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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 21st 2022

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 12:4-24

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

Sermon: "The Lord's Discipline" Rev. Andrew Mussell

Hymns:

"Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng" LSB 813

"Glory Be to Jesus" LSB 433

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

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" LSB 563

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" LSB 680

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, Helen Bunge, ReNaye Molnau, Delores Lenz.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: August 22-Connie Dulas, Debra Iverson, Isaiah Mead; 23-Madeline Guetzkow, Michael Kadlec; 25-Otto Nahmenssen, Olivia Turner; 26-Quincee Eveslage, Jack Heinlein, Brady Malberg; 27-Branden Carlson, Laura Grimm.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: August 21- Jason & Jenni Hoese (18); 25-Curt & Peggy Lundeen (38); 26-Dave & Laurie Trende (50) .*
- *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.

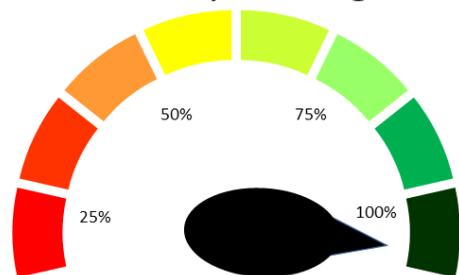
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING —Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): General Fund: \$ 20,586; Building Fund \$150; Help A Neighbor: \$150.

GIVING OPTIONS



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Weekly Offering



Donated: \$20,586
Goal: \$18,100

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Connected in Christ



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.

Weekly Wisdom

Stewardship August 21 – Proper 16 Luke 13:26 – “Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’” Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word – but ignored it, refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but doers of Jesus' Word. We want not just proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him, and return thanks.

Life Thought - August 21 – Pentecost XI (Proper 16) – Abortion doesn't mean choosing whether or not to have a family. Assisted suicide doesn't amount to deciding whether or not to be a burden. Surprise pregnancy, terminal diagnosis, or otherwise, every human being will have burdens and belong to family. The only question is what kind. Affirming the sanctity of life binds us to a strong Father (Hebrews 12:6-7) and a household of celebration (Luke 13:29; Hebrews 12:22-24).

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.

Feed My Starving Children-Save the date – October 8th. Zion has reserved 40 spots at the Chanhassen facility from 9:00—10:45 a.m. Sign up coming soon.



ZION EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Gless email- Please note that Pastor Gless will be using adam.gless@zionmayer.org when he returns from his sabbatical. All emails should be directed to that address effective today.

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 August.

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



Food Shelf Sunday is today, Sunday, August 21 although donations can be brought any time to shelves in northeast corner of narthex. Current needs are: canned chicken, spaghetti, pasta, ready to eat stew and chili, spaghetti sauce (avoid glass), saltine crackers, 100% juice (shelf stable), and oatmeal packets. Financial donations are also welcome and are used to buy meat, milk, cheese, butter and eggs. Donations are delivered to Friends For Life food shelf in Watertown at the end of each month.

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

Zion Master Facilities Plan Meetings

Zion's Building Committee has recommended, and the Leadership Council has approved a proposed Master Facilities plan to bring to the Voters of Zion. We will be holding 3 meetings to walk through it, and answer any questions you may have.

Meeting 1 - Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary

Meeting 2 - Thursday September 15 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary

Meeting 3 - Thursday September 22 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary

The first meeting will be the most in depth, with no decisions taken. Meeting 2 will build on the first, and meeting 3 will hopefully result in decisions to approve the plan and continue moving forward for our future generations of Zion.

Please direct any questions to Gerry Thomas, Eric Boersma, Brad Quaas, Josh Baumann, or Pastor Andrew.



Zion Lutheran School theme verse for the 2022-2023 school year:

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God . . . ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and **self-control**. ²
Timothy 1:6-7

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"...

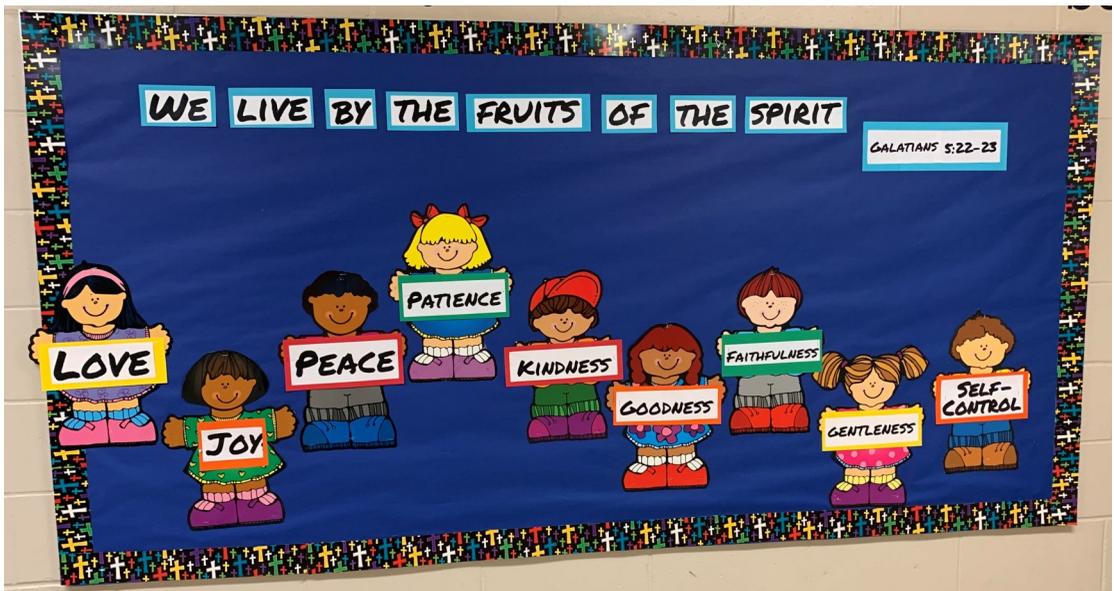
Zion's website www.zionmayer.org

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!



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 cook-books can be picked up in the school office.

Zion Lutheran School starts year 111 of service on Wednesday, August 24th. The 2022-2023 school year is the first time in the history of Zion with all single grade classrooms. Opening chapel is at 8:30 on Wednesday in the sanctuary.



SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .

Happening at Zion during the week of August 21st



Today: Food Shelf Sunday
Worship 8:00 AM
Bible Class 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Wednesday: First Day Kindergarten—Grade 8

Next Sunday:
Worship 8:00 AM
Bible Class 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

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

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Adam Gless/Rev. Andrew Mussell

Elder: Ryan Schuette

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

Organist: Autumn Frey

Acolytes: Christopher Gless Brecken Gordon

PowerPoint:

Livestream Operator: Austin Maetzold

Next Weeks Readings: Prov. 25:2-10, Hebrews 13:1-17, Luke 14:1-14