

9:00 AM Worship
November 12, 2023

New Traditions Worship
Stewardship Sunday

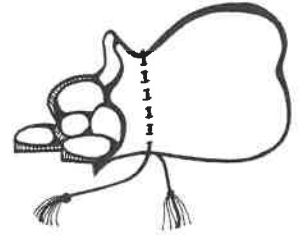
Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk– Alicia Hunt, Food Shelf

Call to Worship - God's Joy



Gathering

We are gathered in the name of God our Savior, Christ
Jesus our Redeemer, and God's Spirit the one who calls and gathers us into
the Church, the Body of Christ. **Amen.**

SONG "Give Thanks" sung 2x

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
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let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

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LITANY FOR STEWARDSHIP OF MUTUAL CARE

By: Amy Koopman (adapted for local use)

We stand now to confess all we lack in the presence of God
whose bounty abolishes need:

Oh God, we in fear we grumble in our time of need,
But your abundance and provision are sure.

Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,
But your abundance is limitless and without end.

Christ Jesus, we are prone to excluding and restraining others from your table,
But your abundance is boundless and freely offered to all.

Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,
But your abundance is infinite and lavished upon the least of these.

Divine Creator, we are torn by this world and its demands,

But your abundance is eternal and invites us to new ways.

Infinite Love, we are careless toward ourselves and one another,

But your abundance fills us to overflowing.

Reconciling Brother, we are too often selfish and proud,

But your abundance calls us to humility in mutual care.

Eternally Present One, we are wasteful daydreamers with our resources and gifts,

But your abundance instructs us to stand accountable and prepared.

Lavishing Giver, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough,

But your abundance is extravagant and excessive toward us.

Oh Christ, our King, we are stingy and reticent in our care for others,

But your abundance compels us toward unrestrained generosity.

People of God, you are beloved of God. Live into the future in grace and peace. Your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

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

Loving God in whose image we are made, by whose Word we live, and to whose comfort we will return. Make us wise and generous stewards who neither hoard nor squander our earthly gifts, but who share all we have in mutuality and solidarity with one another. Make us your hands, feet, and face in this world, that we may always remember who and whose we are. In the name of Christ and by the power of His Spirit. **Amen.**

Word

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have ¹ been our refuge
from one generation ¹ to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the ¹ earth were born,
from age to age ¹ you are God.**

³You turn us back to the ¹ dust and say,
“Turn back, O child- ¹ ren of earth.”

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when ¹ it is past
and like a watch ¹ in the night; R**

⁵you sweep them away ¹ like a dream,
they fade away suddenly ¹ like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is ¹ green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried ¹ up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed ¹ by your anger;

we are afraid because ¹ of your wrath.
⁸Our iniquities you have ¹ set before you,
and our secret sins in the light ¹ of your countenance.
⁹When you are angry, all our ¹ days are gone;
we bring our years to an end ¹ like a sigh.
¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength ¹ even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and ¹ we are gone.
¹¹Who regards the power ¹ of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your ¹ indignation?
¹²So teach us to num- ¹ ber our days
that we may apply our ¹ hearts to wisdom.

Song "Jesus Loves Me" ELW #595

Kid's Time

Noisy Offering for Christmas for Pennington County

Song "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172

GOSPEL of Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it

to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

Sermon “Called to Trust and Faithfulness” Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day “We Give Thee But Thine Own” ELW # 686

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— *Please speak a word of peace to one another through this season.*

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.**

Distribution

Blessing

Sending Song “10,000 Reasons” printed

Dismissal

Go into the world knowing Christ and making Christ 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: Deb Fulton
Greeters: Theresa Hagman, Shirley Swanson Ushers: Pam Cwikla
Acolytes: Lexie Walseth, Zander Olson Communion assistants: Tom & Kaylynn Wold

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. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

BROADCASTS today are in memory of family & friends sponsored by Bob Nelson.

WEBSITE sponsor for November is Dick & Jan Haugen.

FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN "Called to Trust & Faithfulness" Everything belongs to God. It is our responsibility to look after and take care of this world and everyone and everything God has created. Being a steward means: God gives us responsibilities to look after and resources to manage. We trust in God's faithfulness and mercy. We live into this promise by sharing what God has bestowed upon us. During Zion's fall stewardship campaign, you are invited to consider the gifts of Prayer, Worship, Learning & Service, and Money. This morning we will take some time to reflect on God's gifts to us and ways we are called to share our time, talent, and treasure.

Support our Thief River Falls Food Shelf - Extinguish Hunger. Ignite Hope. Sunday, Nov. 12, Zion is raising awareness, support, and funds for the Thief River Falls Food Shelf. Alicia Hunt, administrator of our local food shelf will share the many programs and projects the food shelf is involved in. Please share food items and place them in the grocery carts in the Narthex – or share financially by putting a donation in the offering plate in the back of the church as you leave worship. Checks may be made out to TRF Food Shelf. Thank you for sharing your abundance with those who are in need!

WELCA Meeting Nov. 14 -All women are invited to join in the fellowship, refreshments, and Bible study on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. Hostesses are members of Sarah Circle. Board meets at 9 a.m.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet Wed., Nov. 15 at 1:30 pm om the lounge. Patty Schob, hostess.

PIE & DESSERT AUCTION - Nov. 19 - Get ready to bid for your favorite dessert/pie at the auction next Sunday. It will be held during coffee time following the 9:00 service. A great time to find your Thanksgiving dessert. Please consider contributing baked items for the auction. Funds raised are donated to the Faith Fund in Zion's general budget.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP - Join us for breakfast served after worship on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Free-will donation goes to youth programming. Breakfast will be served by 8th Grade students.

65+ TURKEY DINNER Sunday, Nov. 19th at 5 PM. Invites have been mailed to members. If you did not receive one, we may not have your birthdate. Please call or email the church office to register and let us know if you need a delivery, take-out, or a ride. **Deadline to register is November 15th.**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

Nov. 1-5 Offerings: \$5,842. October 1-31 Offerings: \$29,932. Weekly Goal: \$6,547.
Carpet donations thru Nov. 5: \$6,310.

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

Sharing the Peace - Due to the increase in COVID cases and the upcoming flu season , Parish Health would like to return to elbow bumping instead of hand shakes and only verbal messages for the Peace greetings during the church service. An increase in our hand washing is also strongly suggested. Thank You!

Exciting news to share!!! Ross and Annette Lian have volunteered to help with the Handy Hands program for our church members. Thank You So Very Much! *A few more volunteers would be appreciated.*

PARISH HEALTH NOTES - Tis the seasons for pumpkins! Pumpkin is a type of winter squash that is native to North America and popular around Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. While commonly viewed as a vegetable, pumpkin is scientifically a fruit, as it contains seeds. That said, it's nutritionally more similar to vegetables than fruit. Beyond its delicious taste, pumpkin is nutritious and linked to many health benefits...here are 9 impressive nutrition and health benefits.

1) Highly nutritious with many vitamins and minerals, particularly rich in Vitamin A. It is high in beta-carotene, a carotenoid that your body turns to Vitamin A which is useful for the skin and helps build immunity. It is also low in calories as it is 94% water.

2) It is high in antioxidant content which may reduce your risk of chronic illnesses, including heart disease and cancer. They can protect skin against sun damage and lower risk of cancer, eye disease and other conditions.

3) Packed with vitamins that may boost immunity. It is high in vitamins A, C, E along with iron and folate which may strengthen your immunity as well.

4) Vitamins A, Lutein and Zeaxanthin may protect eyesight. The latter two compounds are linked to lowering risks of age-related macular degeneration and cataracts.

5) Nutrient density and low calorie count may promote weight loss. It has under 50 calories per cup which makes it a nutrient dense food. It's also a good source of fiber, which may suppress your appetite as you feel full longer.

6) Antioxidant content may lower your risk of cancer. These compounds are linked to lowering stomach, throat, pancreas and breast cancers.

7) High Potassium, Vitamin C and Fiber content can improve heart health.

These can help with blood sugar management, lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and improving gut digestion health.

8) Contains compounds that promote healthy skin. Vitamin C is essential for healthy skin and makes collagen, a protein that keeps your skin strong and healthy.

9) Incredibly versatile and easy to add to your diet. It's sweet flavor makes it a popular ingredient in dishes like custards, pies, muffins, breads, and pancakes. However, it works just as well in savory dishes such as roasted vegetables, soups and pastas. The seeds are also edible and packed with nutrients which offer many other benefits. When buying canned pumpkin, be sure to read the labels carefully as not all products will be 100% pumpkin and you want to avoid added ingredients, particularly sugar. WOW, no wonder it's called a SUPERFOOD! Hoping you'll be having lots of pumpkin in the coming holidays. **HAPPY PUMPKIN SEASON TO YOU ALL!!** *Parish Health*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, Nov 12: STEWARDSHIP/ FOOD SHELF SUNDAY

9:00 Zion worship/Holy Communion/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids

10 Coffee fellowship

10 December Sharing Servant meeting

10 Funeral planning information in fellowship hall

11 Silver Creek Worship

12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Nov.13:

9 SAIL exercise

Den meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 14:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours

9 WELCA Board

10 WELCA meeting

Noon Pastors Text study

Wednesday, Nov 15:

9 Bible study in lounge

5:15 Confirmation supper

6 Confirmation Classes

6 God's Joy Choir

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Nov 16:

9 SAIL Exercise

1 Quilting

12:30-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge

Friday, Nov 17:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

8pm Youth Lock-In

Next Sunday, Nov 19:

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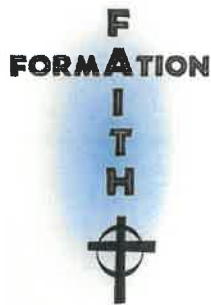
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5pm 65+ Turkey Dinner



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

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

Confirmation Classes Gr. 8-10 6:00 PM **Meals served at 5:15**

All meals \$5.00 include breadstick or fruit or vege, pop or water and dessert
Nov 8: Tater Tot Hotdish Nov 15: Baked Macaroni & Cheese

YOUTH NOTES:

Thank you to our families for providing treats for coffee following worship each Sunday.

Please bring 2 dozen baked goods on or before Sunday,

Nov. 12: Chris & Nicky Ellison, C-Jay Wojciechowski, Colin & Mia Beger

Nov 26: Cori Bregier, Dana Jacobs, Darek & Jennifer Gerszewski, Darin & Lisa Robson

NOISY OFFERING for November will go to **Christmas for Pennington County**

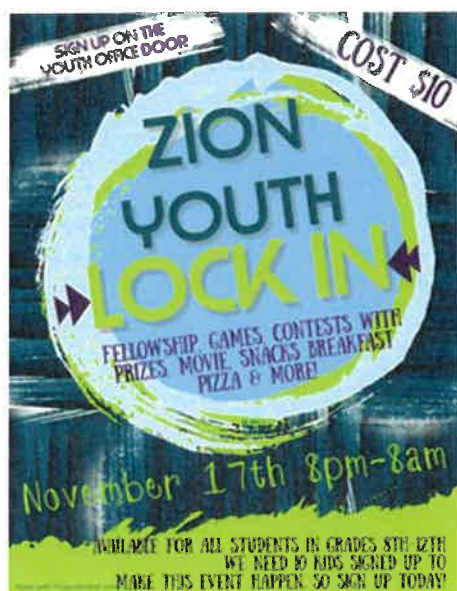
God's Creation Calendars - 2024 Calendars are available now. \$8.00 each.

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Zion Youth Lock-in

November 17th 8PM—8AM.

For students in grades 8-12.

Sign up on the youth office door. Cost \$10.

Fellowship, games, contests with prizes.

Movie, snacks, breakfast and more!

More info to come.



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.**



Zion's 14th Annual Spirit of Giving
Saturday, December 2, 2023
8:00 AM— 12:00 Noon

We welcome your donations for Zion's 14th Annual Spirit of Giving.

- New, Clean, very gently used , neatly folded winter clothing
- Household items, toys, Christmas décor and decorations.
- Miscellaneous items
- **No items in garbage bags will be accepted.**
- **No large appliances, furniture, televisions, microwaves, or computers.**

**Donations may be dropped off in the basement Fellowship Hall on
(No Drop Offs Wed. Nov. 29th— Advent Worship)**

- Thursday, November 30 from 9:00 AM— 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 1 from 9:00 AM— 5:00 PM

No Early Drop offs!!! No Saturday Drop Offs!!!

If you can help Thursday or Friday with set up,
or Saturday event please call
Millie Reiersen at 218-681-7728
or the church office at 218-681-3296

Thank you for sharing God's love and abundance with others
and making someone's Christmas brighter.



Thrivent Insurance Members – You can use your Thrivent membership to request an Action Team gift card to be used for Spirit of Giving. This gift card of \$250 can be used to buy needed items for Zion's 14th Annual Spirit of Giving. To apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant/card, go to www.Thrivent.com, or call (800) 847-4836 and say "Thrivent Action Teams." When you receive your card, please leave it with Linda in the office. THANK YOU!!!