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The Second Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 23, 2019

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Psalm:

Psalm 3

Old Testament:

Isaiah 65:1-9

Epistle Reading:

Galatians 3:23-4:7

Gospel Reading:

John 8:26-39

Sermon: "The Outstretched Arms of God" Isaiah 65:1-9 Pastor Gless

8:00 AM Hymns:

"Rise, Shine, You People" LSB 825

"Amazing Grace" LSB 744

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" LSB 623

"From All That Dwells Below the Skies" [June Hymn of the Month]

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*

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. Please request a gluten-free wafer from the pastor.

IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, please include:

- *Those who are in God's care, especially our shut-ins*
- *Also for Pastor LeRoy LaPlant, Arlys Honebrink, Lorraine Thaemert, Dick Krahn, James Hagen, Carol Carlson, Lucille Farniok, Edna Ernst, Dolores Hoese, Kathy Ecklund, Myron Schuette, Lynn Zellman, Eldoras Schuette, Loren Splettstoesz, Barb Splettstoesz, Pastor Lucas Woodford, Matt Rahne, Ann Soderstrom, Ed Gless, Laura Guetzkow, Norville Luebke.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 24-Tom Colgrove, Norma Domras, Carol Esser, Yvonne Hoese, Teresa Jopp; 25- Chloe Pohl; 26-Aaron Guse, Kelly Stauffer; 27-Sophia Wasser; 28- Sande Drew, Mary Hilgers, Lyle Honebrink; 29-Aaron Jopp, Beth King, Landen Schrupp, Hildegard Schwartz, Jeremy Templeman.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: 23-Stan & Sandy Heldt (47), Duane & Tammy Smith (41); 24-Brian & Lori Cole (24); 25-Bob & Marlene Jopp (47); 26-Rod & Lois Maetzold (48), Wayne & Jody Snow (26); 27-Brandon & Emily Dewald (4), Terence & Susan Stender (21); 28-Joshua & Katie Baumann (16), Joshua & Samantha Swartzer (5)*
- *Our missionaries: Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa), Todd Roeske and family (Alaska & Philippines), Seminarian Mark Peters & his wife Martha (nee Buckentin) (Fort Wayne), Seminarian Dale Krienke (Fort Wayne).*



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 (657-2398), or Sharon Buckentin (657-2549). You may also use prayer cards (found in church pews) to request prayers from prayer chain or during Sunday worship.

INCLUDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP—We welcome children in the worship service! Worship Bags for toddlers are available to help you share the worship experience with your child. They're located at the balcony stairs.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING —Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$10,684.17; Help A Neighbor: \$100; Building Fund (New): \$10; Building Fund (Maint): \$100; Food Shelf: \$25. *Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the first fruits 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.*

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Baptisms Today: Rylee Jo Swartzter, infant daughter of Joshua & Samantha Swartzter.

Mikaela Rae Bremer, infant daughter of Jeremy & Crystal Bremer (nee Gutzke).

Teagan Grace Heiret, infant daughter of Damian & Casey Heiret (nee Gutzke).

Adult Bible Class: Selected Psalms ~ The Psalms make up an important part of our life of worship. They are both spoken and sung. They are also intended to be an important part of our devotional life. The Psalms are a gift from God given to us to meditate upon to guide our thoughts, words, and deeds. They give voice to our prayers and praise. More than anything though, the Psalms direct us to Christ as our Savior and Lord. Join Pastor Gless, Pastor McManus, Pastor Schwanke, and Pastor Wismar for the next eight weeks in Adult Bible Class as we journey through selected Psalms together. June 23-Aug 11

Installation of Pastor Adam Gless

*Officiant: Rev. LeRoy LaPlant
Preacher: Rev. Marlin Rempfer*

JUNE 30, 2019 | 3:00 PM
at Zion Lutheran Church
121 Bluejay Ave - Mayer, MN

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN CHURCH
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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Zion is excited to now offer three new ways to give electronically. We have introduced online giving, giving through a mobile application, and text giving. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year. No cash? No problem! And, when travel, illness, or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, you can still donate on a reoccurring or one-time basis. We also are still offering auto withdrawals via Joyful Response and church envelopes. Giving to Zion has never been easier!

ONLINE GIVING: Zion is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps: Visit www.zionmayer.org ~ Click on the Give Now Button!

MOBILE GIVING: Donate from your smart phone! Zion now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app for FREE. Enter 55360 to find Zion's page and tap Give Now Follow the on screen instructions

Text Giving Now you can text your offerings! In less time than it takes to write a check, you can now make your contribution to Zion with a quick text message. To get started, text a dollar amount you would like to donate to 952-529-4152. Follow the on screen directions.

Director of the Worship Team needed: Zion Lutheran Church in Mayer is looking for a part time Director of the Worship Team for their Sunday 10:30am service. This person will work closely with Pastor(s) to organize the worship service, which includes music, musicians, etc. The ideal candidate should have a good understanding of the LCMS faith and its practice, extensive experience with selecting music, ability to play piano/another instrument/or be able to sing, as well as working with a team. They should also have knowledge of technology used during the services (i.e. PowerPoint, sound systems, etc). This is a salaried position estimated at ~10 hours per week. Interested individuals should apply at Zion's website: www.zionmayer.org.

VBS Recap: Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers that helped make VBS this year a success. We had 75 children participate and 50 volunteers! Pictures from this year's VBS can be viewed on our Zion Lutheran Church Facebook page and website!

Lutheran Witness– The June/July issue of the Lutheran Witness features articles on the upcoming LCMS National Convention. Beginning with LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison's touching tribute to retiring First Vice-President Rev. Dr. Herbert C. Mueller Jr., the magazine offers readers a crash course on convention worship, overtures, essays, offerings, and elections. At our Voters' meeting in January, we nominated candidates. In "Meet the Candidates" we are given biographical information and personal statements from the three men nominated to serve as Synod President. Each candidate shares his perspective on key issues and challenges facing the LCMS.

Experience the Holy Land– Rev. Peter and Kathy Meier will lead a 10-day Biblical Tour of Israel January 17-26, 2020. They are hosting this tour through Imagine Tours & Travel, who specialize in serving Christian groups. You are invited to join them as they explore Biblical sites of the Old and New Testament and share faith lessons. Early bird savings are available—sign up by July 10 and enjoy a \$75 discount. Please contact Kathy Meier, Kathy.meier@cui.edu or 952-994-7021 for additional information or to have a brochure mailed to your home.

Life Thought – Pentecost II – God became an embryo to declare embryos precious. He experienced gestation to hallow the womb as His canvas. He received parents to especially bless procreation and childrearing. He suffered to sanctify all of our afflictions, including the untreatable ones. Jesus came to claim even the tiniest of our species and make His family out of the neediest human beings (Galatians 4:4-7). We get to call God "Father" and become brothers and sisters to any human being!

Luke 8:37 – "Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned." The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd and their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"...

Zion's website www.zionmayer.org

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!

Do you know any families with children entering 4 year old preschool or kindergarten? We have openings in both of these classes. Please invite them to check out what we have to offer or pass their information to Mr. Baumann.



**ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SEEKING
TEACHERS FOR THE 2019/2020 YEAR**

1 KINDERGARTEN/1ST GRADE TEACHER

1 2ND/3RD GRADE TEACHER

1 4TH/5TH GRADE TEACHER

2 6TH/7TH/8TH GRADE TEACHER(S)

MUSIC COORDINATOR

ASSISTANT COORDINATOR





SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .

during the week of June 23rd

Today:	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
Tuesday:	Elders Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday:	July Newsletter/Calendar Items Due	
Thursday:	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Adam Gless

Elder: Bill Devine

Greeters: **Early:** Rich & Eunice Cohrs, Chuck & JoAnne Weiland, Elizabeth Knaus
Late: Pat & Carol Esser, Mike & Mary Cohrs, Chris Farniok

Organist: Wanda Honebrink

Acolytes: Jack Baumann Sam Shipler
Amanda Derner Breana Houser

Powerpoint: Wally Buckentin Duane/Tammy Smith

Readings for next week: 1 Kings 19:9b-21, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62