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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 1, 2019

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Psalm: Psalm 131
Old Testament: Proverbs 25:2-10
Epistle Reading: Hebrews 13:1-17
Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1-14

Sermon: "Table Etiquette" Luke 14:1-14 Pastor Gless

8:00 AM Hymns:

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want [Sept Hymn of the Month]
"Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842
"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" LSB 623
"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" LSB 631
"Where Charity and Love Prevail" LSB 845

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, Ralph Unglaub, Mary Hilgers, Joleen Guetzkow, Darlene Unglaub, Steve Kuenzel, Pastor Dean Mahlum, Jackie Mahlum, Duane Smith, Megan Thomas.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 1-George Van Beusekom, Travis Wasser; 2-Katie Baumann; 3-Shelly Grimm, Jeff Quiram, Kelly Thaemert, Tyler Trende; 4-Kip Kovar, Larry White; 5-Stacy Derner, Jada Zajicek; 6-Christopher Gless, Arlene Steinborn, Charles Thaemert; 7-Bruce Hoese.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: 3-Darin & Rhonda Bjerke (25); 6-Chad & DeAnn Lommel (13); 7-Joanne & Lyle Hartwig (45).*
- *Our missionaries: Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa), Seminary Mark Peters & his wife Martha (nee Buckentin) (Fort Wayne), Seminary 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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING —Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$11,107.90; Help A Neighbor: \$110; Debt Reduction: \$210; Building Fund (New): \$101.30; Building Fund (Maint): \$251.00. *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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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. This class will run through Labor Day weekend!

Life Thoughts in the Church Year—September 1 – Pentecost XII–

Supporters of abortion suggest babies with disabilities are better off not being born. Advocates of assisted suicide also presume certain injuries and illnesses make life too burdensome. But Jesus calls us all fallen and helpless—and then rewrites His commandments to save us as sons and daughters (Luke 14:2-5). He receives “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind” (Luke 14:13) as honored guests, and invites us also to celebrate the blessing of each one.

Stewardship Moment: Stewards are aware that we live in a “fallen world.” We struggle to do right and yet are faced with doing wrong (Rom. 7:15-25; Gal. 5:13-25). We take the power of sin, greed and evil seriously. We do not minimize it. Sin affects everyone. As Christians we reject the version of historical progress and consumerism that makes history itself progressive and redemptive. We believe God is the Owner of this universe and has given us the privilege of being stewards. We believe that God has provided the remedy for sin in the blood of Christ shed for the forgiveness of sins. Christian stewards are people who live in repentance and faith, for the Church lives only by the forgiveness of sins in Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ...



Our Sharing the Blessing produce table is ready for your extra fruit and vegetables. Feel free to bring some or take some home. A free will offering bucket is available but is not necessary. We rejoice that God has blessed us by providing an abundant harvest.

The Mission board will be auctioning off a beautiful queen size quilt on September 8. The quilt was made by Sharon Buckentin and machine quilted. We used a Thrivent card to purchase the material. We will have the quilt up in the narthex for your inspection. More updates to follow.

Do you have a child between 0-5? We have two great opportunities starting in September for you and your kids!

Little Lambs Moms with kids age 0-4 join us for Bible stories, songs, crafts, snacks, and fellowship Fridays 8:30-10 starting Sept 6th through the school year. Questions, contact Emily Gless 657-2266 or gless2003@gmail.com

Finding Our Feet ~ The Board of Family Ministry will be offering a new evening class beginning Sept 4th for kiddos and their parents to make new friends and learn about God! We will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month (with few variations) September through May. We hope you will join us! *Please register on our Zion website!*

Rally Sunday Happenings booths: If you have volunteered to have a booth at the Rally Sunday event, please have all of your items set out by 8:45 am Sunday, Sept. 8th in the Day School gym. If I have not contacted you about a booth and you have an event or activity that you run or participate in and would like to highlight that, please email me or give me a call @ jessicaboersma13@gmail.com or 605-695-9949.



F.A.I.T.H. event Hayride: The Board for Family Ministry would like to invite you to our next F.A.I.T.H. event, a **Hayride** and meal at John Vinkemeier's land by the river. Take County road 30 west to Union Avenue and then follow signs. It will start at 4 pm and go till 6:30 pm on September 28th. Family Ministry will provide the meal of hot dogs, chips, cider and S'mores. Any questions contact the office!

Zion Quilter's: Quilting will begin Tuesday, October 8th.

Something to do for everyone. Please join us.



St. Mark Lutheran Church in New Germany is inviting you to their Annual Pork Chop Dinner & Silent Auction on Sunday, September 8th. The pork chop dinner consisting of delicious pork chops, scalloped potatoes and corn and also the silent auction, run from 10:00am-1:00pm. The ticket price for the pork chop meal is \$11 for adults and \$5 for children 5-11 years.

Volunteer needed!! Powerpoint Operator: We are currently in need of one PowerPoint operator for the 10:30 service. Serve once every 6 weeks. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Lutheran Hour Ministries—today begins the 87th season of Lutheran Hour Broadcasts. Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler begins a sermon series based on the book of Genesis. "Begin Again" -the book of Genesis tells us that God made all things. But it won't answer every question about when, how, and why God did it. That's because Genesis is mostly about getting to know God. (Genesis 1:1-2:30)

Learn about the Lutheran Hour-LHM Presentation and Supper—no charge! All are welcome! First Evangelical Lutheran, Glencoe. Sept 22, 5:00pm. Doors open at 4:15. A free will offering will be received for future KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour Broadcasts. Replies (one week prior) are appreciated but not mandatory. 320-864-5522 or office@firstglencoe.org

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"...

Zion's website www.zionmayer.org ~ Chapel Offerings for the first quarter go to: ***Families Moving Forward***. Chapel this week will be lead by Pastor LaPlant.



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!

Our 11th annual Walk-A-Thon will take place on Friday, Sept. 27th. The money raised supports our entire PTL budget for the year; supplementing school operating expenses, field trips, curriculum, and school projects. Our goal this school year is set at \$19,000. We are asking for your help in both donations and prayer for a successful event. Pledges can be turned in now, through Wednesday September 25, 2019. Please check your church mail box for more information and pledge forms. Thank you in advanced for all of your support.

No School/Office Closed on Monday, Sept. 2nd!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS..

Rally Sunday—We're doing things a little different this year! Join us on September 8th from 9:15-10:15 as we kick off Sunday School. We will be serving breakfast (egg bakes & caramel/cinnamon rolls!) and will have Sunday School signups! ALSO, learn about other ways you can assist at Zion. Come see and gather info about events and all that is happening at Church and how you can participate or volunteer in your congregation!

Teachers Needed—Sunday School still has teacher positions for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact Jessica Boersma at 605-695-9949 if you have questions!

