follow. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

—*God's Blessing & Peace—Parish Health*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, Sept. 18:

**9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship;
Little Lambs pins; Teacher installation**
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10 Coffee fellowship
10 Sunday School
10:30 Silver Creek Worship/ Baptism
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37
12-4 PM 11th Grade Confirmation Retreat
1:00 Baptism at Zion

Monday, Sept 19:

9 SAIL
6:30 Scouts

Tuesday, Sept 20:

9:30 Staff Meeting
9-12 PM Parish Health Hours
Newsletter Deadline
7 Zion Council

Wednesday, Sept 21:

6 God's Joy
7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Sept 22:

9 SAIL
10 Prayer Shawl Ministry
12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge

Friday, Sept 23:

7 Men's Breakfast /Biffs
5 Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, Sept 24:

5 Lubitz/Johnson Wedding

Next 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



- WELCOME to all Sunday School Students!
- New student families - please contact the church office to register so you receive mailings/ information.
- Little Lambs receive pins at worship today, September 18th
- Sunday School teachers will be installed this morning at worship.
- Noisy Offering collected in September/October will go for Operation Christmas Child. Noisy Offering is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Spotlight Family



Chrysi & Zander Gibson

Chrysi is a receptionist for Dr John Yoon, DDS. Her hometown is St. Michael/Albertville, MN. Zander was born in Grand Forks, ND and is currently in 8th grade at FMS. His school activities include Piano lessons and Jazz band. Favorite bible story is Daniel and the Lion's Den. They have 2 pet cats: Midnight and Maxi. Chrysi & Zander enjoy going to the movies together. If they could travel anywhere they would choose to go back to Florida and Universal Studios. They have been members at Zion since 2009.

THANK YOU to the Gibsons for helping with Food & Faith this month and being our 1st Spotlight Family!

You can contact Kami at 218-689-4266 with any questions or to get your family signed up!!

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP begins Today! (3rd Sunday of each month)



Come and enjoy a yummy French toast breakfast!
Breakfast will be served 10:00-11:30! Free will donation.

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



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

