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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - August 7th 2022

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Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:22-34

Sermon: "Faith over Fear" Rev. Andrew Mussell

Hymns:

"Great Is Their Faithfulness" LSB 809

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" LSB 735

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine" LSB 496 (August Hymn of the Month)

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711

"How Great Thou Art" LSB 801

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, Pastor Dan Heuer, Marge Hoese, Connie Dulas, Mary Hilgers, Ed Gless, Laura Guetzkow, Curt Lundeen, Ken Quaas, Helen Bunge, ReNaye Molnau, Delores Lenz.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 7-Liz Beiersdorf, Jessica Boersma, Nathan Hoeft, Connie Rikke; 8-Hailey Lauseng; 9-Jessica Buckentin, Judy Hoese; 10-Daniel Hoese, Gary Hoese, Ashley Lieske, Shelby Stender, Sydney Studer; 11-Cameron Luebke, Taylor Otterstatter; 12-Stacey Lauseng, Gylan Uecker; 13-Lanette Thaemert.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: August 8-Jeremy & Lani Hoese (24), Matthew & Kimberly Rahne (13).*
- *Our missionaries: Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa), 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: \$ 6,352; Building Fund \$125; Help A Neighbor: \$0.

GIVING OPTIONS



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Donated: \$6,352
Goal: \$18,100

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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



Stewardship August 7 - Proper 14 Luke 12:24 -

“Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air – this we know, it’s just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come, Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

Life Thought - August 7 - Pentecost IX (Proper 14) – Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can inflict real anxiety about material necessities. But abortion and assisted suicide will only leave its victims lacking even more. Our Heavenly Father, on the other hand, gets giddy to furnish sufferers with not just what we need but all the assets, land, and families He has (Luke 12:31-32). Death, even when we wield it, leaves us empty, but faith never fails to fill hands and hearts.

ZION EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mini-Sabbatical- Pastor Gless will be on vacation from June 19-July 4, and then he will be on a mini-sabbatical from July 5-August 15. During this time, if you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Mussell, Pastor Colgrove, or the congregational office. If you have questions regarding the mini-sabbatical, please contact any member of the mini-sabbatical accountability team: Eric Boersma, Wanda Honebrink, Brad Quaas, Ryan Schuette. Please continue to be in prayer for Pastor Gless and his family, as well as all of our faculty and staff and their families and our entire congregation that God would defend us all from the evil foe and keep us united in Jesus Christ.

Directory UPDATE - If you ordered photos they are available in the Zion office for pick up. In your mailbox in the narthex you will find your directory listing. Please make any changes to your phone numbers, addresses, names etc. and place in the bin marked Directory Update. If you have not submitted a picture or would like to please e-mail them to the church office at church.office@zionmayer.org. If there is information displayed on your directory listing that you do not want published please make sure to cross it out. The online/app portion of our directory will be available in early August. The print edition of the directory will not be available until Pastor Gless returns from his sabbatical.

Friends for Life Food Shelf - We will be collecting the following items for the Friends For Life food shelf from now until the end of August. Canned chicken, spaghetti pasta and sauce, baby wipes and diapers sizes 4,5 & 6. Please put in the assigned box in the narthex.

Church Elevator—The elevator is out of order. The parts to repair the elevator will not be available until the middle of August. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Open House Bridal Shower - All are invited to a bridal shower for Alissa Thaemert on August 13th starting at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement.



Zion Sunday School will be starting September 11th and with that we are in need of Volunteers for the year. Areas of opportunities to Share Hope and Teaching Christ are: 1- Preschool Teacher, 1-K/1st grade teacher, 1- 2nd/3rd grade teacher, 1- 4th/5th grade teacher, 2-6/7/8th grade teachers, Substitute teachers, Craft Coordinator, Music Director, Christmas program facilitator, set-up of Sunday School classrooms (hoping for a rotation of people). If you would like to volunteer another way, please let me know as I have other opportunities to help also. Child registration forms are in the back of Church or on the Church website you can find to print or fill out google form. We are looking forward to an amazing year of sharing Jesus with the children of Zion!

Contact Jessica Boersma Zion Sunday School Coordinator
605-695-9949 or zionmayersundayschool@gmail.com



Community Blood Drive—Wednesday, August 24th from 1:00 pm—7:00 pm. Mayer Community Center 413 Bluejay Avenue.

Contact Lois at 952-657-2161 or visit RedCrossBlood.com—enter Mayer Community Center to schedule an appointment.



Please return any keys - If you at one point were serving as a volunteer for Zion in any capacity and were given a key, and are no longer a volunteer/using the key, please return your church and/or school keys to the office so we can pass them along to new volunteers.

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.

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!

Back to School Folders—Available now in the school office.

Job Postings:

Kitchen Assistant:

Zion Lutheran School in Mayer is seeking a part-time Kitchen Assistant. This is a two-three hour per school day position (10:45-12:45 or 1:30). The position of Kitchen Assistant is responsible for helping set up for lunch, serving lunch, washing dishes, and other clean up. Interested candidates should contact Josh Baumann at 952.657.2339 or joshua.baumann@zionmayer.org.

Teacher Aide:

Zion Lutheran School in Mayer is seeking a part-time teacher aide. This part-time position would involve around 25-30 hours a week. A full job description is available in the school office. Interested candidates should fill out an application and submit to joshua.baumann@zionmayer.org. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Joshua Baumann at 952.657.2339.

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.



SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .

Happening at Zion during the week of August 7th



Today:	Worship	8:00 AM
	Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM
Wednesday:	SAGES—MLHS	9:00 AM
Next Sunday:	Worship	8:00 AM
	Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:30 AM

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday (8am - 4pm)

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Andrew Mussell

Elder: Duane Smith

Ushers: LuAnn Kirchoff, Bruce & Judy Hoese, Robert Luecke
Harvey & Betsy Ziermann, Al Heuer

Organist: Autumn Frey

Acolytes: Mallory Vogelpohl
Carter Maetzold

PowerPoint: Sam Shipler

Livestream Operator:

Next Weeks Readings: Jeremiah 23:16-29, Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3
Luke 12:49-53