

Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM
Thief River Falls, MN
Seventh Sunday of Easter - Holy Communion
May 21, 2023



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP "I Know the Plans" Senior Choir

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

***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** "Jesus Loves Me" ELW #595

Liturgy setting 10; page 203

***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.

***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.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.
Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be
drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who ¹hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive ¹ them away;**
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice ¹ before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who ¹ rides the clouds;**
I AM is that name, rejoice ¹ before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners ¹ into freedom;**
but the rebels shall live in ¹ desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched ¹ through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,**
the ¹ God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the ¹ God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful ¹ rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance ¹ when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their ¹ home in it;**
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision ¹ for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms ¹ of the earth;
sing praises ¹ to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ¹ ancient heavens;**
you send forth your voice, your ¹ mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is ¹ in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O ¹ God of Israel,**
giving strength and power to your people! ¹ Blessed be 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: John 17:1-11

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: The Gospel of our Lord...

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW #705

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of Riker Emmett Jacobs, son of Dana & Nic Jacobs

Riker's sponsors are

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of the saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who is presented to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Parents: *Riker Emmett*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The child is Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray...God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Riker Emmett the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Riker Emmett, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Parents, Sponsors, People of God, as Riker Emmett has been here baptized, you are now entrusted with these responsibilities: you should faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant in his Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life unto the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so say, I do.

The candle is lit

Jesus says in Matthew 5:

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house." In the same way, Riker Emmett, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome our brother in Christ.

We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

***SHARING OF PEACE**

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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING *Ushers will bring the plates forward at this time.*

OFFERTORY ELW #184 *“Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord...”*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather the harvest from the seeds that were sown,

That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer,

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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**

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

We are delighted to recognize high school graduates in our worship service today. It is our privilege to affirm these members of our congregation who have completed one phase of their lives and move with great expectations onto another.

Today we honor....

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| Gracie Anderson | Mandi Coltum | Zach Lubitz |
| Keegan Bennitt | Caitlynn Ellison | Jonah Lunsetter |
| Evan Bregier | Dru Harbott | Megan Peterson |
| Megan Brevik | Wyatt Johnson | Kendal Rantanen |

Graduates are invited to come forward as their names are called

As you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in faith, and of your calling to live among God’s faithful people.

Let us pray... Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones your beloved sons and daughters will have attained as they graduate. Increase in them faith and trust in you knowing your love and care. Grant them peace and gracious mercy through all the ways they are lead through the twists and turns of life. May they know your presence through all the experiences they encounter. You have called them by name. They belong to you. Protect them, lead them, guide and keep them through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parents stand

Bless also their parents who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence. Give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters who follow where you lead. Give them peace trusting that your promise of faithfulness will never depart from their children as they venture onto a path that is unseen. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people stand. All are invited to raise a hand of blessing over the graduates.

**C Go out into the world in peace;
 be of good courage;
 hold to what is good;
 return no one evil for evil;
 strengthen the faint-hearted;
 support the weak;
 help the suffering;
 honor all people;
 love and serve our God,
 rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 Let your light shine before others
 that they may see your good works
 and glorify your father in heaven. **Amen.****

SENDING

Father in Heaven for Jesus sake, stir up in you the gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirm your faith, guide your lives, empower you in your serving, give you patience in suffering, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Earth and All Stars”

ELW 731

DISMISSAL

Go into the world knowing Jesus Christ and making him known.
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 LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp Pianist: Laura Rude Organist: Marie Longo Reader: Glenice Johnson
Greeters: Rodney & Sandy Knutson, Dawson Colden, Nora Fay, Sienna Gregerson
Ushers: Dale Svensgaard, Dick Haugen Acolytes: Zander Olson, Gracie Jensen
Communion assistants: Vivian Knutson, Patty Schob

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



Riker Emmett Jacobs, son of Dana & Nic Jacobs

Sponsors are Derek & Elizabeth Jacobs, Micah & Bailey Ranum

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 Joyce Swenson by her children & grandchildren.

ZION'S WEBSITE for May is sponsored by Zion memorials

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

SARAH CIRCLE will meet Wed., May 24 at 1:30 in the church lounge.

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

May 8-14 income: \$7,425.

May 1-14 income: \$ 15,910. Electronic sign donations \$17,201.96

2023 Budget \$340,444. \$6,547. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING forms are in the wall rack by the office door. You can also set up contributions thru the link on Zion's website, or contact 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. *Thank you to all who have directed dollars!*

THE GROCERIES TO GO & HANDYMAN PROGRAMS are available through our church. If you need this service or would like to be a volunteer for grocery delivery, call the church office at 218-681-3296 and Darlene will get back to you.

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge. For more info or to sign up please contact Lutheran Social Service at 866-787-9802.

PARISH HEALTH - Small conversations can make a big difference. Children are more likely to avoid drinking when they have strong trusting relationships with their parents. Sitting down for the “big talk” about alcohol can be intimidating for both you and your child. Try using everyday opportunities to talk-in the car, during dinner, or while you and your child are watching TV. Having lots of little talks takes the pressure off trying to get all of the information out in one lengthy discussion, and your child will be less likely to tune you out. Take the time to discuss your beliefs and opinions about alcohol with your child. Be honest and express a clear, consistent message that underage drinking is unacceptable. When they feel that you’re being honest with them, they’ll be more likely to respect your rules about underage drinking. It’s also important to hear their point of view. Give your child the opportunity to ask you questions, and listen to what they have to say. Children who have parents that listen to their feelings and concerns are most likely to say “no” to alcohol. In addition to talking often with your child about alcohol, it’s important to set a good example. If you choose to drink, you can positively influence your child by **NEVER** driving when you’ve been drinking. Be aware of where you keep your alcohol, and always remind your child that alcohol in you house is off-limits.

Happy Spring...May God’s Blessings spring forth in your life. Parish Health



Muffin Makers: Thank you for providing treats for Coffee Fellowship! (proceeds go to youth program)
(Please bring 2 dozen baked goods to the fellowship hall on or before Sunday morning.)

May 28: Zac & Jenna Svir, Zach & Chelsey Bladow, Zach & Kelsey Johnson

SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School led by Pathways Staff will be held August 6-10th.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP May 21st

Check out the Youth Bulletin Board for information on **Pathways Bible Camp** and the **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering** July 16-20 in New Orleans.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, May 21:

SENIOR RECOGNITION

9 Zion Holy Communion Worship/ Baptism

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Food & Fellowship

11 Silver Creek Worship

12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, May 22:

9 SAIL Exercise

Tuesday, May 23:

9-1 Faith Community Nurse Office hours

12 Pastor's Text Study

10:30 Bereavement Group

1:30 Communion at TRCC

2:30 Communion at Greenleaf

Wednesday, May 24:

10-3 Staff meeting

1:30 Sarah Circle in lounge

Thursday, May 25:

9 SAIL Exercise

2:00-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge

Friday, May 26:

8:00 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Next Sunday, May 28: Pentecost

9:00 Zion Worship/

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10:30 Silver Creek Worship

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