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**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 28 & September 1, 2024**

**We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God**

Wickedness and evil come “from within, out of the heart,” and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus “declared all foods clean” (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, “listen to the statutes and the rules” of the Lord, “and do them, that you may live” (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is “your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples” (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it “to your children and your children’s children” (Deut. 4:9). Put on this “armor of God” by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may “stand firm” in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the “gospel of peace,” and take up “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” by confessing Christ Jesus and “praying at all times in the Spirit” (Eph. 6:14–18).

**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**

Almighty and eternal God, to know your Son, Jesus, is life. Give us the grace to know him and to worship you in spirit and in truth. Conform our lives to your design and cast away from us everything that hinders our true worship; through 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 One**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION:** “Come, Thou Almighty King” *LSB #905*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** Page 151

**Introit**

**Psalm 51:1,2, 10–12**

*Have mercy on me, O God,*

**according to your unfailing love;**

*according to your great compassion*

**blot out my transgressions.**

<sup>2</sup> *Wash away all my iniquity*

**and cleanse me from my sin.**

*Create in me a pure heart, O God,*

**and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup> *Do not cast me from your presence*

**or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation*

**and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

**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 154

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

**EPISTLE READING:** Ephesians 6:10-20

**ALLELUIA & VERSE:** Page 156

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 7:14-23

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Be Strong in the Lord” *LSB #665 (Tune of #804)*

**SERMON:** “Our Strength Comes from Christ” Ephesians 6:10-20

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

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**DISTRIBUTION:** “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” *LSB #627*  
“O God, My Faithful God” *LSB #696*

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**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** Page 166

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**CLOSING:** “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” *LSB #660*

# Our Lord's Current Business

## Welcome to worship this Labor Day weekend.

May God be in our work and our leisure, our fellowship and our praise. "Lord ... whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts." ("Lord of All Hopefulness," Jan Struther)

**9/1 In orientation last week**, our confirmands looked at what confirmation is. This week we will be doing a brief overview and compare the three creeds (Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian). These creeds help us understand who Jesus is. This week's memory is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

**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.

**Choir Notes** - If you've been waiting for just the right time, it is now! We will begin regular rehearsals on Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Jane Reineke.

**Office is closed** on September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

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

**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 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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 - Rally Day is coming!** September 8 will be the official "kick-off" to the school year Christian Education hour. During our church service, our teachers will be installed. We will begin our Christian Education hour at 10:30 and after that, everyone is invited to join us for a "pot-blessing" meal. The church will be providing brats and hot dogs for the meal. We invite those who are attending to bring a dish to pass.

**Sunday Morning Adult Class** - next Sunday (Sept. 8), we begin a series titled "In the Dust of the Rabbi - Learning to Live as Jesus Lived." This video based series will explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. All are invited to join us as we grow in our faith.

**Thursday Morning Bible Class** this month our class 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!

## Our Lord’s On-Going Business

**Thank you to everyone** who submitted a Pastoral Traits Survey, a nomination form, attended the Open Forum Meeting, or helped in any way with the Call process. It was a pleasure to see so many people at the Open Forum and to hear the comments and suggestions to improve the Self Study. The top traits from the Pastoral Traits Survey are; People Skills, Preaching Delivery, Worship, Preaching Content, and Leadership. The next step is to get a call list from the District President's office. A notice will be posted in the bulletin when it arrives. Keep the search for a pastor in your prayers. The Call Committee

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

**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.

**Bulletin or Newsletter announcements**-please submit them to [office@zionmondovi.com](mailto:office@zionmondovi.com), call the office at 715-926-3664 or leave a written note in Diane’s mailbox. Please be precise on how you want the information communicated bulletin, newsletter, etc.

**Large print hymnals** are available for use during our services here at Zion. They are in the Narthex on the table. There is a sign above their location.

**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.

**If you are in need** of church envelopes, please call the church office at 715-926-3664 or email at [office@zionmondovi.com](mailto:office@zionmondovi.com). A box will have your number placed on the envelopes and placed in your mailbox in the narthex. Using your numbered church envelopes assists our counters with their weekly counting. Thank you for your assistance and offering!

**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:** Brenna Vollmer, Louisa Corpuz, Austin Harper, Calvin Olson, Kali Ridgway Sessions, Selina Swenson, Kathy Blodgett, Kalista Weber, Carter Heike, Braeden Heike, Rivyn Sie.

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

**Please see the signup sheet for Bulletin Sponsorship 2024** in the Narthex. There is also a signup 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 2-8, 2024)**

MON. Office Closed  
 WEDS. Quilters 9:30 a.m.  
 Confirmation 5:30 p.m.  
 Divine Service 7:00 p.m.  
 THUR. LWML Fall Rally  
 Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
 ALH Chapel 2:00 p.m.  
 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.  
 FRI. LWML Fall Rally  
 SAT. LWML Fall Rally  
 SUN. Divine Service 9:00 a.m.  
 Education Hour 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School Rally Day 10:30 a.m.  
 Pot-Lunch Meal 11:30 a.m.



**A Stewardship Thought**

**Deuteronomy 4:6** – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’” There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us, so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.



**OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK**

Attendance: Weds. 42	Sunday 75
General Offering:	\$ 4322.00
TIM	\$ 5.00
Parking Lot Loan	\$ 60.00
Sunday School	\$ 25.00
Budget Year-to -Date:	\$ 163,478.35
Offerings Year-to -Date:	\$ 161,251.99
Expenses EOM-YTD	\$ 159,162.25



**SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**(August 28 & September 1, 2024)**

Accom: Mary Gehrke	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Elder: Joe Osenga	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Galen Aase	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Usher: Reggie Corpuz	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Butch Waldbillig	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Greeter: Lucy Corpuz	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Vicki Howell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Acolyte: Brenna Vollmer	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Jacob Loscheider	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Screen: Katie Harris	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
A.J. Loscheider	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Finance: Galen Aase & Jeff Glanzman	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild: August: Beth Segerstrom, Liz Leasum & Kaye Triggs. September: Lisa Heike & Gwen Browkowski		



**SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**(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: Mike Ashwell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Dan Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter: Diane Ashwell	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	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Screen: Katie Harris	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Vicki Howell	Wed.	7:00 p.m.
Finance: Chris Heike & Jeremy Anderson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild: Lisa Heike & Gwen Browkowski		

