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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

Epistle Reading: Galatians 3:23-4:7

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: "United Through Baptism" Seminarian Mark Esser

Hymns:

"By Grace I'm Saved" [June Hymn of the Month] LSB 566

"Father Welcomes" LSB 605

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" LSB 594

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized" LSB 601

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" LSB 623

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LSB 643

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 Dolores Hoese, Eldoras Schuette, Jackie Mahlum, Joan Schwartz, Peggy Uecker, Pastor Dan Heuer, Marge Hoese, Connie Dulas, Mary Hilgers, Ed Gless, Laura Guetzkow, Curt Lundeen, Ken Quaas, Helen Bunge, Lorraine Thaemert, ReNaye Molnau, Delores Lenz.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 19-Dory Venero; 21-Megan Kuenzel; 22-Rebecca Grams, Kjyrsten Olson, William Tucholke; 24-Tom Colgrove, Carol Esser, Jayson Heuer, Noah Hoback, Yvonne Hoese, Teresa Jopp; 25 -Jared Duske, Chloe Pohl.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: 19-Bill & Jolene Devine (40); 21-Adam & Emily Gless (19); 23-Stan & Sandy Heldt(50), Duane & Tammy Smith (44); 24-Brian & Lori Cole (27); 25-Bob & Marlene Jopp (50).*
- *Our missionaries: Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa), Seminarian Mark Peters & his wife Martha (nee Buckentin) (Fort Wayne), Seminarian Dale Krienke (Fort Wayne), Seminarian Mark Esser & his wife Paige (St. Louis).*



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 (952-200-4495), 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): **General Fund: \$ 9409; Building Fund \$200; Help A Neighbor: \$150.**

GIVING OPTIONS



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Looking for more?

Sunday Adult Bible Class: in between services in the church basement.

Connected in Christ—Join us as we read through the Bible. Contact the office to be added to the email list. You will receive two emails a week; one with the weekly reading list and a weekly video devotion. Plus a Facebook group to keep us connected.

Connected in Christ



Weekly Wisdom

June 19 - Pentecost II /Father's Day - The unique dignity of fatherhood includes protecting others as God does (Psalm 3:3)—even defending them from themselves. Practices like abortion and measures like assisted suicide situate our people among the tombs (Isaiah 65:4). Let us not abandon them to demonic deceptions about “bodily autonomy” but instead with courage and compassion proclaim how much God has done for us (Luke 8:39), creating and redeeming and calling every member of our race precious.

Stewardship Corner **June 19—Luke 16:19** - **“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.”**

This is often called the story of “The Rich Man and Lazarus.” But it should really be called the story of “The Two Rich Men and Lazarus.” The other rich man in this story is Abraham. Obviously, these two men used the gift of riches that God gave them in very different ways. The life and decisions of Abraham flowed from faith; the rich man’s life and choices flowed from disbelief and self-centeredness. So Abraham was kind and generous, reflecting his trust in a kind and generous God. And the rich man? Well, you saw what happened to him and what god he served.

ZION EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Email Address: Effective immediately please begin using church.office@zionmayer.org to communicate with the church office. If you need to communicate to the school please use school.office@zionmayer.org

Directory Photos We will contact you to let you know when the office will be open for pickup. Thank you for all that got their portrait taken for this years directory!

Crafting Club will meet in the church basement on June 21st! Please make sure to join us between 10am-2pm! Bring a lunch and enjoy fellowship and crafting!

Mini-Sabbatical- With the encouragement and approval of Zion's Board of Elders and Leadership Council, Pastor Gless will be taking a mini-sabbatical this coming summer. This sabbatical is intended to be an intentional time to focus on care for himself, his marriage, and his family amidst the realities of burnout and compassion fatigue which are so prevalent in pastoral ministry. Pastor Gless will be gone from June 19 through August 15. An accountability team has been established to assist Pastor Gless in maintaining healthy boundaries and to ensure that goals are met for this mini-sabbatical. Should you have any questions, please contact a member of the accountability team: Eric Boersma, Wanda Honebrink, Brad Quaas, or Ryan Schuette. Your continued prayers and support for our pastors, faculty, staff, volunteers, and congregation are most appreciated. Thank you, and the Lord be with you!

Rainforest

Explorers

VBS @ Zion



Thank You! My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, thank you for the wonderful honor and privilege of being blessed to serve as one of your pastors these past fifteen years. It has been an absolute joy to serve you in the name of Jesus! Thank you for the joyous celebration to mark the occasion for me and my family. Your comments, cards, gifts, and well wishes were all so encouraging and appreciated. For those that arranged and provided for the potluck, what a blessed occasion that was indeed...Thank you! I thank the Lord for all of you! I, and my family, are so blessed to call Zion our home.



Anniversary Celebration - Stan and Sandy Heldt are celebrating 50 years of marriage and invite all to attend a party in their honor. Saturday, June 25th from 2:30—8:00 p.m. (music starts at 5:00). The celebration will be at the Mayer Community Center.



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!



Job Postings:

Extended Care Director:

Zion Lutheran School in Mayer is seeking a part-time Extended Care Director. The prospective candidate should be passionate about children and growing the program. The position of Extended Care Director is responsible for supervising students before and after school, recruiting and scheduling workers, planning and shopping for snacks, recording hours of attendance, etc. A full job description is available in the school office. Depending on hours worked, there is a possibility of a tuition discount if the director’s children attend Zion. Interested candidates should fill out an application and submit with their resume to joshua.baumann@zionmayer.org. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Joshua Baumann at 952.657.2339.

Pick up your Zion Lutheran School Cookbook today! The Cookbook features over 200 taste-tempting favorite recipes from Zion Lutheran School’s students and staff. Orders can now be placed - \$20 for 1 book; additional books are \$15. These can make great gifts. The order form is in the back of church and cookbooks can be picked up in the school office.



SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .
Happening at Zion during the week of June 19

Today:	Food Shelf Sunday	
	Worship	8:00 AM
	Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM
Tuesday:	Crafting Club	10:00 AM
Wednesday:	Building Committee	7:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship	8:00 AM
	Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM

Summer Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays: (8am-12pm)
Tuesdays and Thursdays: (8am-4pm)

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Adam Mussell/Seminarian Mark Esser

Elder: Ryan Schuette

Ushers: Early: Bob Jopp, Duane & Tammy Smith, Elizabeth Knaus, Barry Uecker

Late: Pat & Carol Esser, Mike & Mary Cohrs, Chris Farniok

Organist: Autumn Staples

Acolytes: Christopher Gless
Courtney Tuttle

PowerPoint: Clint Schuette

Aaron/Rachel Guse

Livestream Operator:

Next Weeks Readings: 1Kings 19:9b-21, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62