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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod belief about the Sacrament of the Altar: (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion)

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ [in, with, and] under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. (*Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*)

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

These words “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words.

Who receives the sacrament worthily?

The person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe. *Martin Luther, Small Catechism*).

“We must never regard the sacrament as a harmful thing from which we should flee, but as a pure, wholesome, soothing medicine that aids you and gives life in both soul and body. For where the soul is healed, the body is helped as well. Why, then, do we act as if the sacrament were a poison that would kill us if we ate of it? Of course, it is true that those who despise the sacrament and lead unchristian lives receive it to their damnation... But those who feel their weakness, who are anxious to be rid of it and desire help, should regard and use the sacrament as a precious antidote against the poison in their systems. For here in the sacrament you are to receive from Christ's lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and brings with it God's grace and Spirit with all his gifts, protection, defense, and power against death, the devil, and every trouble.” *Martin Luther, Large Catechism, §68-70.*

FOR OUR GUESTS...

We are delighted to have all guests and visitors with us today! As we celebrate Holy Communion, if you have not yet been instructed in the faith, or if you hold to a faith different than the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, it is out of love that we would, for the moment, invite you to refrain from partaking of this meal until we have had a chance to talk with you about our beliefs and practices. If you desire to learn more about our practice of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to be a part of Zion's *Welcome to Worship* class which is held twice a year. In the meantime, please feel free to come forward for a blessing, placing your arms across your chest to let the pastor know you would like to receive that blessing. As our pastors desire to faithfully love and care for you, please respect our position of love on this matter.

In addition to the individual cups, we also offer the **Common Cup** during the administration of the Lord's Supper. **Non-Alcoholic White Wine** is also available in the center portion of each communion tray. **Gluten free wafers** are available. If you would like to receive this, you can simply tell the pastor that you desire a gluten free wafer.



TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR TO DATE (Jul '16-May '17)	General Fund	Line of Credit	Building Mortgage	Operations Total
Beginning Balance	\$ (96,444.98)	\$ (84,329.45)	\$ (134,861.90)	
Loan				
Income/Contributions	\$ 1,058,056.42	\$ 22,416.78	\$	
Expenses/Payments	\$(1,067,394.63)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 15,672.63	
Paid off 5/23/2017			\$ 119,189.27	
Funds Borrowed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)		
Balance	\$ (95,783.19)	\$ (66,412.67)	\$	\$ (162,195.86)

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS (JULY-MAY): \$9,936

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP - During the offering, please sign the fellowship book in the pew (**one name per line, including all children**), enter the date in the upper right corner and pass to the person next to you. Thank you!

INCLUDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP—Young children experience worship in the same way as they experience the rest of life—with their senses. “Worship Bags” for toddlers are available to help you share the worship experience with your child. They’re located at the balcony stairs. Pick one up before the service, and please return it when the service is over.

RESTROOMS are located in the lower level; Women’s is straight back in the lounge area, and the Men’s is off the hallway to the church basement.

IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, please include:

- Those who are in God's care, especially our shut-ins
- Also for **Pastor LeRoy LaPlant, Deb Iverson, Elaine Gatz, Katie Schroeder, Arlys Honebrink, Dick Krahn, Ken Olson, David Roy, Lowell Haga-Leas.**
- Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: July 23: Eunice Cohrs, Brad Grimm, Jr., Clint Schuette; July 24: Kim Goede; July 25: McKinleigh Boersma, Emily Carlson, Reid Cohrs, Lorraine Thiemert; July 26: Eric Ernst; July 27: Lucas Baumann; July 28: Joan Maass, Dean Schuette, Jeff Schwartz; July 29: Tyler Hilk, Jolene Jacobs, Lauren Wisch.
- Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: July 23: David & Kristin Alstadt; July 24: George & Kacey Damian; July 26: Chris & Megan Rinsem, Joe & Beth Schrupp; July 27: Kirk & Tracy Shipler, Jim & Joni Strehlke; July 28: Brent & Alicia Hilk.

PRAYER MINISTRY—Zion's Prayer Chain is available for your use. To initiate a prayer, please call one of the following contact persons: **Arleen Hoese** (657-1049), **Marlene Jopp** (office - 657-2339, Hm - 657-2398), or **Sharon Buckentin** (657-2549). Use the prayer cards (found in church pews) to request prayers for the prayer chain or for Sunday worship, or call one of the contact persons.

DAILY BREAD—Just a reminder to the people of Zion about the ministry known as Daily Bread. It is our privilege to provide meals for families following hospital stays and other times when it can be helpful. If you are interested in volunteering to make meals (no more than once a month, and rarely every month), or if you or someone you know could benefit from receiving meals, please contact Emily Gless at 952-657-2266.



LAST WEEK'S OFFERING—Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$9,285.20; Debt Reduction: \$645.00; **Debt Reduction (meal & auction):** \$4,267.00; Building Fund: \$105.00; Help a Neighbor: \$105.00; Zion tuition: \$12,914.85 “Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the firstfruits of all your income. Then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10.

Romans 8:18 “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel – if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

DID YOU KNOW that your kindness and generosity through the “Help a Neighbor” Fund has helped multiple families who were in significant need? Through this fund help was given by assisting with things like utilities, gas & food. Thank you for your past and continued support of this important ministry!

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” -Matthew 25:40

Portals of Prayer (July-Sept). Can be found in the narthex by the bulletin boxes. Help yourself to these devotions provided by Zion’s LWML. Devotions for April are written by Rev. Dr. James Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans for Life. Used booklets can be placed in Religious Materials recycling box in the NE corner of the narthex.

The **Christian Cards and Gifts** has Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding and Anniversary boxed cards. Individual cards are also available. Check out our gift items including The Lutheran Study Bible, Lutheran Service Books, Prayer Books, Children’s books. We are located at the bottom of the stairs of the lower level of the church. Barb Argabright or Ann Schuette will be available on Sunday mornings between services to help you with your purchase, or with any special order request.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR...

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Weeds infiltrate even the Lord’s gardens (Matthew 13:26-27), and creation itself groans (Romans 8:22). Choosing life can mean suffering, but soon comes harvest. God’s glory cannot stay long concealed (Matthew 13:43), and Christ’s resurrection assures that it will more than make up to us for all annoyances (Romans 8:18). *Son of Man, our Rock and our Redeemer, sow such hope in our hearts that we fear not in any weakness. Amen.*

UPCOMING EVENTS ...

You are invited to an Open House to celebrate Lorraine Thamer's 90th birthday which is July 25. **The Open House will be held on today, July 23, 2-4 PM**, in the Peace Villa Community Room at 308 N. Faxon Rd., NYA.

ZION'S VOTERS' MEETING will be held Thursday, July 27, 7 PM at the Church. Voter packets are available in the narthex.

AUGUST CALENDAR & NEWSLETTER items are due to Marlene July 25.

We have secured November 11, 2017 at Feed My Starving Children. We have 40 spots and will run from 9:00-11:00. Mark this date now so we can fill all the spots. More details to follow.

Zion Lutheran now has an official Facebook page: Zion Lutheran Church Mayer, MN - LCMS

You will find updates, announcements and general Zion info. The page is administrated by Kelley Bahr. Please feel free to contact her or Marlene Jopp with items you would like to see posted that are related to Zion Mayer.

Kelley - kellyb1063@hotmail.com

Marlene - mejopp52@gmail.com

The SHARE THE GARDEN BLESSINGS table in the Narthex, would love to have your overflow produce.

Drop something off, pick something up, or trade for another variety. Don't have a garden? Enjoy the bounty with which God has blessed us. Donations are accepted and provide supplies for the toddler bags and Cry Room.



LSB 826 Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying - The text of this *Mission and Witness* hymn has an interesting beginning. Daniel March was a congregational pastor in Philadelphia who was asked to speak at the Philadelphia Christian Association meeting on October 18, 1868. His sermon text was Isaiah 6:8: *And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."* However, he found no suitable hymns for this text so he composed this original hymn shortly before the service, where it was then sung from manuscript. The text is rich with biblical characters, using them as the backdrop for the call to "tell the love of Jesus" to "the multitudes [who] are dying" in unbelief. The hymn was put a tune by Joseph Barnby, who seldom gave names to his hymn tunes. This tune is called GALILEAN, but is speculated that it was only later given this name by a later hymnal editor.

2017 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - If you are a Thrivent Financial member eligible for designating your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars you can direct them by the following ways: Call Thrivent Financial at 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice" to be directed to a person who will assist you. You may also call your Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative at the Waconia office at (952) 442-8461. Also, Thrivent Choice Dollars direction forms for 2016 are available in the narthex by the mailboxes. If you complete this form it will direct your entire Choice Dollars earned for the 2017 year. Complete the Thrivent Choice Dollars 2017 form - sign and date. You can drop off at the Waconia Thrivent office or place in Darleen Wandersee's box at church for delivery to Waconia. If you have any questions please call Darleen, Zion's Thrivent advocate, at (952) 955-1615. Again, thank you for your continued support of Zion's ministries through your Choice Dollars.

Thank You!! On behalf of our family, I want to thank Zion for the generous gifts that we received from you on Sunday, July 16 to mark my 10 years in the pastoral ministry. We greatly appreciate the Tigers jersey, the Twins gear, and the monetary gift that were given to us. Without a doubt it has been a joy and a privilege to serve as one of the pastors here at Zion. Our family has truly been blessed immensely by the family of Zion, and we thank the Lord for all of you! Pastor Adam, Emily, Christopher, Will, Nora, and Baby Gless

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"... Zion's website www.zionmayer.org... If you or anyone you know would like a 2017-2018 registration form (PS 3's & 4's or K-8) or more information, please call the school office, 952-657-2339...



SALT SALES - If you are in need of salt, please use the salt sheets in the narthex, or call the school office, 952-657-2339. Thank you for your support!

Zion Lutheran School is seeking an individual to serve as an assistant in the kitchen. This part time position would be two hours a school day from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Interested individuals should contact Joshua Baumann at (952) 657-2339 or jbaumann.zion@gmail.com.

Zion Lutheran Extended Care in Mayer is seeking responsible individuals to serve as supervisors for both the morning and afternoon shifts for the 2017/18 school year and beyond. Morning hours include 6:45-8:00, but could be adjusted to 7:55 to allow time for the supervisor to get to school. The afternoon shift is from 2:50 pm (or 3) to 6:00 pm. All shifts are available and could potentially lead to as many as 20 hours per week for the right individual. Responsibilities include supervision of children both indoors and outdoors (play, homework, and crafting), serving a light breakfast in the morning, serving a light snack in the afternoon, tidying and light cleaning, administering minor first aid as needed. Must be at least 15 years of age and enjoy working with children, plus have reliable transportation. Interested individuals should contact Katie Baumann at (314) 302-6663 or katiebaumann@hotmail.com.

ZION FINANCES ALERT!!! Good News. By now I hope all Zion's members have heard that the School Building Addition has been paid off. Congratulations. **BAD NEWS:** However, the bad news is that the Home Treasury is in a very serious financial situation. Although the Sunday bulletins show a summarized Treasurer's Report it does not show the total financial picture of Zion. During the month, as treasurer, I need to decide what bills are paid after paying salaries and benefits. If there is a lack of funds, I hold the Mission ministries, LHS Association fee, Special Treasurer and Debt Reduction checks. As of the end of May I am holding 6 months of these checks totaling \$49,000. If I were to release these checks it would be necessary to use up the entire Operating Loan - Line of credit at Security Bank. This Line of Credit maximum is \$150,000 of which only \$52,000 is available with a \$98,000 balance owing. Included in the \$98,000 is the \$17,000 I have had to borrow to make the last two payroll periods and bills. During the summer months payroll, benefits and regular monthly bills still need to be paid. Zion's summer months contributions have been drastically down so it was necessary to borrow the \$17,000. This Line of Credit promissory note has a maturity date of 9/1/2017 and will need to be renewed before that date. If Zion's finances do not improve soon, Zion may need to increase that promissory note to \$200,000 in order to meet its obligations plus release the held checks. Zion needs to address this serious financial situation. Please consider and pray about your commitment to Zion's ministries.

Cradle Roll. Do you have an hour or two a month and to assist with Zion's Cradle Roll. Cards, booklets, and other materials are provided to the volunteer to send to the parents after the baptism of their child through the beginning of Sunday school. These encouraging items help parents with teaching their child about Christ. Cradle Roll is one of the ministry opportunities offered through the Family Ministry board. If interested contact Newell Hoback at 952-657-2403 or by email at njhoback@yahoo.com. Please put cradle roll in the subject line.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ...

Email address: zionmayersundayschool@gmail.com

Sunday School is seeking teachers!!! For next school year we are looking for 2-3 preschool teachers, a teacher for each grade of 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, 6/7/8, a music coordinator, substitutes, classroom helpers. Please consider how you could help. Contact Jessica Boersma with questions or to volunteer at jessicaboersma13@gmail.com



SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .

during the week of July 23, 2017

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Food Shelf Sunday</i>	
	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
<i>Tuesday:</i>	August Calendar/Newsletter items due to Marlene	
<i>Thursday:</i>	Voters' Meeting	7:00 PM
<i>Friday:</i>	LWML Retreat in Mankato through Saturday	
<i>Next Sunday:</i>	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM

Church/School Office Hours: Monday, closed;
Tuesday-Friday, 8am-12pm & 1pm-4pm. Closed from 12-1pm for lunch.

<i>Today's Light Readings for the week:</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>John 9:1 - John 10:42</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>John 11:1 - John 12:50</i>
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>John 13:1 - John 14:31</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>John 15:1 - John 16:33</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>John 17:1-26</i>
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>John 18:1 - John 19:42</i>
<i>Readings for next Sunday:</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 7:6-9</i>	<i>Romans 8:28-39 Matthew 13:44-52</i>

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Lucas Woodford, Rev. Adam Gless

Elder: Rev. Stefan Wismar

Greeters: Early: Jack & Diane Hoese, Kelley Bahr, Dan Hoese
Late: Tom & Jody Luebke, Blake & Jill Hahn Family, Pete & Amie Studer Family

Organist: Mrs. Wanda Honebrink

Keyboard: Mrs. Tracy Shipler

Acolyte: Chad Heinlein
Dru Houser

Amanda Lundgren
Caleb Shipler

PowerPoint: Wally/Sharon Buckentin

Emily Dewald