

with your neighbor. God's blessings!

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Author of Life, write Your words on the hearts of all who gather here, that our lives may tell the story of Your love for all the world.

#### A QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

"God's name is holy in itself, His kingdom comes all by itself, His will is done, and He gives daily bread to everyone without our prayer."

– Dr. Martin Luther

Please sign the **Fellowship Registry** book at the end of your pew. In addition, guests and visitors are welcome to sign our **Guest Registry** by the church mailboxes in the Fireside Commons. Thank you.

Join us for **Fellowship Time** after today's worship service. There will be no **Sunday Morning Bible Class** today.

All members and visitors at Zion, you may wear your facemask if you so choose. If you are feeling sick, please stay home to rest and recover.

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.

#### GOOD MORNING!

Dear church family and friends, welcome to Zion for this time of worship of our almighty and gracious God. Share a word of peace

## Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, July 24, 2022



#### LUTHERAN HOUR for July 24

KATE Radio (1450 AM)  
at 6:00 PM

**"The Broth of Life"** (*Ecclesiastes 12:1*)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Mortal life is a sieve, not a stock pot.

**(Attention: Sunday, July 31 . . .  
The Lutheran Hour will be at 1:00 PM.)**

#### SUMMARY OF TODAY'S LESSONS

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

#### ***The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith***

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, "how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would "surely become a great and mighty nation" (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus' name, we also hold "fast to the Head" (Col. 2:19), "rooted and built up in him and established in the faith" (Col. 2:6-7).

#### STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS

Luke 11:11 – "**What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?**" A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the Church, and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas – home, Church, and society – the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH THOUGHT

**Luke 11:1-13:** How often have you stood before a full table or before a gathering of people and everyone looks at each other but no one wants to be the one to pray? Prayer is not a natural inclination of those who are sinful by nature and sinful in thought, word and deed. We need to be taught how to pray because prayer is so often seen as only an emergency measure, or a desperate attempt to get a higher power to act on our behalf when we're in trouble. One of the best ways we can share the Good News is by demonstrating a prayer life that reflects an honest communication with God; the ability to, in times of celebration and in times of need, to speak with God as a child speaks to their dear father. That's what Jesus taught His disciples and that's what we can share when we openly pray throughout the day letting the whole world know that before we do anything, we talk to God first in prayer.

## A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

God of inexhaustible strength and limitless energy, our refuge, strength and very present help in trouble: When even youth faint in weariness and the young fall exhausted, help us wait patiently for you to come to renew our strength, so that we will mount up with wings to soar like eagles, riding on the undercurrents of the wind of your Spirit. You who need no slumber nor sleep, by your Holy Spirit's power keep us from all evil, safe in Jesus' nail-scarred hands. Help us never weary as we run after you and never faint as we walk in Christ's footsteps, now and forevermore. Amen.



### CHRISTIAN SYMBOL: Door

A door symbolizes our invitation to engage in prayer and personal relationship with Jesus: "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7, NIV). Conversely, a door represents Jesus' desire to be invited into our lives and hearts: "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me" (Revelation 3:20, NIV).



"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."

- Leviticus 19:2

# Puzzle!

Draw lines to connect the biblical figures with the locations associated with them.

Abraham	Moab
Amos	Canaan
Ananias	Babylon
Cornelius	Caesarea
Daniel	Nineveh
Dorcas	Jericho
Esther	Ur
Jesus	Tarsus
Jonah	Joppa
Joshua	Aram
Lydia	Tekoa
Martha	Bethany
Moses	Egypt
Naaman	Philippi
Ruth	Nazareth
Saul	Persia
Zacchaeus	Damascus



### AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Psalm 118:8, the verse that falls in the middle of the Protestant Bible, reads, "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans" (NIV).

The center of God's Word reminds us to make God the center of our lives! No other person or possession can fulfill or save us. Only God is a safe, certain refuge, and we grow closer to Him by the power of the Spirit that grounds us in His Holy Word and to trust in Him totally!

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Those desiring to be guests at the Lord's Table must:

1. Believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 1:20);
2. Believe that in, with and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:23-32);
3. Confess their sins, seek the assurance of forgiveness, and intend with God's help to amend their sinful life (1 John 1:8-9; Rm. 12:1).

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life of Freeborn County is Friday, August 12, 2022, at the Freeborn County Fairgrounds. **Zion's Beautiful Feat Team** is looking for more team members and or individuals that would like to donate --- bake goods (bars, pies, loaves of bread, muffins, cookies, and the like), pop, water, and small chip/snack bags. If you have any questions, please contact with Diane Hanson or Jeff Brown.

We need walkers to sign-up for ½-hour or 1-hour walk times throughout the night (7:00 PM to 7:00 AM). A sign-up sheet is by the Relay for Life items at the main entrance area by the offices.

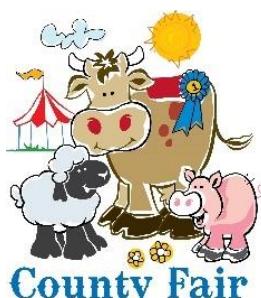
**Our next team meeting will be Tuesday, July 26 at 6:00 PM.**

Items for purchase:

- Luminaries are \$10 each
  - You can dedicate your luminaire to a survivor, caregiver, or in memory of a loved one. We have decorated luminaries too.
- Footprints \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00
- **NEW Quilt Raffle:** We have three beautiful quilts made by the Zion Quilters. Each ticket is \$3.00, or you can purchase two tickets for \$5.00. Place your raffle ticket(s) in the bag attached to the quilt you want to win.
- **Got someone you want to Flock with Flamingos?** Talk with Diane Hanson or Travis Drescher. The flocks are moving around Albert Lea. Be on the watch for them! ☺
- Make checks payable to the "American Cancer Association."

## FREEBORN COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 2-7, 2022

**NEEDED: Parking Attendants at Zion**



**County Fair**

Fair time is around the corner!! As we hear, it is the best six days of summer! We are looking for parking attendants. Sign-up sheets are on the "community bulletin board" by Pastor's office door. We will work from

4:30 PM until 8:30 PM each evening of the fair. Bring a hat, water or pop, and a lawn chair, and we will provide a table for your use. If you have any questions, contact the church office at (507) 373-8609. Thank you for lending a helping hand!

Answers: Abraham – Ur, Amos – Tekoa, Ananias – Damascus, Cornelius – Caesarea, Daniel – Babylon, Dorcas – Joppa, Esther – Persia, Jesus – Nazareth, Jonah – Nineveh, Joshua – Canaan, Lydia – Philippi, Martha – Bethany, Moses – Egypt, Naaman – Aram, Ruth – Moab, Saul – Tarsus, Zacchaeus – Jericho

## + This Week's Calendar +

### **Sunday, July 24, 2022 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM – Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM – Coffee and Christian Fellowship  
4:00 PM – Online Worship Service (available)  
6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

### **Monday, July 25, 2022**

### **Tuesday, July 26, 2022**

6:00 PM – Relay for Life Zion's Beautiful Feat Team Meeting (Conference Room)  
7:00 PM – Albert Lea Cantori Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Wednesday, July 27, 2022**

Zion Quilters will not be meeting today.  
9:00 AM – Visitation for Jim Sanvik (at Zion)  
11:00 AM – Funeral Service for Jim Sanvik (at Zion)  
11:45 AM – Meal in the Fellowship Hall  
1:30 PM – Burial at Central Freeborn Lutheran Cemetery, AL

### **Thursday, July 28, 2022**

6:45 PM – GA Meeting (Conference Room)

### **Friday, July 29, 2022**

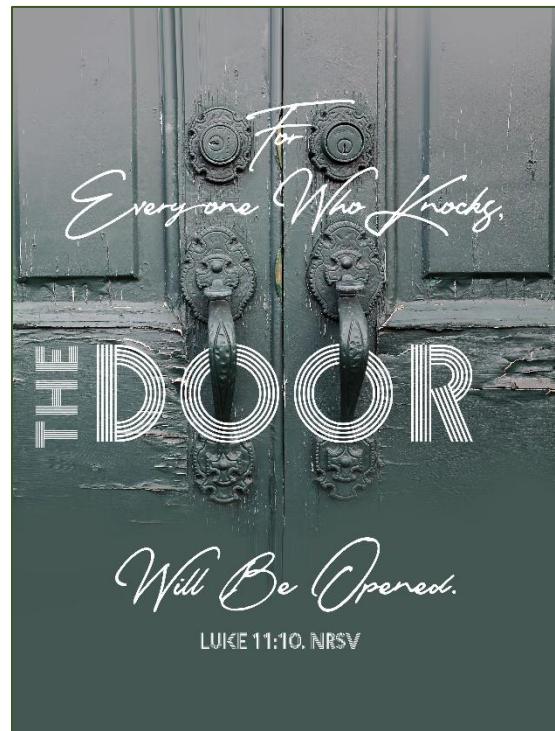
Church Office Closed (Pastor's Day Off)

### **Saturday, July 30, 2022**

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

### **Sunday, July 31, 2022 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM – Worship Service (The Order of Matins)  
10:00 AM – Coffee and Christian Fellowship  
4:00 PM – Online Worship Service (available)  
1:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)



**PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** The appointed Scripture readings for **the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** – Ecclésiates 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26; Psalm 100; Colossians 3:1–11; and Luke 12:13–21.



That can be a loaded question for many folks! Jesus gets to the heart of that question as He

teaches us in the parable of the Rich Fool from Luke 12:13-21. The Order of Matins will our used for our worship service.

### **Pentecost Sunday, July 17, 2022**

In-Person Attendance	88
In-Person Communion	78
YouTube Views	34

**Vision:** All of Zion's members actively reaching out with God's love to connect the community with Jesus.

**Mission:** Zion exists to enthusiastically share the Good News of Jesus with all in our community by connecting people with the Word and serving others with Christ's love.

**Mission Statement:** Sowing the Good News of Jesus Christ!

### **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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