

September 11 & 12, 2021



Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

As members of the Body of Christ we worship the Triune God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. We, the believers at Zion, are pleased you chose to worship with us. Make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ.

Service Notes . . .

Preparation for Worship: The order of worship for today begins on the back of this page. You may want to take a few minutes to look it over and place a ribbon on the Psalm assigned for today as well as the Divine Service Liturgy we will be following in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and sing His praises. May God seriously bless your worship with us this day...a new day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to kneel or stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes kneeling or standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to kneel, stand, or sit. All are appropriate! So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

THE OFFERING: If you are our guest today, you are not expected to contribute monetarily to God’s work at Zion...you are our guest! Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, place it the offering basket at the sanctuary entrance and know this: The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.



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**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting One, page 151.**

(For those using Hymnal ribbon bookmarks)

Psalm 116:1-9

TIME OF LEARNING (Sunday only)

Celebrate God's Love

Celebrate God's Love, let it fill your heart each day.
Let it give the strength you need to help you on your way.
Celebrate God's love, let it make you want to sing.
Lift your voice and share the joy that it can bring.
Greet each day with a smile on your face.
Walk in the light of the Lord's redeeming grace.
Find great joy in everything you do as you celebrate God's love for you.
Celebrate God's love, let it guide the way you live.
Let it dwell within your soul and help your heart forgive.
Celebrate God's love, let it set your spirit free.
Share the peace it brings with everyone you see.
Sing with praise, let the world hear your song.
Show you believe, let them see your faith is strong.
Find great joy in everything you do as you celebrate God's love,
Celebrate God's love for you.

(Complete your preparation for the Lord's Supper using pp. 329f. in L.S.B.)

Welcome *We invite and encourage all communicant members of Zion, or one of our sister LCMS churches, to commune with us later in the service.*

Sunday Morning

Baptism Hymn 592 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" [Verses 1-3]

During the singing of verse 2, Baptismal party comes forward

Holy Baptism, page 268ff **Brooke Rose Harrison, daughter of
Dean & Caroline (Fritz) Harrison**

Sponsors: Paige & Jeremy Ulvog

Baptismal party returns to their pews following the baptism

Opening Hymn 902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Rise—Invocation/Confession of Sins, Forgiveness p.151
(please kneel as you are able)



Psalm 116:1-9 (in front of Hymnal.) Spoken responsively by half verse.

All Say: "Glory be to the Father..."

Kyrie (Response is spoken on Saturday)	p.152
The Gloria Excelsis	p.154

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 50:4-10(ESV) ⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

R: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

James 3:1-12 (ESV)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

R: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Rise for the Alleluia	p.156
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Mark 9:14-29(ESV) (Today's sermon is based on this reading)

¹⁴And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Hymn of the Day 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Sermon "Possibilities" (Mark 9:14-29)

Rise for the Apostle's Creed p.159

Our Prayers: Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Preface to Holy Communion p.160

★ ★ Distribution Hymns 743 & 618

Hymn 895 "Now Thank We All Our God" (Saturday only)

Rise for Common Dismissal

Post Communion Canticle "Thank the Lord..." p.164

Closing Collect, Benediction (sit) p.166

Closing 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs 1-2)

Announcements

For Offering:

Place your offering in the Narthex Basket

For Communion:

Those seated on the east side of the Sanctuary will come forward first—then the west side

Elder will place wafer in your hand.

Pastor will place individual cup on the table.

Communion elements will be brought to the pews for those unable to come forward. (If you think you are being missed, please raise your hand.)

Exiting after Worship

Progressively exit from rear pews to front pews.

★ ★ We will be practicing new songs for the Blended Service at 8:45am this Sunday Morning

★ ★ Sunday Only

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD’S SUPPER

Here at Zion Lutheran, we believe that Christ’s true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord’s Supper (Real Presence). All who participate here believe the same Biblical truths and we practice “Closed Communion.”

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Hendrickson or the Elder before receiving the Lord’s Supper. Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you do not meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and the wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

EVENTS AT ZION THIS WEEK

MON	1:00pm	Stewardship
	5:30pm	Trustees
	6:30pm	Council Mtg
TUE	1:00pm	Pastors’ Circuit Mtg
WED	6:30pm	Jr. Confirmation
SAT	6:30pm	Worship – Communion
SUN	9:00am	Worship – Communion

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Sermons can be heard on Sunday at:

6:05am @ WCCO 830AM

6:10am @ KLTF 960AM

6:30am @ KEYL 1400AM

7:05am @ KFML 94.1FM

5:00pm @ KCFB 91.5FM

Sermons are posted on our church website (worship / music page)

PRAYER CHAIN” contact the church office @ 632-5792, Pastor @ 320-360-9617, or Lydia Posch @ (320) 632-2320 for any prayer concerns or questions.



**Stay Active
& Independent
for Life (SAIL)**

a strength, balance, and fitness class for adults 65+

SAIL Exercise Class at ZION resumes

September 21st – November 11th

Sorry, class will not be adding new participants due to ongoing Covid

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

One of Nancy's friends stopped by the office this morning and provided the following update on Nancy Christensen's bladder cancer:

Nancy has seen an oncologist from St. Cloud. He provided her with additional information. The cancer Nancy has is very aggressive and should be treated as soon as possible. Nancy has 4 options that she is considering.

1. Intense chemotherapy for 3 weeks.
2. Less intense chemotherapy for a longer period of time.
3. Radiation treatment should follow whichever chemotherapy she decides upon.
4. The final option is to undergo Immunity Therapy, which is kind of a "do nothing" approach. She would take medication to ease the pain/discomfort and let the cancer run its course.

Nancy is pondering these options. Continue to keep Nancy in your prayers.

My Prayer for Nancy:

Father, medical science continues to give us options to treat our maladies. While it may appear that it is great to have options, sometimes having multiple options make it more difficult for us to make a choice. I pray that You would guide Nancy in her decision-making process to choose the options that only You know is best for her. Her doctors have confirmed that this cancer is real, dangerous, and needs to be addressed. From a purely medical viewpoint, it appears that this cancer will end Nancy's life if not treated--and still may do that even if it is treated. Still, You are Nancy's Creator. You put her together to be the person she is. No cancer or other ailment is beyond Your healing and restorative ability. I pray for what You alone know is best for Nancy. In the name of Nancy's and my Savior, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN SEPTEMBER

*The Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly Bible study will meet on Monday, **September 20** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study, “When I am Weak, He is strong” is found on p. 22 of the Summer 2021 LWQ. Hope you can join us!

*ZLW will meet on Monday, **September 20** at 10:00 a.m. We will be discussing upcoming events. All women of Zion are invited!

*The Women’s Monday Morning Weekly Bible study will begin again on Monday, **September 27** at 9:00 a.m.in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the book of Isaiah, so join us as we learn together about the prophet who was called to speak to God’s rebellious people, warned them to repent, and gave them wonderful promises of the Messiah to come. Materials will be provided. Call Barb Jelinski at 632-3435 if you have questions.

*ZLW will sponsor a “Hands of Joy” project night on Monday, **September 27** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to make fleece tied blankets to be donated as needed. NO sewing skills are required, as we will only be measuring, cutting, and tying. EVERYONE is invited to join us in this time of working together in God’s service and fellowship.

LWML Sunday — Celebrate with Lutheran Women in Mission

A special worship service is planned for Sunday, **(October 9 & 10, 2021)**, to celebrate all that God has done through the LWML. The power of God is evident in the dimes and quarters you put in your Mite Box, and we celebrate this fact each fall on LWML Sunday. Thank you! Our new LWML Mission Statement reads: “As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.” The Holy Spirit has been doing this for 79 years through the LWML!

WORSHIP SERVANTS						
September		ELDER	USHER	READER	ORGANIST	Acolyte
11	Com	Greg Rausch	Mike Beseman	Colleen Duncan	Concordia CD	
12	Com	Jerry Knafla	Marcel Bellefeuille	Barb Jelinski	Peggy Dolney	Emma Bohnsack
18	Com	Chris Roe	Julie Dancer	Sheldon Prozinski	Peggy Dolney	
19	Com	Craig Bohnsack	Harvey Axel	Kayla Bohnsack	Peggy Dolney	Abigail Dawson

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THE POWER OF THE WORD

Scripture reading:

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; stuck down, but not destroyed” (2 Corinthians 4:7-9).

The Word of God has been described in many ways, but each description carries the connotation of worth and value and power. The Word, we read in Hebrews 4:12, is *“living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword...”* The prophet Isaiah declared that the Word that goes out of our Lord’s mouth *“will accomplish what [He] desire[s] and achieve the purpose for which [He] sent it”* (Isaiah 55:11). By the word of His mouth, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26). God Himself called His word a fire and hammer (Jeremiah 23:29). In Ephesians, Paul wrote about the Armor of God, topping off all the defensive weapons God gives us with one offensive weapon, *“the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God”* (Ephesians 6:17)

In our reading, we find Paul describing the Word as a *“treasure in jars of clay.”* This great treasure is God’s Word. It lives inside us; it strengthens us; it encourages us; it gives us hope; it never fades away; it enables us to persevere. Indeed this is a treasure!

Many don’t know that this treasure exists. They may have it beautifully leather bound and on a shelf in their homes, but they don’t realize that they have a priceless treasure in their possession. It is up to us who have this treasure to share it, for it can never be used up, never decrease in value, and never lose its newness and vitality.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your Word through which You speak to me and all people. Through Your Word and the working of the Holy Spirit, my faith is strengthened for which I thank You. Help me to spend time each day reading and meditating on it. Through Christ I pray. Amen.