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Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son

The sinful heart is filled with “bitter jealousy and selfish ambition” (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God “opposes the proud” with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He “gives grace to the humble,” in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true “wisdom from above” is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was “like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,” committing Himself to God, His Father, “who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind” (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, “after three days,” His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

The Lord’s Supper is offered today at Zion. Communicant members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations are invited to commune at this altar. Please speak to our pastor if you have any questions about our communion practice. We would love to discuss the doctrine of the Lord’s Supper and joy of Christian fellowship. Please know the gifts of Jesus were given for you—but the proper spiritual preparation for communion is commanded by the Word of God (1 Cor 11:23-29). Those who do not yet commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to receive a Baptismal blessing) or you may remain in the pew during communion to join us in song and praise. There are no “offering” plates passed during the service. Rather, offering plates are set at the front pew. **You are invited to leave an offering of thanks to Christ on your way to communion** or any time during the first part of the service.

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE LORD’S HOUSE

God of love, in His ministry your Son, Jesus, put the needs of others ahead of His own. Keep us from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought and help us to mirror Christ’s love that seeks the good of others; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Two

HYMN OF INVOCATION: “God Himself Is Present” LSB #907

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Introit

Psalm 37:1–7

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

be not envious of wrongdoers!

For they will soon fade like the grass

and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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HYMN OF PRAISE: “This is the Feast” Page 171

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 11:18-20

EPISTLE READING: James 3:13-4:10

CHOIR: “How Firm a Foundation”

ALLELUIA & VERSE: Page 173

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” *LSB #851*

SERMON: “The Greatest!” Mark 9:30-36

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: (See Prayer List on Page 6 of Bulletin)

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THE LORDS PRAYER & THE WORDS OF THE LORD: Page 179

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DISTRIBUTION: “The Lamb” *LSB #547*

“God’s Only Child, I Gladly Say It” *LSB #594*

“There Is A Redeemer” *LSB #971 (on screen only)*

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CLOSING: “Children of the Heavenly Father” *LSB #725*

Our Lord's Current Business

Welcome to worship in the name of God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — who created you, saved you and makes you holy. Amen. “Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. ... I will praise your name, Lord, for it is good” (Psalm 54:2, 6, NIV).

A heartfelt Thank you to Florence Deutscher for sponsorship of the bulletin this week in honor of a “healthy new baby great-granddaughter Olivia Rose Fisher”, born August 22, 2024.

Confirmation Corner

9/22 - This week the confirmands will be looking at the fundamentals of worship and what worship is. We will talk about the central focus of worship – hearing the Word of Christ (Romans 10:17). We will talk about the divine service and the different parts of the liturgy. Students will finish memorizing the books of the New Testament this week (1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, Jude and Revelation).

Saturday Morning Men's Group with Breakfast will resume September 21 at 7:30 a.m.. We will pick up with the book we started in June - *Practicing the Way*. Please join us.

The Choir has begun rehearsals for fall. We would love to have you join us. We sing, laugh, and learn together. We practice on Thursdays at 6:30 for one hour. You do not have to be able to be at every rehearsal, or at every Sunday we sing, we would just love to have you join us! For more information, please contact Jane Reineke.

Quilters are in need of flat sheets queen size or larger. Please share if you have any for them to continue with their beautiful work. The sheets can be given to any quilter or brought to the office. Thank you in advance.

Christian Care Committee is collecting pencils(Ticonderoga, brand name) along with headphones for chrome books for Mondovi Elementary Students. Please put donated items in the lobby area near water cooler or in marked basket in Narthex. If you so desire to give a monetary donation, please feel free to do so by placing the money in an envelope in the offering plate. Please write “*Christian Care School*” on the envelope. Collecting will continue through September 29th.

Senior High Youth Group fall kick-off! On Saturday, Sept. 21. We will be having a BBQ kick-off at the Loscheiders from 3-6. This event is for those in 8th grade and high school and parents. We will have games, food, fun and go through our plans for the coming year. We will spend some time talking about the National Youth Gathering and what will be involved with that event. Plan to bring your questions, a dish to share, and your enthusiasm! If you have any questions, please talk with Craig or Julie Loscheider.

Sunday School - Each Sunday we begin at 10:30 in the basement gathering space for singing and devotion. Students then go to their individual classes to learn more about God's Word and what it teaches us today. We invite youth of all ages to join us for this time of learning and growing.

Sunday Morning Adult Class – a five week video series entitled "In the Dust of The Rabbi". We will learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We will learn about the culture during Jesus' life and see how that can deepen our appreciation of God's Word and how it applies to our life.

Monday Night Bible Study will meet each Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Rachel Circle meets this Thursday September 26th @ 1:30 p.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Class this month will consider “Celebrating Life as Grandparents” to see how we can share our faith and life values with grandchildren and other “kids” in our lives. Join us for this interesting and enjoyable interactive class on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the classroom at Zion!

Our next Voter's Meeting will be November 3rd. Approval of the 2025 budget and election of officers will be agenda items. Anyone interested in one of the positions, up for a 2 year term (2025-2026), may contact the church office or a Council member. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. The positions are Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Elders (3 positions), Board of Trustees. More information will be in the October Newsletter. Prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to serve in his church in Mondovi.

We are in search of pictures of the 1976 Fellowship Hall addition to add to the Zion website. If you are able to share any, please email them to pfunddiane@gmail.com, or leave them in Diane Pfund's mailbox here at church with your name on them so they can be scanned and returned to you.

The NWD Adult Gathering is Tuesday, October 15th. *Pre-registration is required and ends on October 1st.* The Council has voted to pick up the \$40 registration fee for those church members wishing to attend. Registration sheets are in the Resource Center and on bulletin board.

Love One Another!

The Parking Lot is paid in full! The donations that were so generously given have provided us with a new look and will be much appreciated this winter. Thank You.

Luke 3:11 box is once again under the Lobby window. Please share extra gently used winter coats, snow pants, boots, socks, hats, gloves and mittens.

Our Lord's On-Going Business

Quilters meet each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. Feel free to stop for a few minutes to visit or to help. If coming for the day, bring a lunch for yourself.

There are beautiful greeting cards located in our Resource Center. Single purchase cards and other boxed cards all with Christian sentiments. This is a service of your Zion Ladies Society (not a money maker) so we keep the prices low.

ZION'S PRAYER LIST: The call process here at Zion-wisdom, insight, unity and Gods Will.

For those seeking healing: Luther Larson, Emily Woodworth, Lois Moehrke (Kathy Ickstadt's mother) Jessica Loewenhagen, Susan Loomis, Ed Gunderson, Ron Laehn, Marge Linse, Barb, Peggy Waldbillig, Elsie Steinbach, Jackie, Shadie, Scott Anderson, Savannah Au, Donna Seltrecht, Marvin Stay, Lois Stay, Jack Benning, David Bloss, Jean Fleming, Jean Sandberg.

Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays: Cheryl Anibas, LaRae Grotzinger, Cody Haigh, Travis McDonough, Denise Brion, Becky Loomis, Joseph Osenga, Kathy Bauer, Ella Traun, Darleen Urness.

Thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries: Richard & Wendi Ashwell, Matt & Ashley Erickson.

**LaRae Grotzinger has volunteered to help coordinate our prayer chain. If you have any updates to this list, please contact her (.), the office, or Pastor . You may also utilize the prayer box found in the narthex.*



OUR WEEK'S WORK
September 23-29, 2024)

MON.	Lions Club	6:30 p.m.
	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
WEDS.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
THUR.	Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Rachel Circle	1:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
SUN.	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education	10:30 a.m.



A Stewardship Thought

Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn’t listen, so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!



OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

Attendance: Weds. 26 Sunday 97
Sunday School 16

General Offering:	\$	3149.00
TIM	\$	125.00
Parking Lot Loan	\$	10.00
National Youth Gathering	\$	30.00
Budget Year-to -Date:	\$	177,490.78
Offerings Year-to -Date:	\$	171,575.99
Expenses EOM-YTD	\$	159,162.25



SERVING THIS WEEK
(September 18 & 22, 2024)

Accom:	Mary Gehrke	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Elder:	Joe Osenga	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Craig Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Austin Harper	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Frank Standaert	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	LaRae Grotzinger	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Mary Standaert	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Jayden Miller	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Amelia Bethke	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Jacob Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Calvin Olson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Osenga Family	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Julie Kacures	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Finance:	Dan Hill & Frank Standaert		
Altar Guild:	Lisa Heike & Gwen Browskowski		



SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE
(September 25 & 29, 2024)

Accom:	Mary Gehrke	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Matt Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Mike Ashwell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	John Gehrke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Diane Ashwell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Brenda McKissick	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Izzy Winberg	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Aubrey Wittig	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Arabella Wittig	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Corpuz Family	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Izzy Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
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