

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Thief River Falls, MN

Season of Pentecost

Holy Communion Setting Eight

October 1, 2023 9:00 AM



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## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** "I Thank You Lord" 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**GATHERING SONG** "You Are Holy" ELW # 525 sing 2x

## \*GREETING

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.**

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends,  
we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ,  
whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Pauline Helgeland  
Ashley Holtan  
Bailey Ranum  
Mike Swenson

Kramer Dybedahl  
Jared, Stephanie, Isabel & Jack Kainz  
Tim, Kirsten, Joseph & Joshua Michalke  
Kevin & Barb Bohm

## \*SHARING OF PEACE

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

**\*KYRIE** (p. 184) *(sung) [Kyrie eleison means Lord, have mercy]*

**Refrain:** Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace  
to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way  
of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

*Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

<sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.

<sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>To <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD, I lift <sup>1</sup>up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be <sup>1</sup>put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph <sup>1</sup>over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be <sup>1</sup>put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame <sup>1</sup>who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your <sup>1</sup>ways, O LORD, and teach <sup>1</sup>me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>1</sup>truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all <sup>1</sup>the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from <sup>1</sup>everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,  
O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>**You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.**

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13**

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the  
earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Fa-  
ther.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but  
much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it  
is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 188)**

Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia...

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority  
is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel...

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

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as  
he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you  
this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the an-  
swer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John  
come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say,  
'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of hu-  
man origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered  
Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am  
doing these things. <sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said,  
'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his  
mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir';  
but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus  
said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom  
of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not be-  
lieve him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it,  
you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

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

**SERMON** PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" ELW #656

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **receive our prayer.**

## **\*APOSTLES 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**

**\*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.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** *(Ushers will guide you forward)*

## **\*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.**

**\*BLESSING** Response: **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG** “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ELW #618

**\*DISMISSAL** Go into the world knowing Christ and making him known.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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   Reader: Kami Spears  
Greeters: Durelle & Junelle Storhaug   Ushers: Charlie & Kittie Cornell  
Communion assistants: Sharon Wagner, David Lee

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE** This morning we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. We receive the gift of bread and wine, of Christ's body and blood "for you", in faith, trusting that in this meal our Lord forgives us our sins, renews us in faith and leads us into new life. Upon hearing the words, "Body of Christ, given for you," and "Blood of Christ, shed for you," it is appropriate to respond "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." It is also perfectly appropriate to smile a joyful smile, as this bread and wine are amazing gifts. Some Christians make the sign of the cross before and/or after receiving the bread and wine, as a sign of blessing and remembrance of their baptism. The ushers will direct you down the center aisle. After you receive the bread and wine, you will return on the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available from the servers. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please let the ushers know and the meal will be brought to you. At Zion we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first, second and third Sundays of each month.

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

**Especially:** Those under a doctor's care, those who grieve, and all who are moving through a challenging season. Families of Randy Bruggeman, and Lylian Richards.

**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.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Zion Memorials.

**ZION'S WEBSITE** for October is sponsored by Zion Memorials

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

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:** Pauline Helgeland, Mike Swenson, Ashley Holtan, Bailey Ranum, Kramer Dybedahl, Jared, Stephanie, Isabel & Jack Kainz, Kevin & Barb Bohm Tim, Kirsten, Joseph & Joshua Michalke.

**CHILI/SOUP COOK OFF & Vikings vs. Chiefs Tailgate Party October 8th at 3:00 PM.**

All are welcome! **Please Sign up if you are bringing chili/soup**

- Bring your taste buds or Chili/Soup for the cook off or both!
- Your favorite lawn chair to sit and enjoy the game.
- Games to play during the game or with your kids
- Dress in team spirit

**Thank you to the September Sharing Servants!** You are awesome! We appreciate all you do!  
*From Trudy Wold and Cammy Joppru*

**Lutheran World Relief Kits Display in the Narthex** - Check out examples of the various kits and quilts that are made or assembled by WELCA each year for nation-wide and foreign distribution. Last year Zion sent 22 quilts, 84 baby care kits, 332 personal care kits and 59 school kits. Beside each sample kit is a list of items that are included. Contributions of kit items, Thrivent cards to purchase them, or monetary donations for shipping are always welcome. Quilters and kit assemblers usually meet the first and third Thursdays of each month and welcome anyone interested in helping with this ministry.

**CARPET REPLACEMENT** You are invited to consider a special gift toward carpet replacement in the hallways and stairways in the sanctuary and main levels of the building. The Parish Planning Council approved a bid for \$25,002.61 from Paint and Glass for materials and labor. We ask your prayerful consideration for monies to support this project. If you would like to contribute, please indicate so with "carpet" in the memo of your check. The Council will finalize funding from your contributions and existing funds at the October 17 meeting. Thank you for all the ways you bless our work and witness together to know Christ and make him known!

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!**

Sept 18-24 offerings: \$2,558.      Sept 1-24 Offerings \$23,173.      Weekly Goal: \$6,547.  
Noisy Offering Sept 10 - \$228.71      Sept.24—\$224.50

**VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING** –Sign up available 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!*

**SPAGHETTI DINNER Benefit for Hospice** Monday, Oct. 2nd from 5-7 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Free will donation.

**Bethany Lutheran Smorgasbord** (Red Lake Falls) Sunday, Oct. 15th from 11:30-2:30 Menu: Swedish meatballs, gravy, mashed potatoes, lutefisk casserole, sot suppe, flatbrod, lefse, rommegrot and more!  
Adults \$15, children under 12 \$5

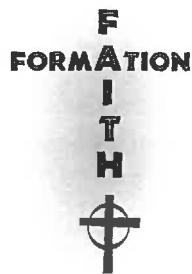
**LSS Group Respite** is a great place to bring your loved one to enjoy playing cards, bingo and reminiscing to their favorite music. Volunteers are also needed to socialize over coffee and interactive videos during Group Respite. Please contact Debi Retzlaff at 218.593.1333 or email at [debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org](mailto:debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org)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

Jennifer Messelt, a Grief Specialist, from Red River Valley Hospice will be putting on a free "Grief 101" class at our public library October 18th from 10:00am-12:00pm. However, registration IS required to attend. Flyers are up on our bulletins boards for more information. You may visit [bit.ly/griefclassregistration](http://bit.ly/griefclassregistration) or call 800-237-4629 to register. She is an excellent presenter, hope to see you there!

**PARISH HEALTH** - This is an alarming statistic: Every day 44 kids are hit by a car while walking in the United States. That's 16,000 kids hurt every year. Parents know to teach young children to look left, right, left before crossing the street, but that's really just the beginning. Older kids are walking on their own, crossing unfamiliar streets and are walking when it's dark, so they need to know how to take extra precautions.

5 tips every parent needs them to know, and needs to teach their children to help keep them safe while walking.

1. Teach kids at an early age to look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Then remind them to continue looking until safely across.
2. Teach kids to put phones, headphones and devices down when crossing the street. It is particularly important to reinforce this message with teenagers.
3. It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
4. Children under 10 need to cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10.
5. If kids are walking when it's dark out, teach them to be especially alert and make sure they are visible to drivers. Have them wear light or brightly colored clothing and reflective gear. All simple tips that could make a big difference to prevent injuries.—Enjoy the new season! God's Blessing's and Peace...Parish Health



**Sunday School**— age 3 thru Grade 5 from 10-11 AM

**Cornerstone Kids**—Grade 6 & 7 meet from 10-11 in the youth room.

**2nd Grade Bible Class** will be held during Sunday School on October 1st & 8th. Bibles will be presented during worship on October 15th.

**Confirmation News:**

A Student & Parent Meeting will be held on Wed., October 4th at 7PM for Grades 8-10.

**11th Grade Retreat TODAY** October 1st from 1-5PM at Zion.

**Confirmation Day** is October 29th.

**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP** - Join us for breakfast served after worship on Sunday, October 15th.



Free-will donation goes to youth programming.

**October breakfast will be served by 10th Grade students**

**HAUNTED WOODS** Youth Event October 7th Grades 6-12. Pizza at 6:30 then off to the woods. \$20 per person. Contact Kami for a sign up link.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**Today: Sunday, October 1:**

9:00 Zion Holy communion worship/Sr Choir

**Reception of New Members**

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids

10 Coffee fellowship

11 Silver Creek Worship

12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

1PM 11th Grade Confirmation Retreat

**Monday, Oct 2:**

9 SAIL exercise

**Tuesday, Oct 3:**

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours

**5:30 ALL Boards Meeting**

**Wednesday, Oct 4:**

6 God's Joy Choir

6 Confirmation Leaders meeting

7 Senior Choir

**7 Gr. 8-10 Student/Parent Conf. meeting**

**Thursday, Oct 5:**

9 SAIL Exercise

9 Bible Study meeting

10 Prayer Shawl ministry

1 Quilting

2:00-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge

**Friday, Oct. 6:**

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

**Next Sunday, October 8:**

9:00 Zion worship/

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids

10 November Sharing Servants meeting

10 Coffee fellowship

11 Silver Creek Worship

12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

3:00 Chili/Soup Cook Off Tailgate Family Event