

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
Season of Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship
June 25, 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.



PEACE

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

Gathering Song "Oceans" printed in back pages

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.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,

and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy

from the hands of evildoers. Word of God, Word of Life...**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to ¹ my own kindred,
an alien to my ¹ mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰**I humbled my- ¹ self with fasting,
but that was turned to ¹ my reproach.**

¹¹I put on ¹ sackcloth also,
and became a by- ¹ word among them.

¹²**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make ¹ songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have ¹ set, O LORD:
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- ¹ failing help.

¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not ¹ let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of ¹ the deep waters.**

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its ¹ mouth upon me.

¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your ¹ love is kind;
in your great compassion, ¹ turn to me.**

¹⁷Hide not your face ¹ from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am ¹ in distress.

¹⁸**Draw near to me ¹ and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Word of God, Word of Life...**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and

follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day “Amazing Love” *printed in back pages*

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 “Shout to the Lord” ELW #821

Dismissal Go into the world knowing Christ and making Him known. **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 LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp Pianist: Laura Rude Organist: Marie Longo
Greeters: Glenice Johnson & Lauren Johnson Reader: Kaylynn Wold
Ushers: Leann Nelson & Don Sollom

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 Vernon & Lillian Kees by Vivian Knutson

ZION'S WEBSITE for June is sponsored by Zion Memorials.

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

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

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

June 12-18 income: \$6,679.

June 1-18 income: \$13,307. Electronic sign donations \$20,201.

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.

Vacation Bible School - "Wholly Loved" Theme Verse: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Revelation 22:13

August 6th-10th 9:00-3:00 open to all youth grades K-6.

\$20 per youth, max \$50/family. If you are in need of assistance with funds for registration please contact the church office. **Registration deadline Friday, July 14th.**

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PARISH HEALTH -

WE ARE NOT ALONE. God is with us, loving Father who will never leave us alone. John 16: 32-33

There are times in everyone's life when we feel alone. Teenagers often feel alone thinking their parents don't understand them, they don't fit in with the popular crowd in school, or they aren't not sure they even like themselves. The elderly can feel alone when they have lost many of their friends; they may have lost a spouse or child. They may have had to sell their home or had to move into a nursing home far from family.

Young mothers can feel alone, unsure of their ability to cope with a newborn and without the stimulation of adult conversation. When all the children have left the home, the parents often feel alone, wondering who they are now when their parenting days are over. Retirees often have a sense of loss of identity. When tragedy strikes, we can even feel abandoned by God. Jesus is speaking to the apostles in this passage knowing that they will abandon him and scatter in fear, leaving him alone. However, he is also telling them that he is not alone; the Father is with him and will not abandon him. Even when he quotes Psalm 22 while he hangs on the cross, he is stating his firm belief that he is not alone, his Father who has been with him all along, is with him even then. It is the same with us. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is with us, a loving Father who will never leave us alone. The verse Isaiah 49 let's us know that "Though a mother may forget her child I will not abandon you." If we are feeling alone, turn to the Lord. Close your eyes, sit in a favorite chair, picture the Father's presence beside you and breathe in his love.

Taken from King James Bible App.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, June 25:

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

Monday, June 26:

9 SAIL exercise

Tuesday, June 27:

9-1 Faith Community Nurse Office hours
11-1 RSVP meeting in Patio Room
1:30 TRCC Holy Communion
2:30 Oakland Park Holy Communion

Wednesday, June 28:

5:30 Supper
6:15 Worship

Thursday, June 29:

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

Friday, June 30:

Church offices closed

Next Sunday, July 2:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship/
Baptism; Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Coffee fellowship in lounge
No Silver Creek Worship
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37