

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
Season of Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship
October 22, 2023

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship - Cornerstone Kids

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who calls and gathers us.

Amen.

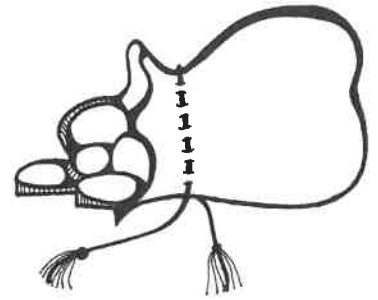
Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

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 forgiven.
Amen.

Song "Here I Am, Lord" ELW #574



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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things. *Word of God, Word of Life...Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-13

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!**

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples
with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that ^l is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom

he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.
Word of God, Word of Life...Thanks be to God.

Song “Jesus Loves Me” ELW #595

Kid’s Time

Noisy Offering will go to Operation Christmas Child

Song “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW #172

GOSPEL of Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God’s people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day “Borning Cry” ELW # 732

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of Kollyns Dawn Joppru, daughter of Jacob & Brittany Joppru

Her sponsors are Dominic Kruse, Andrew Johnson, and Brittany Kasprick

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: *Kollyns Dawn*

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 Kollyns Dawn the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Kollyns Dawn, 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 Kollyns Dawn has been here baptized, you are now entrusted with these responsibilities: you should faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant in her 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, Kollyns Dawn, 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 sister 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 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: **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 Song "Shout to the North" printed

Dismissal

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

Post-service Music

SHOUT TO THE NORTH

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus:

Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of Heaven and Earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love - **Chorus**

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly **Chorus**

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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: Kaylynn Wold

Greeters: Dale & Erica Opdahl, Sophia Tougas Ushers: Russell & Eileen Rhen

Acolytes: Kayla Peterson, Connor Hart

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. The family of Eunice Wiskow.

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

Kollyns Dawn Joppru, daughter of Jacob & Brooklyn Joppru. Her sponsors are Dominic Kruse, Andrew Johnson, and Brittany Kasprick

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 by Leon Johnson in memory of Karen Johnson.

ZION'S WEBSITE for October is sponsored by Zion Memorials

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

CHURCH DIRECTORIES - are available to pick up in the narthex before and after worship today. If you had a picture taken you will receive a directory. New members may also pick up a directory.

SARAH CIRCLE meets Wed., Oct 25th at 1:30 PM in the lounge. Theresa Hagman, hostess.

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 project is delayed as Paint & Glass is waiting for carpet from an inprocess dye lot.* 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!

Oct 9-15 Offerings: \$3,487. October 1-15 Offerings: \$13,508. Weekly Goal: \$6,547.

Carpet donations thru Oct. 15: \$6,100.

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!*

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, 12:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

Handy Hands - RSVP has not been able to utilize their **Handy Hands** program due to lack of volunteers. It's a great program and very much appreciated by the elderly who cannot do some of these minor things themselves. It's mission is to assist people age 60+ to remain safely and independently in their homes for as long as possible.

Parish Health has had 2 requests for this service in the past year that unfortunately couldn't be granted. We could utilize their idea and provide assistance to only our members if we could get some volunteers to help. Couple volunteers is an option too! Volunteers assist with small home repairs and maintenance projects and will know what is requested of them before making the repair visit.

Often it's a small request such as changing a light bulbs, checking on a broken recliner, securing something loose, repair a leaky faucet, fixing a smoke alarm, or maybe installing simple home safety equipment that can reduce falls. The home owner pays for all the material costs.

There's only one glitch here....**we NEED volunteers**. Please consider volunteering your services to help our elderly if needed. You can always decline a request if not comfortable with your skill level or the time it requires. It's a great feeling to help others, especially elderly, and it'll probably just **MAKE YOUR DAY!** *Let me know if you are interested. Thank you! Darlene Wiseth, FCN*

PARISH HEALTH Notes- It seems as though everyone is busy these days with little time to sit down for meals. However, eating as a family is important. Having meals together and dinnertime conversations help keep lines of communication open between everyone and helps your family bonding.

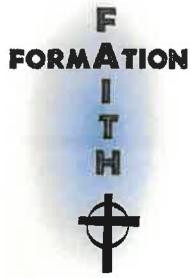
Keeping dinnertime conversation flowing can be done by...

- ▶ Asking open-ended questions. Ask questions like "Tell me about what you did at recess today," instead of questions like "How was your day today?" Open-ended questions get conversations started and could then lead to other topics.
- ▶ Don't interrupt. Be patient and attentive while your child is answering your questions. Avoid interrupting, as this may discourage the flow of his or her thoughts and stifle conversation.
- ▶ Reflect back. Use comments like "It sounds like you had a lot of fun today," or "That sounds like that made you really upset." These types of responses let your child know that you heard what was being said and you are paying attention and connecting with him or her in the conversation.
- ▶ Share your opinion, but don't lecture. Lecturing tones can make mealtime conversation tense, and your child may stop conversing with you at mealtime and altogether on a specific topic.
- ▶ Be prepared. Have a list of questions and conversation starters written down on a piece of paper, and ask a couple of them at dinner each night.
- ▶ Allow your child to ask questions as well.
- ▶ Share family memories and stories. Reminisce about good memories. This always gets the whole family laughing and smiling.
- ▶ Get rid of distractions. Turn off the TV, and leave your cell phones in a different room.

Don't force children to talk. If you feel there is something going on that you need to learn more about, save that for a private conversation at a later time.

These tips can help your family get to know each other better. If dinnertime doesn't work try breakfast. Whatever works best for your family is what is best. **ENJOY YOUR MEAL!**

Praying for your success with more conversational meals....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.

Cornerstone Kids sing in church October 22

NOISY OFFERING for October will go to **Operation Christmas Child**

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Confirmation Classes Gr. 8-10 6:00 PM

Classes resume Oct 25

Meals served at 5:15

All meals \$5.00 include breadstick or fruit or vege, pop or water and dessert

Oct 25: BBQ's & Tator Tots

Nov 1: Chicken Alfredo

Nov 8 Tater Tot Hotdish

11th Grade Confirmation Pictures & Rehearsal: Wed Oct 25 at 4:45 PM

Confirmation Banquet October 28th at 6PM

Confirmation Day for 11th Grade 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

God's Creation Calendars - 2024 Calendars are available. \$8.00 each.



It's that time of year again! **Operation Christmas Child** is in full swing! I would like to encourage everyone to help fill at least one box! Or if you would like to donate items you can do that also! There are drop off boxes throughout the church for your items. Monetary donations are also welcomed to help with shipping cost, or we can use the money to buy items to fill more boxes. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift.

Gift Suggestions:

TOYS or a “WOW” item: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring, and picture books, etc.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.), Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.) blanket, non-liquid lip balm, nail clipper and file, etc.

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES: t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES: Puzzles, Binoculars, Compass, Chalkboard, and chalk, Sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and ribbon, Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger, Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool (Do not include gardening seeds.), Playing cards, Skipping rope/Jump rope

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Shoe boxes are available in the west hallway. We will also have totes for you to drop off your donations.

**We ask that all shoe boxes be brought back to the church
by Tuesday, November 14th.**

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, October 22:

9:00 Zion worship/Baptism/ Cornerstone Kids Sing

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids

10 Coffee fellowship

11 Silver Creek Worship

12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Oct 23:

9 SAIL exercise

5-7 Kiwanis Autumn Gathering in fellowship hall

Den meeting

Tuesday, Oct 24:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours

No Bereavement Group today

Noon Pastors Text study

1:30 TRCC communion

2:30 Oakland Park communion

Wednesday, Oct 25:

9 Bible Study in lounge

1:30 Sarah Circle in lounge

4:45 11th Gr. Confirmation pictures/Rehearsal

5:15 Confirmation supper

6 Confirmation Classes

6 God's Joy Choir

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Oct 26:

9 SAIL Exercise

12:30-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge

Friday, Oct. 27:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Saturday, Oct. 28:

4 Wedding at Silver Creek

6 Confirmation Banquet

Next Sunday, October 29:

9:00 Zion worship/Baptism/Confirmation/ Sr Choir

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids

10 Coffee fellowship

No Silver Creek Worship

12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37