

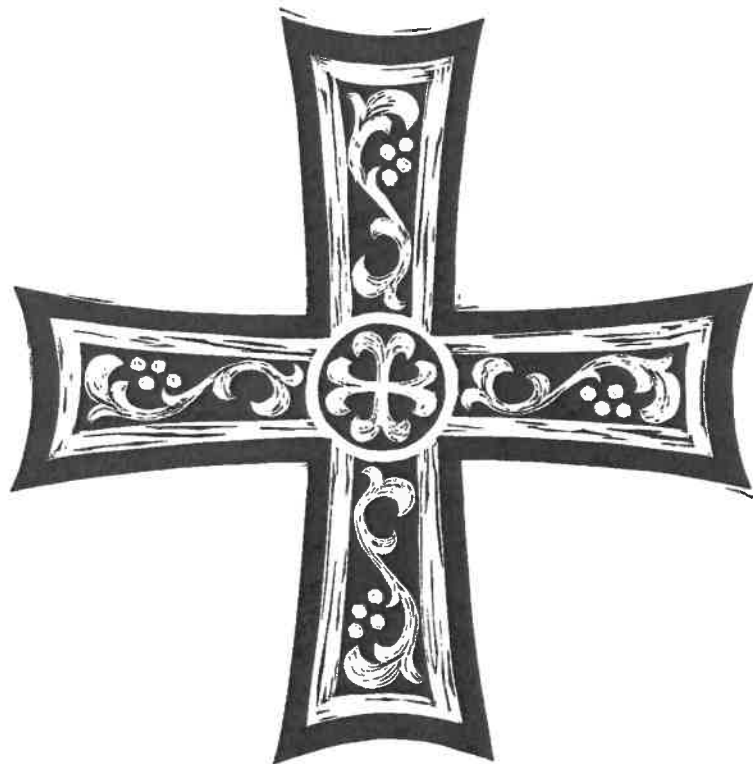
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Thief River Falls, MN

Season of Pentecost

Holy Communion Setting Eight

October 15, 2023 9:00 AM



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Sunday School

*(*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.**

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, your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG “Change My Heart, O God” ELW # 801

*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.

***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.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

This morning we are presenting first Bibles to our 2nd Graders and to students who did not previously receive a bible. I invite the following students and their parents forward.

2nd Grade-

Rowen Blumer

Devin Gregerson

Chase Henrickson

Avery Hirst

Kyeser Klaven

Tressa Lian

Alex Longo

Tegan Norris

Crosby Olson

Noah Ranum

Adam Rwegayura

Maddie Thorlacious

Grace Wilson

3rd Grade - Lola Sorenson

4th Grade- Landon Hirst

5th Grade- Aubree Lian

Dear friends in Christ, it wasn't too long ago that many of you stood with a baby in your arms and made a promise to God on behalf of your child. On that day, you promised to faithfully bring your child to services of the Lord's house, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. You also promised to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures. Today you stand again in front of this congregation to renew and fulfill this pledge. In a world where promises are so often made to be broken, you are keeping your promises.

A reading from Deuteronomy 6:7-9. 4-5—Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

I ask you parents to present the Bible to your child. Place it in your right hand and your left hand on your child's shoulder. Repeat after me...May this Word of God, Be a lamp to your feet, And a light to your path, May the mind of God, Bring you wisdom, Beyond what I can provide, May this living Word of God, Shine in our family, In all we say and do, Today I keep my promise, To present you with the Holy Scriptures, Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Let us pray— Dear God, source of all wisdom, wonder and truth: you have given these families as a gift to each other. You have given us your Holy Word for both this life and the next. Grant your children wisdom, power, and patience to keep

their promises. May your Word keep them safe and close and together in a world that can tear families apart. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Congregation please rise, raise you hand and speak this word of blessing to these families: **May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Word of God fill your home with power, peace and promise from this day on and forevermore. Amen.**

Almighty God has given you this Holy Word—grant you the wisdom to use it well. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE SONG “Lord Let My Heart be Good Soil” ELW# 512

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM: Psalm 23 *read in unison*

¹**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³**You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your
name's sake.**

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

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

***GOSPEL: John 20:29**

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" ELW #325

INSTALLATION OF EDUCATION LEADERS

Today it is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those in the ministry of Christian Education and Faith Formation. We give thanks for:

Sunday School leaders:

Linzie Przybylski

Teagan Jensen

Gracie Jensen

Bria Scheef

Julia Rude

Lydia Walseth

Brianne Ellison

Angie Jensen

Cora Jensen

Kayla Peterson

Stephanie Walseth

Kirsten Michalke

Heather Bregier

Laura Fay

Laura Rude

Amber Holtan

Confirmation leaders:

Mike & Jodi Flaagan

Shawna Spears

Kami Spears

Desiree Bertilrud

Angie Jensen

Jamie Bakken

Stephanie Walseth

Beth Nelson

Sisters and brothers, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, as you carry out the ministry of Christian Education and Faith Formation in this congregation? *Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these your *sisters and brothers* in their service, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Let us pray: O God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide faithful teachers for your church. Bless those who serve. Help us all to study your word and engage your world, that together we may grow in knowledge and love, pursue what is good, and seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. We

give you thanks, O God, for all who respond to the call to serve in your name. Give them joy and fulfillment, care and guidance in their tasks. Help us all to give willingly and to receive thankfully the gifts of ministry, that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

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

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.

***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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Ushers will guide you forward)*

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

***SENDING SONG** “Let All Things Now Living” ELW # 881

***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: Shawna Spears
Greeters: Durelle & Junelle Storhaug, Mikkel Bertilrud Ushers: Mike & Kami Spears
Acolytes: Landen Larson, Connor Hart Communion assistants: Patty Schob, Vivian Knutson

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 Curtiss "Jake" Jacobson and Community Church International as they mourn his passing.

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 Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Family & Friends.

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.

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!

WELCA Meets on Tuesday. All women of Zion are invited to attend the monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. Join in the fellowship, refreshments and Bible study. Hostesses are Sharon Wagner and Gretchen Beito. Board meets at 9 a.m.

WELCA Fall Conference in Goodridge Oct. 21. Ladies are encouraged to attend the fall gathering at Faith Lutheran Church, Goodridge, on Sat., Oct. 21. Registration & coffee at 8:30 a.m., synod & conference announcements, and a program by TRF Quilt Guild will follow. The gathering closes after lunch. Cost is \$10. We will meet in the Zion parking lot at 8:10 a.m. to carpool.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

Oct 2-8 Offerings: \$6,084. October 1-8 Offerings: \$10,021. Weekly Goal: \$6,547.
Carpet donations thru Oct. 8: \$4,900.

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- The most well-intended condolences after the death of a loved one often suggest that time will heal the pain, that letting go is essential to moving on with your life and that the memory of the loved one will fade. Yet, significant pain may repeatedly return for many years, or even a lifetime.

The truth is, memories don't simply disappear (nor would we want them to), and letting go completely may not be possible, or even healthy. A remembrance tradition can provide a place for healthy remembering. It can provide a way to grieve and recognize the person's life and his/her impact on you, while allowing you to live your life.

Some people find a symbol, such as a gravestone or a tree planted in memory of the person, helpful for remembrance. Others may seek less tangible ways. A visit to the gravesite can be made a tradition by going on a designated date of the year. Other ways include:

- Continuing to celebrate the person's birthday.
- Creating a video of the person's life from still photos and viewing it annually.
- Designating a charity in the deceased person's name and endowing a chair or scholarship at the deceased person's alma mater; consider donating to it on an annual basis and attending the charity's annual meeting or school award presentation.
- Creating a memory book of pictures and stories about the loved one that is passed at intervals throughout the family.
- Making a regular tradition of your own creation.

Death doesn't mean you no longer have a relationship with your deceased loved one. To deny that a relationship existed, or to minimize it's importance, is to deny the part of yourself that the loved one contributed to your life. Jennifer Messelt, a Grief Specialist, from Red River Valley Hospice will be putting on a free **"Grief 101" class** at our public library this week 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 or call 800-237-4629. She is an excellent presenter, hope to see you there!

As always, God's Blessing and Peace to you . 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

2nd Grade - Bibles will be presented during worship on October 15th.

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

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Confirmation Classes Gr. 8-10 6:00 PM

No Class this week due to MEA break. 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

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, October 15:

9:00 Zion HC worship/2nd Gr. Bible Sunday/
Sunday School Sings/ Installation of Ed leaders
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids
10 Food & Fellowship
11 Silver Creek Worship
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Oct 16:

9 SAIL exercise
Den meeting

Tuesday, Oct 17:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours
9 WELCA Board
10 WELCA Meeting
Noon Pastors Text study
5:30 Zion Council

Wednesday, Oct 18:

No Confirmation—MEA
6 God's Joy Choir
7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Oct 19:

9 SAIL Exercise
12:30-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge

Friday, Oct. 20:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Saturday, Oct. 21:

8:30 WELCA Fall Gathering at Faith/Goodridge

Next 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