

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship
June 23, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG -

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” #533



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.

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believed and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 1 Kings 8:22-30

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 84

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.

⁸**O Lord GOD of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!**

⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

¹¹For the Lord GOD is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹²**O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:1-9

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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 10:22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day “Great is Thy Faithfulness” #733

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: Merciful God, receive 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.

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 "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" #545

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 Pianists: Laura Rude, Jenna Von Holtum Organist: Marie Longo
Greeters: Sharon & Larry Efteland Ushers: Leann Nelson, Don Sollom
Reader: Mike Swenson

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

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of Bill & Lorraine Mathieu by the Mathieu Family

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

Silver Creek 125th Anniversary Celebration Today - June 23rd with 10:30am church and dinner to follow. Program at 1:30. Dessert, games and conversation to follow the program.

PET BLESSING - Next Sunday, June 30th at 10:30 at the Knight Ave. property. Bring your pets for a blessing and prayer. Donations encouraged to the Pennington County Humane Society.

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 \$755.**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

June 10-16:\$3,150

June 1-16: \$13,505.

YTD: \$143,205.

Weekly Goal: \$6,523.

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

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PARISH NURSE NOTES —

We all get angry at times, some more often and longer than others. It is a normal reaction to situations or people but did you know that anger can have an impact on your health and it does make sense. A previous study shows increased anger has an increase risk of heart disease. The American Heart Association Journal study helps to explain why that happens.

An outburst of anger (strong emotion) over-time can have an impact on health causing increased risk of heart attack, stroke, and cardiovascular issues. The study shows even one episode could cause an impact. This is why....think of the blood vessel like a straw. You want it to be wide so it's easy to get the blood flow to the organs. When you get angry, the vessels constrict which makes it harder to get to the organs. If you have atherosclerosis (a build up or plaque on the inside of the vessels) they can make the vessel narrow, more pressure is needed for blood flow, BP goes up and plaque can break off causing a stroke or heart attack. If you are young and healthy, it's not as big of an issue but with time it could be. We've all heard of people having these health issues after a traumatic event or emotional episode.

Tips For Controlling Anger...

1. Deep breathing-slowly in through your mouth and out through your nose
2. Think about something positive.
3. Control angry thoughts by using the above and what ever works for you.
Exercise, gardening, spending time with a friend may be helpful.
4. It's OK to walk away. That can decrease the escalation.

There's that deep breathing technique again. It's very easy to do and used for so much...stress, anxiety, pain, patience, and just to relax in general!

May all your days be HAPPY ones! - *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 for more information. Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: 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
1:30 Silver Creek Program

Monday, June 24:

9 SAIL exercise

Tuesday, June 25:

No Faith Community Nurse today

Wednesday, June 26:

5:30 Supper
6:15 Worship

Thursday, June 27:

9 SAIL exercise
2-4:30 LSS Respite Care

Next Sunday, June 30:

9:00 Zion worship/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Coffee Fellowship
10:30 Pet Blessing
No Silver Creek Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37



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

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
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.