

**Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN**

**New Traditions Worship
Season of Pentecost**

**9:00 AM Worship
October 8, 2023**

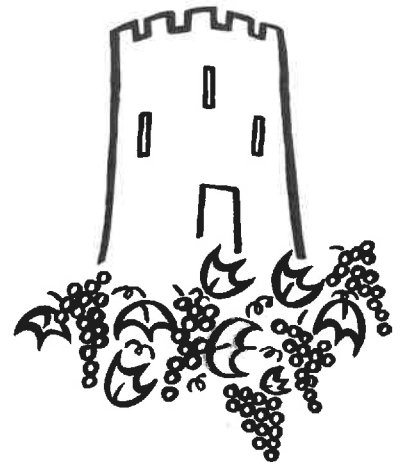
Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

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 "As the Deer" printed in back

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.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!
Word of God, Word of Life...Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

- ⁷Restore us, O ¹ God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.
- ⁸**You have brought a vine ¹ out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and ¹ planted it.**
- ⁹You cleared the ¹ ground for it;
it took root and ¹ filled the land.
- ¹⁰**The mountains were covered ¹ by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees ¹ by its boughs.**
- ¹¹You stretched out its tendrils ¹ to the sea
and its branches ¹ to the river.
- ¹²**Why have you broken ¹ down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck ¹ off its grapes?**
- ¹³The wild boar of the forest has ¹ ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have ¹ grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴**Turn now, O ¹ God of hosts,
look ¹ down from heaven;**
- ¹⁵behold and ¹ tend this vine;
preserve what your right ¹ hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining for-

ward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *Word of God, Word of Life...Thanks be to God.*

Song "Jesus Loves Me" ELW #595

Kid's Time Shawna Spears

Noisy Offering for **Operation Christmas Child**

Song "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172

GOSPEL of Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon Eric Mickelson

Hymn of the Day "In Christ Alone" printed in back

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.**

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 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” ELW #671

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 Reader: Deb Fulton
Greeters: Durelle & Junelle Storhaug Ushers: David & Karen Kirkeby
Acolytes: Landen Larson, Bria Scheef

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.
Family of Lylian Richards.

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 Duane (Swede) Peterson, Eugene (Ole) & Olive Wiskow, by Darrick & Cindy, Travis and Troy Wiskow.

ZION'S WEBSITE for October is sponsored by Zion Memorials

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

Pastor Kristin will be on "Minute Mediations" this week on KTRF radio.

CHILI/SOUP COOK OFF & Vikings vs. Chiefs Tailgate Party TODAY 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

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 1-30 offerings: \$24,000. October 1 Offerings: \$3,937. Weekly Goal: \$6,547.
Oct. 1 Carpet donations \$1,200.

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!*

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 for more information. Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

GRIEF 101—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 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

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

Sunday School sings in church October 15th

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

Cornerstone Kids sing in church October 22

2nd Grade Bible Class will be held during Sunday School on October 1st & 8th. 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 begin October 11th Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs \$5.00

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

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 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

Monday, Oct 9:

9 SAIL exercise

Den meeting

Tuesday, Oct 10:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours

Noon Pastors Text study

Wednesday, Oct 11:

5:15 Confirmation Supper

6 Confirmation Classes meet

6 God's Joy Choir

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Oct 12:

9 SAIL Exercise

2:00-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge

Friday, Oct. 13:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Next Sunday, October 15:

9:00 Zion HC worship/2nd Gr. Bible Sunday/

Sunday School Sings

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