

Zion Lutheran Church  
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship  
Season of Pentecost  
Rally Sunday

9:00 AM Worship  
September 10, 2023

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship "Come All You People" #819

### Gathering

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.****

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

Song "Oceans" printed in back



**Welcome Little Lambs**—3 years old beginning Sunday School - Please come forward at this time to receive a pin.

Navy Beito, John Besserud, Brooks Dowers, Kramer Dybedahl, Addison Henningsen, Axel Huttleston, Mason Jacobs, Henrik Johnson, Seth Klamar, Zoey Lee, Layla Mansk, Bryslee Opdahl, Ava Przybylski, Jaxen Schneider, Brooks Thompson

### **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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Word**

#### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? *Word of God, Word of Life... Thanks be to God.*

#### **PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40**

<sup>33</sup>**Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.**

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>**Lead me in the path of your commandments,**

for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**Song** “Jesus Loves Me” ELW #595

### **Kid’s Time**

**Noisy Offering** will go to Lutheran Disaster Response for US Wildfires

**Song** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW #172

## **Gospel of Matthew 18:15-20**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to

listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

## **Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp**

**Hymn of the Day** “I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light” ELW #815

## **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.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**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** Leader: Gracious God, Response: **Your mercy is great.**

## **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.**

## **Holy Communion**

**Sending Song** “Shout to the Lord” ELW #821 (3 times)

## **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: Cookie Overbye, Larry & Audrey Korpi                      Ushers: Joppru Family  
Reader: Denny Minks                      Communion assistants: Ruth Ostby, Sharon Wagner

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**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.

**Blessing of the Backpacks and Kid's Time** All children and youth are invited to come forward during the Kid's Time. You may bring it forward if you have it with you. We will pray for joy to surround our children in the months ahead. Adults who have a work bag to be included in the blessing as well. Don't worry, if you don't have your bag with you, you will be included!

**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.

**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 September is sponsored by Zion Memorials

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

**Today We Welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:** (at Silver Creek)



Elijah David Erickson, son of Michael & Teagan Erickson.  
Sponsors are Shay & Jenna Erickson and Trent & Katie Nelson

**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.

**Choirs will begin on September 13th**— God's Joy choir (youth) at 6pm and Senior Choir at 7pm. If you would like more information about choirs please contact Laura Rude.

**New Member Sunday, October 1st.** If you are interested in membership at this time please contact the church office.

**Sharing Servant Booklets** - updated Sharing Servant books are available to pick up in the narthex.

**Home Communion**—Anyone in need of home communion, please contact the church office.

**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. October time will change to 12-4PM.

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

August 1-31 Offerings \$21,908.14      August Sept 1-3: Offerings \$8,132.      Weekly Goal: \$6,547.

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

**Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars**<sup>®</sup> 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!*

**PARISH HEALTH** - The following was a bulletin note in February but I wanted to repeat it as September observes a Prostate Cancer Awareness week.....The American Cancer Society has released concerning updates about prostate cancer.

After a 20-year decline in cases, the past few years show a 4.5% increase of advanced stages of the disease. This is thought to be to a decrease testing for it. Other than skin cancer prostate cancer is the most common cancer in American men. About 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with it during their lifetime. About 6 in 10 are 65 or older and it is rare under 40. The average age is 66 years old. About 1 man in 41 will die from it.

Though it is a serious disease, most men diagnosed with prostate cancer do not die from it. The cancer can grow and spread quickly but most grow slowly. Early detection for it can be lifesaving! The Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test is not a perfect test to find prostate cancer but it's a good start. Many other more specific tests are available if the PSA is elevated.

Symptoms of an enlarged prostate are slowing or difficulty urinating with or without pain and nighttime and frequency with urination. If present, these symptoms can be successfully treated with medication and a PSA test will probably follow. If that is elevated, a prostate work-up will be done. An ultrasound, MRI, or prostate biopsy could be included if cancer is suspected. A PSA test is often routinely included with annual physicals at an appropriate age but if not done....ASK FOR IT!

New Prostate Cancer Screening Guidelines are...

- 1) Men who are at average risk of prostate cancer, age 50.
- 2) African Americans and men with some family history, age 45.
- 3) Men with 2 or more immediate family members with it, age 40.

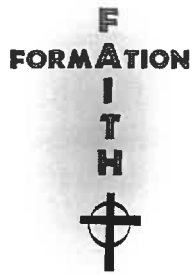
If you have not had your annual physical yet it is time to schedule it. It's incredibly important to be proactive and PREVENT preventable illnesses. Make your appointment soon!

We are encouraged to attend to our faith and body because, "... listen closely to my words. Keep them in your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body." Pr. 4:20-22  
-God's Blessings and Peace, Parish Health

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**Sunday School resumes TODAY!** Little Lambs (3 years old) will receive pins during worship. Blessing of Backpacks will also take place during worship. If your child is new to Zion please contact Amber Holtan or the church office so we can add the student(s) to our class lists and mailing lists.

**Confirmation information:**

Wed., Sept 13th 6:30 PM -Orientation meeting for 11th Grade Confirmation students & Parents

Watch for upcoming information on meetings & start dates for 8-10 grade Confirmation.

**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP** - Join us for breakfast served after worship on Sunday, Sept., 17th.



Free-will donation goes to youth programming.

September breakfast will be served by the 11th Grade Students & parents.

**Noisy Offering for September** will go to Lutheran Disaster Response for US Wildfires.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**Today: Sunday, 10: Rally Day**

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship/ Little Lamb pins /Blessing of Backpacks/ Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF  
10 Blood Pressure screen in lounge  
10 October Sharing Servants in lounge  
10 Coffee fellowship in fellowship hall  
11 Silver Creek Worship; Erickson Baptism  
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

**Monday, Sept 11:**

9 SAIL exercise

**Tuesday, Sept. 12:**

No Faith Community Nurse Hours today

**Wednesday, Sept. 13:**

6 - God's Joy Choir  
6:30 11th Grade Youth & Parent meeting/ Confirmation orientation  
7 Senior Choir

**Thursday, Sept. 14:**

9 SAIL Exercise  
10 **Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
2:00-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge

**Fri., Sept. 15:**

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

**Next Sunday, Sept. 17:**

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship/ Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF  
10 Coffee fellowship  
11 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship  
12 Silver Creek Council meeting  
1 Rupprecht Baptism at Silver Creek  
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37