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September 4 & 8, 2024

Our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Does All Things Well

The Lord proclaims the Gospel “to those who have an anxious heart” to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of “vengeance” and “recompense,” but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens “the eyes of the blind” and “the ears of the deaf,” and He loosens “the tongue of the mute” to “sing for joy” (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does “all things well,” so that you may now speak “plainly” (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also “love your neighbor as yourself” (James 2:8). Show your faith “in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,” by loving without partiality. For God has “chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom” (James 2:1–5).

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 compassion, your Son, Jesus, came to the suffering, the infirm, and the dying, and by His Word of authority He set them free. Bless the ministry of your Church that it may continue to speak a word of deliverance to all those in need through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF INVOCATION: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” LSB #901

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Introit

Psalm 78:1–7

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a parable;

**I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.**

We will not hide them from their children,

**but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.**

He established a testimony in Jacob

**and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,**

that the next generation might know them,

**the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God**

and not forget the works of God,

**but keep his commandments;
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: “Gloria in Excelsis” Page 204

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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: Isaiah 35:4-7a

EPISTLE READING: James 2:1-10, 14-18

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HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

APOSTLES' CREED: Page 207

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" *LSB #545*

SERMON: "What a Difference Jesus Makes!" (Mark 7:31-37)

INSTALLATION: Christian Education & Sunday School Teachers

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

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AGNUS DEI: Page 210

DISTRIBUTION: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *LSB #528*

"Shepherd of Tender Youth" *LSB #864*

"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" *LSB #867*

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CLOSING: "Christ Be My Leader" *LSB #861*

Our Lord's Current Business

Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship today! Isaiah declares: "Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God'" (35:4, NRSV). May we sense your nearness, Lord, so our anxieties may be stilled.

Confirmation Corner

Confirmation Update: Did you know we had almost 20 youth plus their parents here for our confirmation orientation night? What a blessing as we come beside these youth to help them grow in their faith! Please pray for this ministry! Helping our children grow in the faith is a true honor, blessing and responsibility for our whole congregation.

9/8 This week our confirmands will go through an introduction to the small catechism. There is a copy of the Small Catechism in our hymnal – p.321-330. We will unpack the question of "What is the Christian faith?" and look at Luther's explanation. He writes "The Christian faith is the confession that Jesus Christ is the world's only Savior and Redeemer." Students will be working on memorizing the first 10 books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians).

Parking Lot Project Pledge for Matching Funds Sheets can be found in the Resource Center. Thank you for your prayerful offering toward the Parking Lot Project enhancing our church.

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

Monday Night Bible Study will meet each Monday night again starting September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Christian Care Committee will be collecting pencils(Ticonderoga, brand name) along with headphones for chrome books for Mondovi Elementary Students. Please put donated items in the lobby area near office window 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! Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 21. We will be having a BBQ kick-off at the Loscheiders. We plan to go from 3-6. This event is for both kids 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 this summer. Plan to bring your questions, a dish to pass, and your enthusiasm! If you have any questions, please talk with Craig or Julie Loscheider.

Sunday School - Today we thank God for the blessing of being able to share the Good News with His children. Thank you to everyone who has been willing to teach. We have a great group of Sunday School, youth and adult teachers who are willing to share their love of Jesus. We ask you to join us for Bible study and then for our meal afterwards.

The Ladies Society Pizza Supper meeting will be September 12 at 5:30 p.m. Jacquelyn Lahn, Zone 15 President and NWD Recording Secretary will attend this meeting and give a presentation on the LWML Convention that was held in Appleton. *There will also be a Ladies Society officers meeting before this meeting starting at 4:30 p.m.* Please also note that there will be an **Altar Guild meeting starting at 3:30 p.m.** to answer any questions, set a date to decorate for Christmas, and complete the 2025 serving schedule.

Sunday Morning Adult Class – we begin 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.

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" from our neighborhood or church. Join us for this interesting and enjoyable interactive class on Thursday mornings at 10:00am in the classroom at Zion!

The Call List from the North Wisconsin District office isn't expected until mid-October. The District office staff in Wausau needs time to review the nominations and other pastors then match them to the pastoral traits the congregation provided. We're at the mercy of other Districts for Pastors nominated outside the District. *Zion's Call Committee* will meet in September for a similar purpose: to develop tools that match the Pastoral Traits to the Call List candidates. A document stating a person is a good leader or has people skills doesn't make it so.

Pulling those details from candidates will be the topic of the September meeting.

Members of the Call Committee are Dan Heike, Jeremy Anderson, Jane Reineke, Laura Nowasky, Joel Lewiston, Matt Mohn, and John Schultz.

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 seeking healing: Lois Moehrke (Kathy Ickstadt's mother) Jessica Loewenhagen, Debbie Rongholt, 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: Maisyn McGee, Randi McKissick, Barry Schultz, Ashley Fritze, Zachary Hoffman, Lindsay Larson, Marissa Wallace,
Thanksgiving for celebrating anniversaries: Raymond & Peggy Waldbillig, Scott & Danielle Erickson, Jeffrey & Nancy Glanzman.

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

Please see the sign up sheet for Bulletin Sponsorship 2024 in the Narthex. There is also a sign up sheet next to it for a donation of altar flowers. Please include first & last names when signing up and include who the bulletin or flowers are "in memory of" or "in honor of."



OUR WEEK'S WORK
September 9-15, 2024)

MON.	WA Street Apt Service	1:00 p.m.
	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
TUES.	Circuit Pastors' Meeting	9:00 a.m.
WEDS.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Sharing Table-Central(SH)	4:30 p.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
THUR.	Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Altar Guild Meeting	3:30 p.m.
	Ladies Society Pizza Supper	4:30 p.m.
	Church Council	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
FRI.	Wedding Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.
SAT.	Denk & Weltzien Wedding	2:00 p.m.
SUN.	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education	10:30 a.m.



SERVING THIS WEEK
(September 4 & 8, 2024)

Accom:	Mary Gehrke	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Jane Reineke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Craig Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Reggie Corpuz	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Dan Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Lucy Corpuz	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Melissa Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Brenna Vollmer	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Jacob Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Matthew Triggs	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Katie Harris	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Vicki Howell	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Finance:	Chris Heike & Jeremy Anderson		
Altar Guild:	Lisa Heike & Gwen Brownsowski		



A Stewardship Thought

James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving — that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.



OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

Attendance:	Weds. 32	Sunday 66
General Offering:	\$	2761.00
TIM	\$	5.00
Parking Lot Loan	\$	250.00
Youth Fund	\$	20.00
Budget Year-to -Date:	\$	168,149.16
Offerings Year-to -Date:	\$	164,012.99
Expenses EOM-YTD	\$	159,162.25



SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE
(September 11 & 15, 2024)

Accom:	Mary Gehrke	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Elder:	Joe Osenga	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Galen Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Louie Moyer	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Butch Waldbillig	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter:	Nancy Jardine	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Robin Taylor	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Tanner Osenga	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Becca Osenga	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Ben Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Keegan Hill	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Wendi Ashwell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
	Linse Family	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Finance:	Margaret Ronnei & Susan Loomis		
Altar Guild:	Lisa Heike & Gwen Brownsowski		

