

himself being
the chief
corner stone ...
Ephesians 2:20

Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Jesus urged his disciples, "Come away ... and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). He calls us also to leave our busyness for a time of Sabbath. **Welcome to worship and rest!**

Thank you, Spirit, for guiding me here, nourishing my soul and strengthening me for service in your name. Amen.

All worshipers, please sign **the Fellowship Registry** book at end of your pew. Thank you.

Need **prayers** for healing or any other concerns? Request the Pastor or elders to pray for you in public worship or privately as the needs arise (James 5:14-16.) Call the church office or contact Pastor Matt (507) 373-8609.

– Pastor Matt

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Matt. 6:33-34 - "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Summary of Today's Lessons

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes *"the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep"* (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets *"shepherds over them who will care for them"* (Jer. 23:3-4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to *"reign as king and deal wisely"* (Jer. 23:5). He is *"our righteousness,"* in whom we *"dwell securely"* (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were *"like sheep without a shepherd"* (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples *"to set before the people"* (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace *"to you who were far off,"* and *"by the blood of Christ,"* He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were *"separated from Christ"* by your sin, *"having no hope and without God in the world"* (Eph. 2:12), now *"you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God"* (Eph. 2:19).

OUTREACH THOUGHTS

Mark 6:30-44: Jesus miraculously fed the hungry crowd of thousands by multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish. This miracle fed the people for a few hours but Jesus, the Bread of Life, desires to satisfy spiritual hunger forever. We who have been blessed to feed on the Bread of Life are encouraged to invite hungry sinners to believe in Jesus, who is and always will be the true Bread of Life.

STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS

Ephesians 2:13 – **"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."** What

all of mankind's efforts, works, and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did. We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others within our vocations in home, church, and society.

BIBLE QUIZ

At the burning bush,
Moses asks God's name.
What is God's answer?



- A. The Lord
- B. I AM
- C. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- D. All of the above

Answer: (See Exodus 3:14-15.)

OUR APPROACHABLE LORD

There is not a hint of one person who was afraid to draw near [Jesus]. There were those who mocked him. There were those who were envious of him. There were those who misunderstood him. There were those who revered him. But there was not one person who considered him too holy, too divine or too celestial to touch. There was not one person who was reluctant to approach him for fear of being rejected. Remember that.

—Max Lucado, *God Came Near*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

As life get back to normal . . .
we need your assistance for worship with
-- **AV, Greeters, Lector, and Ushers** --

Call the Church Office to sign-up.
Contact Dwight Meyer, if you would like to be
an usher.

Albert Lea Civic Music Scholarship Committee announces audition date!

The 2021 Jerdet College Much Scholarship and Wippling Organ and Piano Scholarship Auditions will be held August 12, 2021.

All application materials must be submitted by July 26, 2021.

Information and applications are now available at: <http://www.albertleacivicmusic.com> then click on the Scholarship tab.

Questions?? Call Eileen Nelson Ness (507) 377-2075

FREEBORN COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 3-8, 2021

NEEDED: Parking Attendants at Zion

Sign-up sheets are at the information counter in the main entrance. Please sign-up if you can help or if you would like to lead this activity let Pastor Matt know. Church office phone number, (507) 373-8609. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL: Wheat

Many of Jesus' parables liken the kingdom of heaven to wheat growing abundantly in a field, as opposed to weeds planted by the evil one. When God "sows" the gospel broadly, some soil produces great crops of wheat (believers, people who become part of God's family); elsewhere, wheat (belief) flourishes briefly or not at all. Wheat also symbolizes the bread of Holy Communion and Christ, the bread of life.



Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



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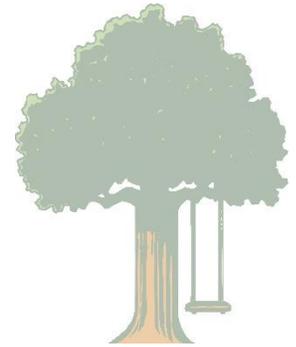
Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Your first half of the year contribution statements have been placed in your church's mailbox. Make sure to pick them up and review them. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dawn Dresher, the church's financial secretary. Thank you.

TREE REMOVAL

Many of you have taken note of the change of looks at Zion. Due to infection, rotting, dying, and possible property damage, we removed nine trees on the church's property over the last three weeks. The trustees brought this concern to the church council, and it was decided for safety and insurance purposes to have them removed. We had one tree last fall split down the trunk. It was chained to hold it together. This change gives us options to do some landscaping improvements this fall and spring.



ZION LADIES

There will be no circle meeting in August. The Hannah, Martha and Ruth Circles will resume their normal schedule in September.

....LIVE FOR THE
PRAISE OF HIS GLORY.



EPHESIANS 1:12

+ This Week's Calendar +

Sunday, July 18, 2021 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM – Online Service and In-Person Service with Holy Communion
No Drive-in Holy Communion
6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

Monday, July 19, 2021

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

9:00 AM – Quilters @ Zion (Quilting Rooms)

Thursday, July 22, 2021

6:45 PM – GA Meeting (Conference Room) @ Zion

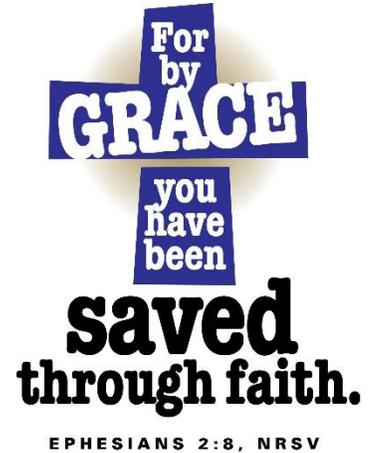
Friday, July 23, 2021

Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Sunday, July 25, 2021 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM – Online Service and In-Person Service with Holy Communion
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Drive-in Holy Communion
6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)



PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The appointed Scripture readings for **The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** – Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 136:1-9, Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56. The sermon will be based on Ephesians 3:14-21.

Pentecost Sunday – July 11, 2021

In-Person Attendance: 89
YouTube Views: 49
In-Person Communion: 85
Drive-In Communion: 2

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When all other doors in life are closed to us, Jesus will be for us the ever-open door. ... To call any situation hopeless is to shut the door on God." —Anthony Coniaris

BIBLE QUIZ 2

What is Gideon doing when the angel of the Lord appears to him with God's call to lead Israel's fight against the Midianites?

- A. Threshing wheat
- B. Harvesting grapes
- C. Keeping sheep
- D. Making a sacrifice to the Lord



Answer: (See Judges 6:11.)

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
and afternoon by appointment
Friday: Office Closed • Saturday: by appointment

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