Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church! Tenth Sunday After Pentecost July 28, 2024



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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Verse Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

Chorus One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God.

One day, ev'ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those, Who gladly choose you now.

Verse, Chorus, Verse

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WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

P: God, our provider,

ALL: Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ

from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen**

KYRIE* ELW Setting 8





GREETING:*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

Let us pray,

ALL: 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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A 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." ⁴³ But 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." ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Reader: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

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

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

Reader: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL READING*:

John 6:1-21

P: The holy gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When 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?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One 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?" ¹⁰ Jesus 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. 11 Then 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. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When 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."

¹⁵ When 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. ¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & SERMON

Pastor Sarah Gunderson

HYMN OF THE DAY:*

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Congregational response after each petition: L: In your mercy, All: Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE:*

Leader The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you. (Share Christ's peace with one another)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING:

We offer our gifts and our hearts in service for our neighbor and for the mission of God through the church.

OFFERING SONG:* "Hungry"

Verse 1 Hungry, I come to you, for I know you satisfy.

I am empty, but I know your love does not run dry,

So I wait for you, so I wait for you.

Chorus I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me.

Jesus, you're all this heart is living for.

Verse 2 Broken, I run to you, for your arms are open wide.

I am weary, but I know your touch restores my life,

So I wait for you, so I wait for you.

Chorus (2x)

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OFFERING PRAYER:*

P: Let us pray, Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE:*

P: The Lord be with you. ALL: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:*

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

LORD'S PRAYER:*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION: Welcome to the table! Our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord invites all to participate in this meal of Holy Communion.. You may come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Receive the bread in your open palm and dip bread into wine (light) or grape juice (dark). Gluten-free wafers and individual cups are also available.. The ushers will guide you forward. If you have limited mobility, communion can be brought to you. Just let an usher know. All are welcome here.

COMMUNION SONG: "Breathe"

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe. Chorus

Your holy presence living in me. (repeat)

Verse And I, I'm desperate for you. And I, I'm lost without you.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread. **Bridge**

Your very word spoken to me.

Verse (2x) **Tag** This the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe...

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PRAYER OF BLESSING:

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING*

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG* "Your Hands"

Verse 1 I have unanswered prayers, I have trouble I wish wasn't there.

And I have asked a thousand ways, that you would take my pain away. That you would take my pain away.

Verse 2 I am trying to understand how to walk this weary land.

Make straight the paths that crooked lie, oh Lord, before these feet of mine.

Oh Lord, before these feet of mine.

Chorus When my world is shaking, heaven stands.

When my heart is breaking, I never leave your hands.

Verse 3 When you walked upon the earth, you healed the broken, lost and hurt.

I know you hate to see me cry, one day you will set all things right.

One day you will set all things right.

Chorus

Bridge Your hands that shaped the world are holding me, they hold me still. (2x)

Chorus (2x)

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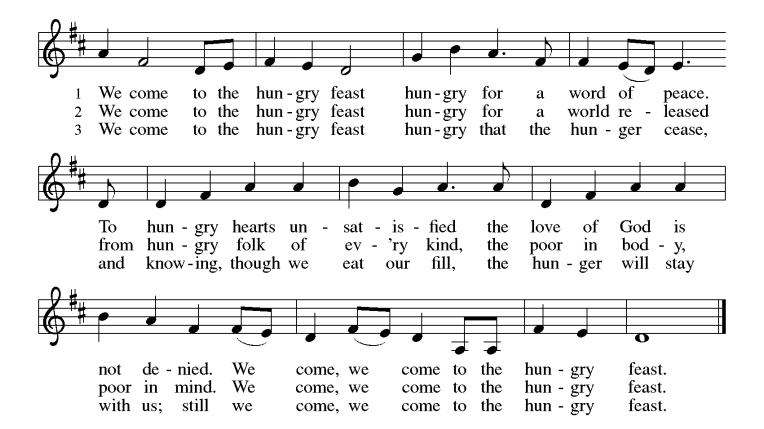
Leader Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymns for Worship

June 28, 2024

Hymn of the Day: We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW # 479



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PRAYER CHAIN MISSION: Each week, a family name will be drawn at random from the mailing list, and that family will be prayed for during the next week. The family will receive a note in the mail to let them know about the prayers.

PRAYER CHAIN: Please submit any prayer requests to a member of the prayer chain: Linda Moe 715-398-6779.

Prayers of Healing: Ric Adrihan, Barry Kilner, Michael Pelletier, and Tom Velin.

Prayers of Protection:

Nathan Anthony, Mathew Sherwood, Nathan Madsen, Keely Nelson, Andrew Hutton, Andrew Mattson, Joshua Seifert, and for all those who are in military service throughout the world and their families; and for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's, and all who put themselves at risk for others.

Prayers of Comfort:

Those homebound or in nursing homes: Jerry and Marilee, Sharon Miller, Alice Mattson, Ellie Mae Nelson, and Delores Mackie.

Prayers for Strength & Guidance: Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Our Church Council, our lay leaders, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson and our Synod Staff, and for all those who stand up for justice in Jesus' name.

Thank you to all who pray faithfully.

(To add or remove a name, please call the office. 715-398-3663 Thank you.)

Calendar of Events

Sun, Jul 28	9:30amWorship	Thu, Aug 8	9am-12pm VBS 6pm Church Council
Sun, Aug 4	10am Combined Worship @		opin Church Council
Pilgrir		Sun, Aug 11	9:30am Worship & VBS
Mon, Aug 5	9am-12pm VBS	<u>Tue, Aug 13</u>	5pm Operations Meeting
	9am-12pm VBS	<u>Thu, Aug 15</u>	5pm Stewardship
į	National Night Out	Sun, Aug 18	9:30am Worship
Wed, Aug 7	9am-12pm VBS	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-
i	3:30pm Worship & Music	Sun, Aug 25	9:30am Worship



Vacation Bible School at Zion

This year's VBS is "Faith Olympics" and will be held August 5-8 from 9am-12pm.

Young people from ages PreK through 5th grade will be involved. Additionally, youth and adult mentors will be there to help the children participate in events designed to benefit our neighbors and God's creation and grow deeper in their own faith. Along with music, crafts, science, snacks, stories and games, there will be special events daily. Monday Grace Bags (plastic bags with personal hygiene items for our food shelf) will be created. Tuesday birdhouses will be built to care for our flying neighbors. On Wednesday there will be a sandwich race to make sandwiches for our food shelf, and on Thursday rocks will be painted for our outdoor gardens reminding all who spend time there of God's love and care for them. We look forward to giving young people an opportunity to join together in service to our community.

To register, go to zionsuperior.org or call the church office.

Thrivent Action Funds of \$250 were applied for and received to cover the cost of the event supplies.

Food Shelf Focus (pop-top cans are a plus)

Applesauce . Brown rice . Canned or dried fruit . Canned soup, stew and chili Canned tuna, chicken, SPAM & ham . Canned vegetables . Crackers . Granola bars Instant Mashed Potatoes . Meals in a box . Whole Grain Pasta . Whole Grain Cereal Bar soap and body wash . Deodorant . Shampoo & Conditioner . Water-based lotions Tooth paste . Tooth brushes . Dental floss

If you would like to contribute financially to our effort, please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran and note in the memo "Zion Food Shelf". Or give via the PayPal QR code below.

Want to give online via credit card or PayPal today??

Scan the QR code to give using a PayPal account.

Each gift is an important part of supporting the mission and ministry of Zion Lutheran Church as we join together to participate in God's mission in the world. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving!





Come and meet neighbors of Zion, Tuesday, August 6, from 5pm to 7pm. There will be hot dogs, root beer floats, games for the kids, and music by The Trash Cats, Duluth's premier acoustic cat rock duo. Come and enjoy the fun!

JULY-AUGUST LAY MINISTRY 2024			
READER	COUNTERS		
Jul 28 Micah Gunderson	Jul 28 Eve Bagan, Polly Lohman		
Aug 4 Polly Lohman	Aug 4 Aine Merrill, Kendra Lohman		
Aug 11 Micah Gunderson	Aug 11 Linda Brow, Carol Peterson		
Aug 18 Donna Meltz	Aug 18 Polly Lohman, Ken Mertz		
Aug 25 Rusty Mehlberg	Aug 25 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill		
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER		
Jul 28 Rusty Mehlberg	Jul 28 Lyn Rochon		
Aug 4 Aine Merrill	Aug 4 Mary Hickman		
Aug 11 Anthony Anderson	Aug 11 Janet Arena		
Aug 18 Linda Moe	Aug 18 Lucy Sullivan		
Aug 25 Aine Merrill	Aug 25 Lynn Rochon		
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD		
Jul 28 Vicky Holm	Linda Moe		
Aug 4 Donald Anderson	Margaret Sundet		
Aug 11 Vicky Holm			
Aug 18 Donald Anderson			
Aug 25 Vicky Holm			

If you are unable to serve at the scheduled time, please notify the Office at 715-398-3663 with the name of your replacement.

Thank you for your service.