

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
10th Sunday After Pentecost

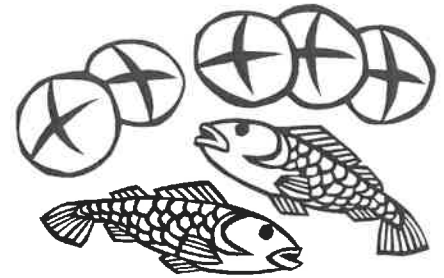
9:00 AM Worship
July 28, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

“O Sing to the Lord” #822



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(2 Corinthians 13:13)

And also with you.

You are the treasured people of the LORD,
a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE SONG “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” #510 v. 1&3

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

**Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall praise ¹you, O LORD,
and your faithful ¹ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory ¹of your kingdom
and speak ¹of your power,**

¹²that all people may know ¹of your power
and the glorious splendor ¹of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in ¹all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all ¹those who fall
and lifts up those who ¹are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon ¹you, O LORD,
and you give them their food ¹in due season.**

¹⁶You open ¹wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every ¹living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in ¹all your ways
and loving in ¹all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who ¹call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so

that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” #510, v2

**Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.**

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called “signs,” because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day “Break Now the Bread of Life” #515

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

(Ephesians 1:13-14)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God has mercy on you,

Your sins are forgiven through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Be strengthened in all goodness,

and the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. Peace be with you.

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW #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.**

God, our Creator,

**you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these
gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and
walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

Response: In your mercy, **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 tempta-
tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

Amen

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one
another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound
in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Sending Song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" #890

Dismissal

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

Post-service Music

Announcements - July 28, 2024

Season after Pentecost

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 Pianists: Laura Rude, Jenna Von Holtum Organist: Marie Longo
Greeters: Mary Morken Ushers: Glen Peters & Yvonne Pederson
Reader: Sharon Wagner

OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.

Those under a doctor's care, those who grieve, all who are moving through a challenging season, especially Dan Bartsch, Diane Sundby, and Patty Dicken. Our Sympathies to the family and friends of Martha Torgerson.

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 Ron & Ruth Ostby in memory of Harold & Mary Dupree

WEBSITE sponsor for July is Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Loved Ones and Friends.

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

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - Join us for supper at 5:30 and worship at 6:15 on Wednesdays.

CHOIRS - Anyone interested in joining either God's Joy Choir (K-5th) or Senior Choir, please reach out to Laura Rude at 218-684-1072. Choir practices resume in September on Wednesday evenings.

TRF Food Shelf Mortgage Reduction - Zion Mission fund will match donations up to \$2000 to help reduce the mortgage at the Thief River Falls Food Shelf. Helping the Food Shelf reduce this debt will free more funds to share vital resources for those who face food insecurity. *Donations can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church with TRF Food Shelf in the memo line.* Thank you for supporting this important community resource. **Donations currently at \$1,300.**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

July 1-21: \$15,667. July 15-21: \$6,601. YTD: \$176,254. Weekly Goal: \$6,523.

Offering plates are available on the table at the back of the church

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 can make a profound impact. *Thank you to all who have directed dollars! YTD: \$1,998.*

Thank You to all who participated, helped, supported and prayed for our Vacation Bible School held July 22-24th at Redeemer.

Next Sunday, August 4th, Zion is invited to worship together with Silver Creek and share in a Potluck Dinner following.

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Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH NURSE NOTES —

Joyce Meyer has written a book called “Living Courageously” and she starts the book off with a letter she wrote to fear. She says there is no life of adventure unless we are confident. One thing that blocks and hinders confidence is fear. Fear is an evil spirit that makes us want to cower and bow down. The letter is worth sharing so here it is.....

Dear Fear,

I refer to you as dear because of our long term relationship and certainly not because you are dear to me in any way. In fact, you have been a tormenting influence from start to finish. You have told me lies and prevented me from doing the things I wanted to do and should have done. You are indeed a miserable wretched companion and one that I am no longer willing to be involved with.

I am writing you this letter to let you know from this point forward **I will not fear**. Although I may fear your presence, I will not bow down to your demands. I have a friend whose name is Jesus and he has promised to never leave me or forsake me and be with me always. He is indeed a powerful friend, and although you do have some power, **His** is by far much greater than yours.

You can come against me but Jesus lives in me and the power of the one that is in me is greater than you are. Now, although I cannot prevent you from coming to visit, I do want to give you notice that you will be ignored from now on. I'm far too busy now fellowshiping with my new friend Jesus and developing an intimate relationship with him to give any of my time to you. The more time I spend with Jesus, the more courageous I've become. He's teaching me a new way to live. One that's exciting and adventurous. One that is fearless.

I also want to inform you that since I have so much experience with you and know how self-defeating it is to listen to you, I intend to tell as many people as I can what a thief and a liar you are. The years I have wasted with you will be redeemed and I will bear much good fruit.

Thank you, dear Fear, for driving me to Jesus. You see, you made me so miserable that I sought a way to be free from you. Jesus met me where I was and set me free. Now, should you decide to waste your time and try to visit me even after my letter, I'm letting you know ahead of time that you'll be met by faith in God and determination that **I will not fear**.

Sincerely and determined. YOUR NAME

God's Blessings and Peace be with you. Parish Health

THE GROCERIES TO GO & HANDYMAN PROGRAMS are available through our church. If you need this service or would like to be a volunteer for grocery delivery, call the church office at 218-681-3296 and Darlene will get back to you.

AFTERNOON OUT - 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for LSS Caregiver Respite & Support Program. Training provided for In-Home and Group Respite. 4 hour increments. Volunteers will Socialize, Reminice, play cards, misc. crafts, baking, reading, go for walks, music. For more information call Deb Retzlaff at 218-620-1295 or Debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org. 2 people are needed for the Respite program at Zion.

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David Lee / Tiffany Sterry, Custodial

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, July 28:

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

10 Coffee Fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek Worship

12 GV broadcast ch. 37

Monday, July 29:

9 SAIL exercise

Tuesday, July 30:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse hours

Wednesday, July 31:

5:30 Supper

6:15 Worship

Thursday, August 1:

9 SAIL exercise

2:30 LSS Respite Care

Friday, August 2:

Church offices closed

Next Sunday, August 4:

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

10 Coffee Fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek Worship & Potluck with
Zion

12 GV broadcast ch. 37



**Wednesday Worship
Meal at 5:30, Worship at 6:15
August 7, 14, 21**