

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
Season After Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship
October 13, 2024

Pre-service Music
Welcome & Announcements
Temple Talk - Deb Holtan

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Song "Have No Fear, Little Flock" #764

Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,
grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our ^l hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long ^l will you tarry?
Be gracious ^l to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love ^l in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad ^l all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor ^l to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God ^l be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Song "Jesus Loves Me" ELW #595

Sermon on the Steps Shawna Spears

Noisy Offering for Operation Christmas Child

Song "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172

GOSPEL: : Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day "You Are Mine" #581

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of Grace Kennedy Longo; Baptism of Stella Rose Erickson

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of the saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who is presented to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Parents: *Grace Kennedy / Stella Rose*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The child is Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray...God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon **Grace / Stella** the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Grace Kennedy/ Stella Rose , Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Parents, Sponsors, People of God, as **Grace Kennedy / Stella Rose** have been here baptized, you are now entrusted with these responsibilities: you should faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant in her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life unto the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so say, I do.

The candle is lit

Jesus says in Matthew 5:

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house." In the same way, **Grace/ Stella**, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome **Grace/ Stella**

We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering - *ushers bring offering forward*

Offertory "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (CCLI Lic. # 11095451)

Prayers of Intercession

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Sending Song "When Peace Like a River" #785

Dismissal

Go into the world knowing Christ and making Christ known. Thanks be to God.

Post-service Music

Announcements - October 13, 2024

Season after Pentecost

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD EXTENDS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING. MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp Pianists: Laura Rude, Jenna Von Holtum Organist: Marie Longo
Greeters: Romayne Wilson, Bria Scheef Acolyte: Kaiden Nelson, Jaxen Larson
Ushers: Tom & Jodi Bendickson, Mikkel Bertilrud Reader: Russ Rhen
Communion asst: Diane Lee, Ruth Ostby Video: Landen Larson

OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.

Those under a doctor's care, those who grieve, all who are moving through a challenging season, especially Glenice Johnson, Jed Nelson, Dan Bartsch, Diane Sundby, Patty Dicken.

We pray for those preparing for Confirmation: Syver Bertilrud, Ryan Flaagan, Bennett Borgen, Gwen Wojciechowski, Keegan Lund, Sophie Tougas, Lauren Johnson, Parker Lundgren

TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: (9:00)



Grace Kennedy Longo, daughter of Collin & Marie Longo
Her sponsors are John & Katie Hahn



Stella Rose Erickson, daughter of Drew & Brittany Erickson
Her sponsors are Alicia Schneider, Brady Meunier, Matt & Adrienne Bohl

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. In the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

BROADCASTS today are in memory of Duane (Swede) Peterson, Eugene (Ole) Wiskow, and Olive Wiskow sponsored by Darrick, Cindy, Travis & Troy Wiskow

WEBSITE sponsor for October is Zion Memorials

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT worship folders & bulletins are available from an usher.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

October 1-6: \$7,609. Sept. 1-30: \$28,820. YTD: \$238,919.

Weekly Goal: \$6,523.

Offering plates are available on the table at the back of the church

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BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY: Stewardship Moment

God has made us God's own people "in order that" we might proclaim through word and deed all that God has done in our lives. We do that individually as we live our faith in our daily lives. We also do that collectively in our congregation.

Our congregation proclaims God's mighty acts within our walls through worship, through Christian education for our children and youth, through the many groups that meet to learn and serve. Our congregation proclaims God's mighty acts in our community as we make a difference for good in the lives of people around us who are in need. Our congregation proclaims God's mighty acts across our country and around the world as we support important ministries that are making a difference near and far.

Your giving to our congregation makes all of this possible. Because of you, we "proclaim the mighty acts of him" who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

PARISH HEALTH NOTES —

Every year, the month of October is observed as Pastor Appreciation Month or Clergy Appreciation Month and the second Sunday of October (today) is celebrated as Pastor's Appreciation Day.

In 1994, Focus on the Family, a global Christian organization started this to promote a specific time of year for members of the church to show appreciation and support for their ministry.

The church needs a solid foundation to remain strong. Today, many churches rely on ministry to be the rock their Church is built on. That puts enormous pressure on pastors, priests, reverends, and ministers. This pressure can build up on the individual and their families and take a toll on the entire congregation. Pastor Appreciation Month was created to highlight the ministry's role in the Church and give thanks for their work.

Those entering the ministry do so because they feel called to the mission. While they may intellectually know the pressures they will face, the reality can feel different and at times overwhelming.

Pastors are there during the most stressful and difficult times of our lives. When someone is sick or has died, during a divorce, or when life requires difficult choices, a minister is often the first person called.

Their role as counselors and mentors is a vital part of the ministry!

It's more than a job. Pastors hold this 365 days a year, and this is not a 9-to-5 job. It is common for preachers to be called in the middle of the night. When preachers are not actively preaching or counseling, they are still expected to be role models and leaders in the community. A pastor's family is also held to a higher standard and can feel the stress just as deeply.

Preachers and ministers do not enter this field to make money. It is not uncommon for a pastor's spouse to need a job to make ends meet. The financial and emotional stress can be overwhelming and lead to burnout and isolation that affects them and the congregation as a whole.

Pastor Kristin, we so very much appreciate all you do and have done for our church since you have joined us. We are blessed beyond measure to have you as our pastor and we look forward to the future of the church under your leadership! THANK YOU!!!

Feeling incredibly Blessed...Parish Health

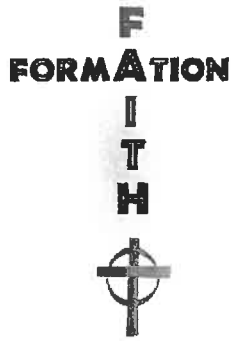
THE GROCERIES TO GO & HANDYMAN PROGRAMS are available through our church. If you need this service or would like to be a volunteer for grocery delivery, call the church office at 218-681-3296 and Darlene will get back to you.

AFTERNOON OUT - LSS Group Respite is a great place to bring your loved one to enjoy playing cards, bingo and reminiscing to their favorite music. Volunteers are also needed to socialize over coffee and interactive videos during Group Respite. Please contact Debi Retzlaff at 218.593.1333 or email at debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org for more information. Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

Caregiver Support Volunteer- Lutheran Social Services is in need of volunteers to visit with older adults enrolled in their programs. Meet new people, learn new things. For more information call 1-866-787-9802 or email: caregiverservices@lssmn.org

Hospice of the Red River Valley is in dire need of companionship volunteers in our community. These volunteers play cards, read, visit, or just comfort patients on hospice. Hospice offers a two-hour training session and cover the cost of the TB test and a background check. If there are enough people interested in training, they can visit our congregation and do the training here! Please reach out to me if you have any questions or interest in becoming a volunteer. Thank You!!

Darlene, FCN



Youth Education

October Noisy Offering will go to: **Operation Christmas Child**

Little Lambs thru Grade 5 will sing Call to Worship on October 27th

2025 God's Creation Calendars are available. \$8.00 each

Schedule for Muffins/treats for 10AM Fellowship:

Please bring 2 dozen treats to the kitchen by the assigned date - Thank you!

Oct 13: Kelsey Dondelinger, Casey Leines, Mike & Jess Dowers, Kerry Melin

Oct 20: Donuts

Oct 27: Rebecca Opdahl, Chris & Nicky Ellison, Brittany & Drew Erickson,
Charity Welch

Confirmation Notes:

Grades 8 & 9 students will not meet this week due to MEA.

Next Class is Wed. Oct 23 at 6PM

Grade 11—Confirmation Pictures and Rehearsal on Wed., Oct 23 at 5:30 PM.

11th Grade Confirmation Banquet— Saturday, October 26th at 6PM

Confirmation Day—Sunday October 27

Operation Christmas Child - start thinking about preparing a box for a child this Christmas. Boxes will be available soon. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, Oct 13:

9 Zion HC Worship/Baptism/
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/Cornerstone Kids
10 Fellowship/ Stewardship Forum
10 10th Grade Confirmation
10 November Sharing Servants meeting
11 Silver Creek Worship

Monday, Oct. 14:

9 SAIL Exercise
6 Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 15:

9 Bible Study
9-12 Faith Community Nurse
5:30 Zion Council

Wednesday, Oct. 16:

10-2 Free Laundry at Laundryland
No Confirmation—MEA
6 God's Joy Choir
7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Oct. 17:

9 SAIL exercise
1 Quilting/ LWR Workshop
2-4:30 LSS Respite Care

Friday, Oct 18:

8 Men's Breakfast

Next Sunday, Oct 20:

9 Zion HC Worship/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/Cornerstone Kids
10 Fellowship & Donuts
11 Silver Creek Worship
11:30
12 GV broadcast ch. 37
Newsletter Deadline

**A SPECIAL OFFERING will be received
on Sunday, Oct. 20th for Lutheran Disaster
Response/Hurricane Recovery.**



Loads of Love

**Wed., Oct. 16 10am-2pm
At Laundryland**

2 free loads of wash & dry
Soap & dryer sheet provided
2 loads per household

Viking Tailgate Party

October 20th at 11:30

In the Fellowship Hall

Bring a favorite appetizer to
share.

All are welcome!



SCAMS Val Mattison, Program Developer with Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging and Seth Vetteson Sheriff of Pennington County, will be giving a presentation on "SCAMS: Are They Who They Say They Are?" after church in the Fellowship Hall **November 3rd, 2024 after church services.**

You will learn about common scams/frauds, identity theft what to know, how to protect yourself, resources and ways for reporting frauds and scams.

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