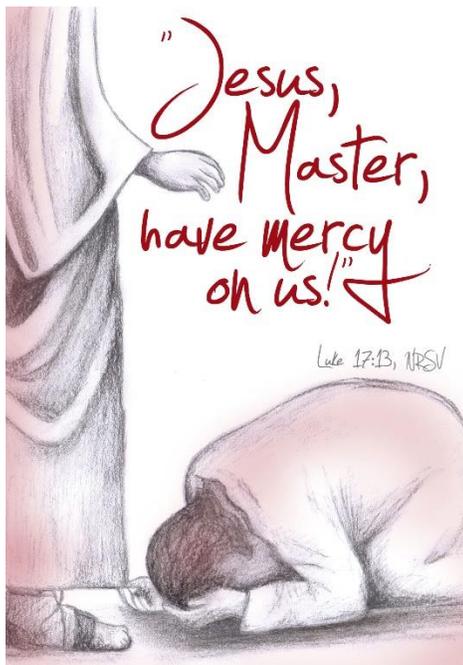


Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, October 9, 2022



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church! May you be refreshed and empowered through our time together in worship to bless the world as God has blessed you. We are

glad you are here this morning!! – Pastor Matt!

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

We pray for the well-being of the places we live and this community where we minister, for in their welfare is ours as well (Jeremiah 29:7).



A QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree."
—Emily Brontë

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. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** and Sunday School are in session!! Praise the LORD!

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.



LUTHERAN HOUR for October 9

KATE Radio (1450 AM)
at 6:00 PM

"Thankfulness, eh?" (Luke 17:11-19)

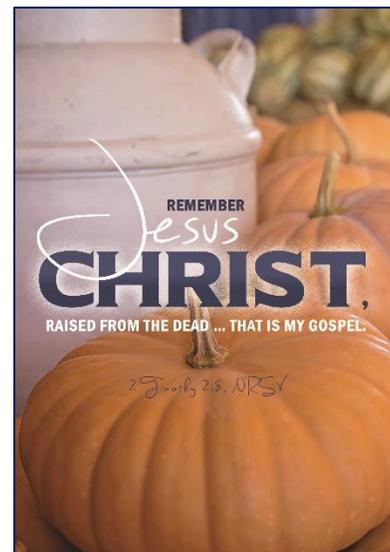
Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper

It's only right to be thankful for what we have and what we are. The question is, to whom are we thankful?

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. "Go and show yourselves to the priests," for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord's temple. It is "at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks" (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you "find rest, each of you in the house of her husband" (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has "visited his people and given them food" (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead" (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely "the word of God is not bound" (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted "to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2),



so that you “may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

OUTREACH THOUGHT

Luke 17:11-19: Leprosy was a dreadful disease in Bible times. Lepers were outcasts who were isolated from other people. Jesus healed the ten lepers who asked Him for pity. All ten were healed from their physical leprosy, but only one gave evidence that he was also healed from the leprosy of sin. We are like cleansed lepers who can help others find true healing for both body and soul in Christ alone.

STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS

Luke 17:19 – 19 – “And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’”

Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.



Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. – **James 5:16**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Servant Speaks

Today, the children will learn how the Holy Spirit helps us serve God. The Disciples select Stephen as one of the first deacons in the Early Church. Stephen was stoned for his faith. (*Acts 6-7*)

The **memory gem** for today is: “Be kind to one another.” Ephesians 4:32

We'll gather at 10:20 AM in the Craft Room on the lower level of the Education wing of Zion.



ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

(Conference Room – 10:20 AM)

The Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:21-35) is our Bible study focus. Gifts, forgiveness, debts, and payments are some of the main points.

MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

(Conference Room - 6:30 AM)

Our session tomorrow is BIG and full of views we, Christian view differently according to the Bible. The lessons is entitled: “*Muhammad, 70 Virgins and Paradise, Predestination and the Pillars of Islam.*” I'll see you bright and early, gentlemen. – Pastor Matt

CONFIRMATION (Conference Room – 6 PM)

“The Flood to Babel” is the study title for the next Confirmation class. Questions we will discuss: Why did God send the flood, and how did it change the world? What caused the people to build the tower of Babel?

The memory work is:

Romans 6:3-4

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

(Conference Room – Thursday @ 9:30 AM)

Ladies of Zion, join us on Thursday morning as we learn about *The Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe*. This week's study focuses on “The Exodus,” their opposition and persecution, Joseph Smith's death, and their flight to the west. And Are Latter-day Saints Still Polygamists?



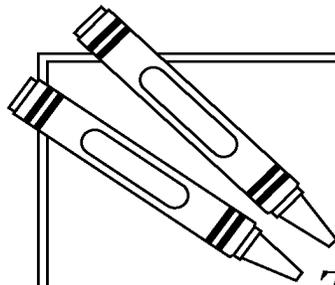
The Lord's Supper is

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.



Just for KIDS

The Story of Ruth

Ruth was a Moabite who married an Israelite. When her husband died, she was free to return to her people. But Ruth was devoted to her mother-in-law, Naomi, and to the God of Israel. She refused to leave Naomi. Because Ruth was faithful, God blessed her.

Look up these passages in Ruth (NIV), and fill in the blanks with the missing words. Then use the circled letters to find the name of Ruth's famous great-grandchild.

1. **Ruth 1:5** ... both Mahlon and also died and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.
2. **Ruth 1:20** "Don't call me ,
 she told them, "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter."
3. **Ruth 1:18** When Naomi realized that Ruth was to go with her, she stopped urging her.
4. **Ruth 2:1** Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, from the clan of Elimelech, a man of , whose name was Boaz.
5. **Ruth 3:1** One day Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not try to find a home for you, where you will be well for?"
6. **Ruth 3:9** "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said, "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a - redeemer."
7. **Ruth 2:14** At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine .
8. **Ruth 4:9** Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon."
9. **Ruth 4:13** So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the Lord her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

Answer: Kilion, Naomi, determined, standing, provided, kinsman, vinegar, witnesses, enabled; King David



Saturday, October 29 --- 4-6 PM
Central Park - Albert Lea

We are asking Zion members to participate in a couple of ways:

- decorating your trunk and handing candy to the Trick-or-Treaters; and
- donate bag(s) of Halloween candy to be handed out. (A donation basket is between the office doors.)

Thank you for being so helpful!!



+ This Week's Calendar +

Sunday, October 9, 2022 – The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM – Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM – Coffee and Christian Fellowship
- 10:20 AM – Christian Education Hour
- 4:00 PM – Online Worship Service (available)
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

Monday, October 10, 2022

- 6:30 AM – Men's Bible Class (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM – Albert Lea Cantori Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – Church Office Closed

- 6:00 PM – Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

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

Thursday, October 13, 2022

- 6:45 PM – GA Meeting (Church Library)
- 7:00 PM – Albert Lea Civic Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday, October 14, 2022

- Church Office Closed (Pastor's Day Off)

Saturday, October 15, 2022

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

Sunday, October 16, 2022 – The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM – Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM – Coffee and Christian Fellowship
- 10:20 AM – Christian Education Hour
- 4:00 PM – Online Worship Service (available)
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The appointed Scripture readings for **the 19th Sunday after Pentecost** – Genesis 32:22-30; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; and Luke 18:1-8. "Pray and Not Lose Heart" is the sermon theme based on Luke 18:1-8.

Attendance for the Week of October 2, 2022

Worship Attendance	85
Communion Attendance	79
Adult Sunday Bible Class	13
Sunday School	5
Men's Bible Class (Monday)	8
Confirmation Class	15
Women's Bible Study	17



Fall Cleaning

October 17-21

Please mark your calendar and join us for the annual fall cleaning at Zion! There are jobs for men and women to do! We will see you then!!!

CAN YOU HELP US?

To celebrate LWML being 80 years old, the Hannah Circle is collecting canned food for the Ecumenical Food Shelf. We are halfway there. Please donate a can or two. Thank you!!!



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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ABOUT ZION . . .

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.