

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
Season of Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship
August 27, 2023

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

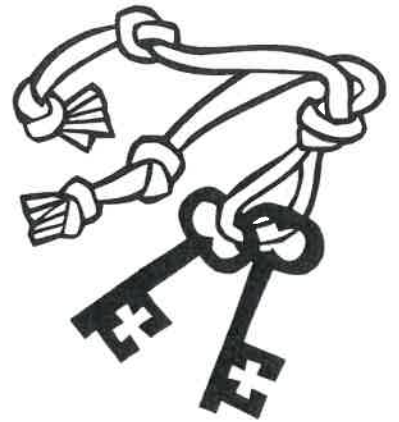
Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Song "Jesus Loves Me" ELW # 595



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

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out

and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, Word of Life...Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save
me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day “Built on a Rock” ELW #652

Apostle’s Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

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, 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.**

Sending

Blessing

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to
live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Sending Song “Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” ELW #545

Dismissal

Go into the world knowing Christ and making Christ known. **Thanks be to God.**

Post-service Music

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD EXTENDS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING. 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

Greeters: Ushers:

Reader: Charlie Cornell

OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.

Especially: Leon Johnson, Sally Mumm, Barry Fellman

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 Debbie Osborne by Floyd & Janis Jesme.

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

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

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP at 6:15 PM. Supper served at 5:30 PM

WELCA Ladies: We are hosting the NW MN Synodical Women's Convention here at Zion on Sept. 9. We would like to have someone attend as our voting delegate and the deadline for that registration is Aug. 1. If you are interested in being our representative, please call Glenice at 681-4472. Or you might be interested to attend as a non-voting delegates with registration due by Sept. 1.

LSS Group Respite is a great place to bring your loved one to enjoy playing cards, bingo and reminiscing to their favorite music. Volunteers are also needed to socialize over coffee and interactive videos during Group Respite. Please contact Debi Retzlaff at 218.593.1333 or email at debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org for more information. Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

August 1-20 Offerings \$12,558

August 14-20 Offerings \$5,281

Weekly Goal: \$6,547.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING –Sign up available on Zion's website or contact the church office.

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PARISH HEALTH - Meditation is a great thing to learn and practice and this King James Bible app used that idea for the daily verse. Frances Taylor is the author of the explanation of the verses and does an amazing job of doing so. Here it is....

Nothing Can Separate Us From the Love of Christ! Romans 8:35,37-39

When I am going through a difficult time, and God feels far away, I remember this passage from Paul's letter to the Romans. Nothing, nothing can separate me from the love of Christ! Those are the days when I use one of my favorite meditations. I picture myself sitting on a bench watching the ocean and Jesus is sitting next to me with his arm around my shoulders giving me comfort. We don't have to speak because his presence is all that I need. This especially has come to mind when someone I loved has died. Just knowing that Jesus has earned salvation for us gives me confidence that we will be together again in heaven. I don't care what life throws at me; I have faith in his words and promises. Meditating on his words and promises brings me peace. If you have never tried to meditate, I encourage you to do so. First find yourself a quiet place to sit and allow yourself about ten to fifteen minutes. Once you are seated, quiet your mind, but don't try to block out sounds. Breathe deeply and relax your body. Once you are comfortable, close your eyes and imagine Jesus is sitting next to you. You can tell him anything, ask him anything, or just enjoy being in his presence as you would enjoy being with someone you love. You will know when it is time for you to return to your day or evening, but the feeling of being with Jesus will stay with you. I practiced meditation with my high school students and on stressful days, they always asked if we could begin the class with meditation. Once you learn the technique, you can use it in any time of stress. Find a Scripture passage that you love, and use that if you want. Anything that reminds us of Christ's presence brings us peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, your love will always be with us, and we are grateful. AMEN
God's Blessing and Peace...Parish Health

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, August 27:

9:00 Zion Worship
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Coffee fellowship in lounge
10:30 Silver Creek Worship
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, August 28:

9 Sail Exercise Group

Tuesday, August 29:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours
1:30 Parish Health

Thursday, August 31:

9 SAIL Exercise
2:00-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge

Next Sunday, Sept. 3:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Coffee fellowship in lounge
10:30 Silver Creek Worship
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Sept.4 - Labor Day - Offices closed

Office Hours M-F 8am-4pm