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**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 2 & 6, 2024**

**Marriage Is a Sign that Manifests the Gospel of Christ and His Church**

Humanity is created in the image and likeness of God. “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Gen. 2:18). For the Lord Himself is a perfect communion of three Persons — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in one God. Therefore, “the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs,” which “he made into a woman” and brought “to the man” (Gen. 2:21–22). It is for this reason that “a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:7). This great mystery of holy marriage signifies Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, and His Bride, the Church. Divorce and all manner of adultery contradict and undermine this sign, and in doing so, they confess a false Christ and a false gospel. “What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate” (Mark 10:9). In truth, Christ Jesus has atoned for all such sins, and He has perfected marriage in Himself “through suffering,” that He might bring “many sons to glory” in His resurrection (Heb. 2:8–10).

**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**

Softener our hardness of heart, Lord God that we may love all whom you love. Continue transforming our lives into invitations that summon people to the love of Christ, so that your full blessing may come to all for whom he died. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## DIVINE SERVICE Setting Two

**HYMN OF INVOCATION:** “With the Lord Begin Your Task” *LSB #869*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** Page 167

### **Introit**

*Psalm 127*

*Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain.  
It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.  
Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.  
Blessèd is the man  
who fills his quiver with them!  
He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.  
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.*

**KYRIE:** Page 168

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** “This Is the Feast” Page 171

### **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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:** Genesis 2:18-25

**CHOIR:** “God of Creation”

**EPISTLE READING:** Hebrews 2:1-13

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:** Page 173

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 10:2-16

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “O Father, All Creating” *LSB #858*

**SERMON:** “The Arranged Marriage”

**THE LWML PLEDGE:** See insert

**BLESSING OF THE QUILTS:**

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

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** Page 177

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

**PAX DOMINI & AGNUS DEI:** Page 180

**DISTRIBUTION:** “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” *LSB #636*  
“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” *LSB #857*  
“Oh, Blest the House” *LSB #862*

**THANK THE LORD:** Page 181

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION:** Page 183

**CLOSING:** “Serve the Lord with Gladness” *tune #662 LSB See Insert*

## Our Lord's Current Business

Welcome to worship, where we are invited to “declare the praises of him who called [us] out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9, NIV).. Amen.

**A heartfelt “Thank You”** to our Ladies Society for the altar flowers this week and the beautiful fall decorations in our Sanctuary.

### Confirmation Corner

10/6 This week our students will be starting an overview of the four Gospels. This week they will focus on the Gospel of Matthew. They will learn more about the author and how he connects Jesus to the prophecies of the Old Testament. To go with this lesson students will be memorizing Matthew 28:18-20 “Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

**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** – Thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated to our children here in the Mondovi area.

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

**Church Council** is meeting Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

**Greetings fellow Zion members** 😊 Once again your Ladies Society is sponsoring a card challenge. We will be handing out “Thinking of You” type cards after both the Wednesday night and Sunday services with the challenge for you to send someone a note of cheer. You may choose to sign the card or send anonymously. Please help us show some love and spread God's goodness. Last year this was quite successful and we are praying for an even bigger response this year! Thank you! In Christ, Zion Ladies Society

**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** - This week we will be viewing the last video in our "In the Dust of The Rabbi" series. Next week will begin a look at Martin Luther and his life and ministry. Join us as we see how the Word of God challenged and changed Luther's life.

**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](mailto: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.

**Wall of Honor:** Veteran's Day, a day to honor those who have served and are currently serving our country, is observed on November 11. Zion would like to honor the veterans in our lives through a Wall of Honor. We will be setting this display up the week of November 4. We would like your help in honoring those who have served us. Please take a "Wall of Honor" sheet available in the narthex fill it out and return it by Wednesday, October 30. Pictures (not required) may be attached. Please do not send your only copy of a picture. If you would like the office to print a copy, please email a copy or bring the photo in and we would be happy to help you. If you filled out a sheet last year and left it at Zion, we will use them for our Wall and you don't need to redo it. We are looking forward to a display that honors how God has used His people in service to our country.

**Middle School & Senior High Youth** - mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 13. We will be having a "pumpkin fest" at church. We will meet beginning at 11:30. There will be food, fellowship, a pumpkin decorating contest and more. Please plan to join us for this event!

**Ladies Society** meets Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

**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.

**Saturday Morning Men's Group** - The next date for this Bible Study is Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 a.m. Plan to join the men as they work through the book *Practicing the Way* while enjoying breakfast.

## **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: For those mourning:**  
The family of Barb Fedie.

**The call process** here at Zion-wisdom, insight, unity and Gods Will.

**For those seeking healing:** Luther Larson, Emily Woodworth, Jessica Loewenhagen, Susan Loomis, Ed Gunderson, Ron Laehn, Marge Linse, 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:** Alexander Mohn, Laurie Nichols, Jennifer Robinette, Adeline Endle, Makinley McDonough, Brooklynn Howell, Jack Summerlot, Layne Dziekan

**Thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries:** Jean & Robert Fleming, Andy & Greta Heike, Dan & Debra Hill.

*\*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**  
**October 7-13, 2024)**

MON.	Sr. Fellowship	1:00 p.m.
	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
TUES.	Evangelism Committee	6:00 p.m.
WEDS.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Sharing Table(SH) Central	4:30 p.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
THUR.	Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Ladies Society	1:00 p.m.
	Church Council	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
SAT.	LWML Zone 15 Fall Rally	
SUN.	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education	10:30 a.m.
	LYF	11:30 a.m.
	Lutherans for Life	2:00 p.m.



**SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**(October 2 & 6, 2024)**

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Craig Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Mike Ashwell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	John Schultz	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Diane Ashwell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Ginny Gunderson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Izzie Winberg	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Braelee Unser	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Breanna Bee	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Amelia Bethke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Corpuz Family	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Vicki Howell	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Finance:	Galen Aase & Jeff Glanzman		
Altar Guild:	Katie Harris & Kami Taylor		



**A Stewardship Thought**

**Mark 10:6** – “But from the beginning of creation ...”  
In recent years our country, along with most (formerly) Christian nations of Europe, have lost their way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off-the-tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator’s instructions for life.



**OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK**

Attendance: Weds. 31    Sunday 77  
Sunday School 11

General Offering:	\$	3518.00
TIM	\$	5.00
Parking Lot Loan	\$	500.00
Youth	\$	60.00
Christian Service(Care)	\$	40.00
Budget Year-to -Date:	\$	186,832.40
Offerings Year-to -Date:	\$	203,956.00
Expenses EOM-YTD	\$	217,193.00



**SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**(October 9 & 13, 2024)**

Accom:	Jane Reineke	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
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Elder:	Joe Osenga	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Matt Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Betty Sessions	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Galen Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Julie Vollmer	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Audrey Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Tanner Osenga	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Sully Rud	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Jacob Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Reid Williamson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Osenga Family	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
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