

Humble
yourselves
before
the Lord,
and he will
lift you up.



James 4:10

Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Welcome to worship, Christian education, and fellowship. We gather as beloved children of God, in the Lord Jesus Christ.

All visitors to Zion, are encouraged to wear your mask as COVID cases are on the rise. If you are feeling sick, please stay home!!

A DAILY THOUGHT: God, nourish me with the living water of your Son Jesus, that I may not wither but may bear fruit to feed my neighbors with justice and love.

All worshipers, please sign **the Fellowship Registry** book at the 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 to contact Pastor Matt (507) 373-8609.

WORSHIP TIME and ONLINE SERVICE

The worship service time at Zion will remain at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings throughout the rest of 2021. It was decided by the elders and shared with the church council. Zion will continue to offer the ONLINE worship service on the Zion YouTube channel. Click the red subscribe box under the video to subscribe to Zion's YouTube channel. It is free!

Regarding Zion's online service, all worship service material, liturgy, hymns, songs, videos, and Scripture reading, need copyright permissions (a paid license) to use unless the material is under the umbrella of public

domain. Right now, we are using the Concordia Publishing House's "Lutheran Service Builder" that coordinates with the hymnal (Lutheran Service Book) for the streaming of online worship services. Unfortunately, additional licenses (for copyright, stream rights, printed music rights) cost adds up, and frankly, there is no "one" license to cover all items.

Research on how to live or post the live service later on Sunday without losing sound and visual quality is underway. We will let you know when this will take place. But, for now, we hold the course.

WEEKLY MEMORY PASSAGE

Luke 9:23 – "And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Summary of Today's Lessons

THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son

The sinful heart is filled with "*bitter jealousy and selfish ambition*" (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God "*opposes the proud*" with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He "*gives grace to the humble,*" in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true "*wisdom from above*" is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was "*like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,*" committing Himself to God, His

Father, "who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind" (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, "after three days," His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

OUTREACH THOUGHTS

Mark 9:30-37: When Jesus calls us to be His own, He calls us to a life of service which, on the surface, may seem too challenging and difficult. The Good News is that He daily equips us to be His servants and witnesses. What a privilege we have to speak of Jesus to people who have little or no direction in their lives.

STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS

Mark 9:32 – "But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him." The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

Thank you to the volunteers from the Zion Ladies Society for cleaning the church kitchen. It only took a few hours with all the helpers! Job well done!!



WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

Ladies of Zion plan to attend the Women's Fall Bible Study. Donna Bailey has volunteered to be the leader. Classes will be Mondays of October. A sign-up sheet will be on the Ladies Society bulletin board in the days to come.

FALL RALLY

MNS LWML Owatonna Conference

Austin-Faribault-Waseca Zones

Saturday, October 9

Trinity Lutheran Church
412 N. Main Street
Janesville, MN

Registration: 8:30—9:00 AM

Brunch: 9:00—9:30 AM

Mission Gathering: 9:30 AM



Speakers:

- Jim Seeman, MN South District Prison Ministry Coordinator "A Light Bulb Moment of Soul"
- Shawn Davis "Returning Christian"

Ingathering: See flyer on Ladies Society bulletin board. A collection box is on the counter in the Office Entrance area.

**Zion Ladies Society
2021 LWML CONVENTION UPDATE**



Zion Lutheran Church
Saturday, September 24, 2021
10:00 AM

Delegate Presentation: Chyeral Stohlmann

All Ladies of Zion are welcome to attend.



As we went through our "journeys" at the same time, we would like to thank everyone for their words of encouragement, cards, advice, bust most of all your prayers. Our

God is great, and we give him thanks and praise for healing. Thank you!

– Sandi Chapman and Jacki Bakken

PORTALS OF PRAYERS

Hot off the press! The October-November-December issue of the Portals of Prayers is available for you to pick up at the Information Table! Take one to share with friends or family members!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Time: 10:15 AM

Topic: The Book of James

We will complete our study on "Tackling Trials" from James 1:1-18 and begin the following lesson on James 1:19-27 called "Listening and Doing." So bring your cup of coffee and treat to class! We will be meeting in the Conference Room.

MEN'S EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Dates: Mondays

(September 13, 20, 27 and October 4)

Time: 6:30 AM

Where: Zion's Conference Room

Intersection of Church and State (4 weeks)

By Rev. Gregory Seltz (the former Lutheran Hour Speaker)

In the U.S. the relationship between church and state is an energetic one. Voices and viewpoints line up across the spectrum. Some would argue from history there should be a "wall of separation" between the two. Others maintain co-existence is not only necessary and inevitable but can lead to positive results.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

6:00-7:15 PM

Zion's Conference Room

Study Topic: Our Preserver (Apostles' Creed – First Article and Psalm 145:15-16)

Memory Work:

- Apostles' Creed – First Article Explanation
- Order of Old Testament Books of the Bible: Genesis-Ruth

ANSWERS

Answers to prayers come in various ways, sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days. And some take years to fully unfold the harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms, sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms.

Some blossom early, and some blossom late, but each one will flower — have faith and wait!

—Helen Inwood, *His Mysterious Ways*

+ This Week's Calendar +

Sunday, September 19, 2021 – **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:00 AM – Online Service and In-Person Service with Holy Communion
- 10:15 AM – Christian Education Hour for All Ages
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Drive-In Communion
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

Monday, September 20, 2021

- 6:30 AM – Men's Bible Class @ Zion (Conference Room)
- 6:45 PM – Albert Lea Cantori Rehearsal @ Zion (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

- 1:00 PM – Cheer and Comfort Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)
- 6:00 PM – Girl Scouts Meeting @ Zion (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

- 9:00 AM – Quilters @ Zion (Quilting Rooms)
- 6:00 PM – Confirmation (Conference Room)

Thursday, September 23, 2021

- Recording the Online Service (afternoon)
- 6:45 PM – GA Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)

Friday, September 24, 2021 - Pastor's Day Off (Office Closed)

- 10:00 AM – Ladies Society LWML Convention Update Mtg.

Saturday, September 25, 2021

- 9:00 AM – Communion Set-up (Flower and Altar)

Sunday, September 26, 2021 – **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:00 AM – Online Service and In-Person Service with Holy Communion
- 10:15 AM – Christian Education Hour for All Ages
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Drive-In Communion
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)



PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The appointed Scripture readings for **The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** – Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 104:27-35, James 5:1-20, and Mark 9:38-50.

16th Sunday after Pentecost – Sept. 12, 2021

In-Person Attendance:	79
YouTube Views:	38
In-Person Communion:	72
Drive-In Communion:	1
Sunday Bible Class:	13
Confirmation:	9

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

People are funny — they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church. —Unknown

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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