

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Thief River Falls, MN

Season of Pentecost

Holy Communion Setting Eight

November 19, 2023 9:00 AM



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(*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.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

GATHERING SONG “Gather Us In” ELW # 532

*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.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PSALM 84:1-7

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴**Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶**As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

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

***GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14**

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY "Day By Day" ELW #790

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of Amelia Anne Henningsen

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: *Amelia Anne*

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 Amelia Anne the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Amelia Anne, 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 Amelia Anne 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, Amelia Anne, 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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **receive our prayer.**

***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.

***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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Ushers will guide you forward)*

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

***SENDING SONG** “Praise and Thanksgiving” ELW # 689

***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: Denny Minks
Greeters: Theresa Hagman, Shirley Swanson, Syver Bertilrud, Gwen Wojciechowski
Ushers: Sharon Jorde, Krista Alby Acolytes: Mikkil Bertilrud, Kayla Peterson
Communion assistants: David & Karen Kirkeby

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 Lorette Sourdiff; Bonnie Camp hospitalized at Altru, GF.

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

Amelia Anne Henningsen, daughter of Kristen & Alex Henningsen
Her sponsors are Connor Vickerman, Colton Henphil, Caitlynn Henphil

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 Harley Knutson, sponsored by Vivian Knutson.

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.

PIE & DESSERT AUCTION - Today - 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 today.

Free-will donation goes to youth programming. Breakfast will be served by 8th Grade students.

The Evangelism and Lay Ministry will be holding an Advent Wreath Project next Sunday November 26th for the Sunday School children, 3 year olds to the 5th graders during the Sunday School hour. Moms, Dads, Grampas, Grammas, Aunts, Uncles older Brothers and Sisters as well as any Friends are invited to come and help the children with this project and to enjoy a time of coffee and fellowship.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

Nov. 6-12 Offerings: \$ 2,981. Nov. 1-19 Offerings: \$8,823. Weekly Goal: \$6,547.
Carpet donations: \$6,310.

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

THANK YOU all so very much for your donation last Sunday to the Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf. We received **78 lbs. in food donations as well as \$700.32 in monetary donations**. We are humbled by your generosity. Thank you! Mary Ann Lofberg TEFAP Volunteer Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf

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!

PARISH HEALTH NOTES -

Winter is the season to put up a tree, light up the fireplace, or set out candles to decorate your holiday table. Unfortunately, candle fires are four times as likely to happen during the winter holidays. The kitchen is also a source of danger: cooking fires account for 72 percent of Thanksgiving fires.

KEEP ALERT...Installing a smoke alarm on every level of your home cuts your risk of dying in a fire in half. Make sure to test alarms once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.

MIND THE STOVE...Keep pot holders, wooden utensils, food packages, and towels away from the stove. Never leave the stove unattended, even for a few minutes-and turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen.

BLOW IT OUT...Make sure all candles, smoking materials, and fireplaces are properly extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed.

Remember to unplug holiday lights too!

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that kills without warning. It claims the lives of hundreds of people every year and makes thousands more ill. Many household items including gas-oil burning furnaces, portable generators, and charcoal grills produce this poison gas. Following these important steps can keep your family safe.

DETECTORS...Install battery operated or battery back-up CO detectors near every sleeping area in your home. Check them regularly to be sure they are functioning properly.

OIL AND GAS FURNACES...Have your furnace inspected every year.

PORTABLE GENERATORS...Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open. Only use generators outside, more than 20 feet away from your home, doors and windows.

Stay safe throughout the holiday season! *God's Blessing and Peace...Parish Health*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, Nov 19:

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

10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids

10 Food & Fellowship/Pie Auction

11 Silver Creek Worship

12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

5pm 65+ Turkey Dinner

Monday, Nov.20: Newsletter Deadline

9 SAIL exercise

2 Loretta Sourdiff Funeral

4 AAUW in lounge/patio room

Pack meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 21:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours

5:30 Zion Council

Wednesday, Nov 22:

9 Bible study in lounge

7 Thanksgiving Worship at Zion

Thursday, Nov 23

Thanksgiving Day—Offices closed

Friday, Nov 24:

Offices closed

Next Sunday, Nov 26:

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

10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids

10 Youth Advent Activity

10 Coffee Fellowship

11 Silver Creek Worship

12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Advent Worship
begins Wed., Nov. 29th

Supper served at 5:30
Worship at 6:30



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

Dec 3: Deanna Alby, Desiree Iverson, Elizabeth Erickson, Eric & Teri Forsberg

Dec 10: Eric & Bethany Rwegayura, Garrel & Celeste Kinzler, Heather Blumer, Holly Maycock & Philip Nelson

NOISY OFFERING for November will go to Christmas for Pennington County

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

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP - Join us for breakfast served after worship on Sunday, December 17th. Free-will donation goes to youth programming. Nov. breakfast will be served by 9th Grade students.



65+ Turkey Dinner - Sunday, Nov. 19th at 5 PM.

**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.