

Zion Lutheran Church  
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 16, 2024 9:00 AM

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(\*Please stand as you are comfortable)*

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

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

**GATHERING SONG**      “Be Thou My Vision” #793

**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.**

## **\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)**

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, <sup>1</sup> O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love <sup>1</sup> in the morning  
and your faithful- <sup>1</sup>ness at night;**  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and <sup>1</sup> on the lyre,  
and to the melody <sup>1</sup> of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your <sup>1</sup>acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands.**  
<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish <sup>1</sup> like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts <sup>1</sup> of our God;**  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit <sup>1</sup> in old age;  
they shall be <sup>1</sup> green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is <sup>1</sup> no injustice.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34**

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.<sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

<sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON PASTOR MARK HELGELAND**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" #618**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Response: receive our prayer.*

### **OFFERTORY ELW #186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

**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 unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **\*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**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG** “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” #547

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go into the world knowing Christ and making him known.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**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: Chet & Bonnie Camp      Ushers: Cheri Eaton, Glenice Johnson  
Reader: Diane Lee      Communion assist: Sharon Wagner, Marcia Sandahl

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**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 Cassie Wilson, Dan Bartsch, Diane Sundby, and Patty Dicken.

**ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE** Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: [www.ziontrf.org](http://www.ziontrf.org). in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Zion memorials

**WEBSITE** sponsor for June is Zion Memorials

**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.

**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 \$493.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!**

June 3-9: \$4,430.      June 1-9: \$10,355.      YTD: \$140,055.      Weekly Goal: \$6,523.

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

**Silver Creek 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** June 23rd with 10:30am church and dinner to follow. 1:30pm program. Dessert, games and conversation to follow the program.

**Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup>** 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!*

**90th Birthday Celebration for Dale Svendsgaard -**

Saturday, June 22nd beginning at 5PM at the Eagles in TRF. All are welcome to join in 90 years of laughter & memories!

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**Scan to Give**



*Thank you for your generosity!*

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## PARISH NURSE NOTES —

Healthy relationships can be a great source of support, comfort and love. But when you're with someone day in and out, it can be easy to grow irritated or take your partner for granted.

Make your spouse or partner a priority by:

- ▶ **Listening**--Put aside distractions such as your phone and turn off the television. Give your full attention to your partner's words and nonverbal cues. When the topic is complex, summarize what you've heard to make sure you understand. If your partner is describing a problem, focus on listening without planning what your next response will be. Don't rush in with solutions or stories of similar problems you've faced. Ask, "Do you want me to just listen, or should I help think of some solutions?"
- ▶ **Complimenting**--Be mindful of what your partner does for you and your relationship. Then, let your partner know what you appreciate about them, whether oral or written. This may seem awkward at first, but can become a natural habit over time.
- ▶ **Try new things**--Say yes if your partner asks you to try new activity, even if it's out of your comfort zone. You may enjoy it more than you think. Even if it's not your favorite activity, it can be a way to show support, have new adventures and make memories.
- ▶ **Showing kindness**--You can build trust and closeness with simple gestures of kindness, such as emptying the dishwasher, buying a small, unexpected gift, or giving a much-needed foot massage. Ask your partner what types of gestures they would most appreciate.

These are all great tips for appreciating partners that would also work for family members and friends too. We all want to be appreciated and it sure feels good!

- *God's Blessing and Peace...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](mailto:debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org) for more information. Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

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**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**Today: Sunday, June 16: Fathers Day**

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

10 Coffee Fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship

12 GV broadcast ch. 37

**Monday, June 17:**

9 SAIL exercise

**Tuesday, June 18:**

No Faith Community Nurse today

**Wednesday, June 19:**

5:30 Supper

6:15 Worship

**Thursday, June 20:**

9 SAIL exercise

2-4:30 LSS Respite Care

**Next Sunday, June 23:**

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

10 Coffee Fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek 125th Anniversary Wor-  
ship & Holy Communion

12 GV broadcast ch. 37



**Wednesday Worship**

**Meal at 5:30, Worship at 6:15**

June 19: Brats/Hot dogs, Chicken Grape Salad, Watermelon

June 26: Pulled Pork, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Creamy Cucumber Salad



**Join Us**

**this Summer**

**Kickoff - Sunday, July 21**

**6:00 -7:30 pm**

**Monday -Wednesday, July 22-24**

**9:00 am- 1:00 pm**

**VBS will be held at Redeemer Lutheran**

**this year. 1300 Nora St. E.**

**Clean Up Time** can be difficult. It is especially challenging at a church when everyone and no one can make decisions. We are in need of a few individuals to go through many storage spots and begin the process of sorting items. Contact the church office if you are a good organizer and can share some time this summer.