

## Zion Lutheran Church

*“Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” (Psalm 125:1)*

**September 13, 2020**

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### What Time Is It in the Church?

**Season:** Pentecost

**Message:** In the love of His Father and the power of His Holy Spirit, the risen Lord governs and grows His Church.

**Color:** Green, the color of growth

With the passage of August 10, the feast of St. Lawrence, we have now entered **the third quarter of Pentecost**. Just as St. Lawrence, a deacon in Rome in the 200s A.D., focused encouraging good works in the Church, so does the third quarter of Pentecost focus on the growth of good works among us.

**With the passage of September 29**, the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, we will enter the **fourth quarter**. As God promises to send His angels at the end of history, so does the fourth quarter focus on the fulfillment and deliverance of the Church's life.

## Pastoral Letter

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*The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.*  
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:24



Beloved Saints,

I sat across from the man in a sunny hospital room in Rochester, Minnesota. He probably was the age that I am now, a farmer, sitting alone and awaiting major surgery. His family could not be with him—I don't remember why, perhaps it was because of school and the farm. I only remember how lonely he looked, and very small, despite limbs made strong by a lifetime of outdoor labor.

“Yup. God will get it done,” he kept saying.

I don't know how it all went for him—so it goes in hospital chaplaincy—but I remember very well his faith and courage. He had *courage* because he believed in a *good* future, and he believed in that good future because he had a promise: God will get it done.

“The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.”

The Father who raised Jesus from the dead will see you to safe harbor. He has called you to know His Son, Jesus, and to live and be with that Jesus forever, and He's not about to let our sin or suffering or the devil himself deprive His Son of that joy. He wants a full party for His Son, and He's invited you, and “He will do it”—He will have you, dressed in a white robe, seated at His Son's table.

That's your future. It's a friendly future. It's a reason to be brave.

Be brave! Each day is evil, says Jesus (Matthew 6:34; see Eph. 5:16), but that evil isn't the measure of your day. The measure of your day is the grace promised you, and the future secured to you, in Christ our Lord. He will get it done!

Peace!  
Pastor Gjerde

## **Liturgy**

*receiving the gifts*

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### **Weekend Schedule**

Saturday: Holy Communion, 5:15 PM

Sunday: Holy Communion, 9 & 11 AM

Live Radio Broadcast: 9 AM

*WSAU 550 AM, 99.9 FM, 95.1 FM, [www.wsau.com](http://www.wsau.com)*

*Social distancing and extra care will be observed in keeping with the recommendations of the public health department.*

### **Daily Holy Communion**

*Monday-Friday, 12:15 PM (about 20 minutes long; spoken service)*

- Open to the public.
- Social distancing observed
- Calling ahead is **not** required

### **Facebook Live Stream**

Morning Devotion: 8:30 AM, Monday-Friday

Compline: 8:30 PM, Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday

Vespers: 6:30 PM, Wednesday

Music at Midday: 12:00 Noon, Tuesday and Thursday

*Most videos are mirrored on our YouTube channel and website*

### **Bulletins**

If you would like the Sunday bulletin for the 9 AM broadcast sent to you, please contact the church office (715-848-7286).

### **Readings for next Sunday, September 20:**

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

### Youth Education 2020-2021

In addition to worship, Zion offers three main ways of learning for children in grades Pre-K through 8th Grade:

- Sunday School (Pre-K to 4th Grades)
- Pre-Confirmation (5th-6th Grades)
- Confirmation (7-8th Grades)

These learning opportunities will look a little different this year due to all the changes we've experienced as a result of COVID-19 concerns. Some of our teachers and students are not yet returning to in-person classes. As a result, all three avenues, Sunday School, Pre-Confirmation, and Confirmation have been developed for this fall with flexible options for in-person, at home, and online learning. Over the next several pages, you'll find information for each. Share it with someone you know!



### Sunday School (Pre-K through Grades 4) and Pre-Confirmation (Grades 5-6) Information

#### **In-Person Learning: Starting Sunday, September 13**

**Sunday Morning:** Pre-K through 6th-grade will meet after 9 AM worship in the choir loft for music with Kantor Beethe. Then:

- 5th & 6th graders (Pre-Confirmation) will go to their lesson in the conference room
- Pre-K through 4th-grade will remain in the loft for a Bible lesson.

The full time will last until about 10:45 AM. **Please note: Families of in-person students are also encouraged to take advantage of the on-line resources listed on the following page.** *cont. >>>>*

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***Sunday School and Pre-Confirmation Information  
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**Online (Pre-K through 4th Grade)**

**Friday:** A “Family Sheet” for the Bible story to be presented to Pre-K through 4th grade that next Sunday will be posted to Zion’s web-site:

- Go to [www.zionlutheranwausau.com](http://www.zionlutheranwausau.com)
- Click on “Education”
- Click on “Sunday School”

To use these materials, families should own a copy of **365 Bible Stories and Prayers** (ISBN: 978-1-68052-407-9).

**Tuesday:** A picture is worth a thousand words! And children love pictures even more than words. On Tuesdays, Pr. Gjerde will post a video to Zion’s Facebook page and web-site in which he will show the children a painting based on the Bible lesson for the week and how it teaches us about the faith. The video will remain available for use at any time.

**Thursdays, 8:30 PM:** Zion’s evening devotion for that night will be live-streamed via Facebook and will return one more time to the Sunday School Bible lesson for the week. This time may be a bit late for some of our youngest learners, and so the video will be remain on the Facebook page for use at any time.



**In-Home (Pre-Confirmation, 5th-6th Grades)**

The books being used for Pre-Confirmation can be used by families in home. It’s as simple as reading the lesson, talking about it, and

praying. To obtain a copy of the book, you may call the church office (715-848-7286). You may also call that number to speak with either Pr. Johnson or Pr. Gjerde about strategies for using the book.

**Sunday School and Pre-Confirmation Families: E-Mail Tree**

Please share your preferred email for the creation of Sunday School/ Pre-Confirmation Email Tree. You may send your email to [zion@zionlutheranwausau.com](mailto:zion@zionlutheranwausau.com) or get it to the church office in any other way you like.

**Confirmation Information**

With both virtual and in-person options, Confirmation Class will resume Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 PM. Children may enroll in Confirmation after at least a year of attendance at church. For more information, contact Pr. Johnson.

**... Bible Challenge?**

Zion families, keep watch for a “Bible Challenge” in 2021. What would happen if you simply read a Bible story to your children every night for a year? How might it brighten your children’s imagination, spark wonder, inspire excellent living? Keep watch!

**A Word of Blessing to Families with Children**

Your work of raising children in the faith is holy. Even more, God has promised to give His Holy Spirit to whomever asks for Him, to equip you to do this holy work in keeping with the will of God. Your homes, your parenting and grandparenting, your love of the Word, your children—all of it is a profound gift for which I give thanks.

May God bless you and your homes with the joy of His presence, the light of His truth, and the power of His Gospel. May He crown you with this honor, that your children grow up to be lovers of the truth and disciples of His Son, a joy to you and a blessing to their neighbors. I trust God to do this, for He is faithful.

**Bible Study and Devotion 2020-21**

As with youth education, Zion's offerings for Bible study will also feature in-person, on-line, and in-home options. Read below, and share with your friends!

**In-Person Bible Study**

**Bible Study: Tuesday, 9 AM** (starting September 8) This study will meet in the church hall. Topic will be determined with participants on Sept. 8.

**Men's Breakfast: Thursday, 7 AM** (starting September 10) This study for men will meet in the church hall and features a breakfast as well as Bible study. Topic will be determined with participants on Sept. 10.

**Online/Live-Stream Bible Study**

*Live-Streamed through Facebook and Posted to Website*

**Sundays, 10:15 AM: What's So Good about Being Christian?**  
Does believing in Christ make life *better*? How? How does the content of our faith help us live a *good* life? This study will begin on Sunday, September 13, live-streamed through Facebook and then posted to our website.

**Wednesdays: Word at the Middle of the Week**

This online offering will appear as the pastors' schedules allow on Wednesdays and treat various topics.

**In-Home Devotion**

**Weekly: "The Shepherd's Voice."** Included with every newsletter, this publication includes devotional guidance and reflection.

**Portals of Prayer.** These devotional booklets are available through the church office. Either pick-up in person or call to have yours sent!

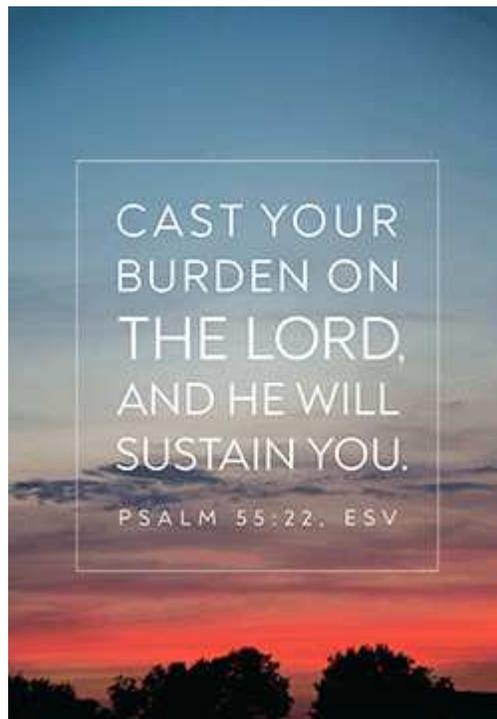
## Remembering

*examples of the faith in September*

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### September 22: Saint Jonah

The Biblical book that bears St. Jonah's name relates how God sent Jonah to preach to the pagan city of Nineveh. Jonah resisted this call, but God interrupted his attempted escape by sending a great fish to swallow him whole. Later, that fish would spit Jonah back on land, and Jonah proceeded to accomplish his mission. Through his preaching, God's Word worked repentance and forgiveness among the residents of Nineveh.



## **Outreach and Mercy**

*sharing and being the gifts*

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### **Monthly Mission Emphases:**

- **Lutheran Bible Translators, The Derricks — Goal \$2,000**
- **Woman's Community, Wausau — Goal \$1,000**

### **Lutheran Bible Translators, The Derricks**

The Derricks want Zion to know how much we have helped them in the past few years:

- We have helped pay the tuition for Elliot so he could be trained in Bible Translation
- We have equipped Serena so she can develop a Literacy Program
- We helped them acquire a new vehicle and helped put gas in that vehicle getting them around
- We helped them make their goal to get to Cameroon in Central Africa to do their ministry.

Please keep them in your prayers.

## **Praying**

*in our prayers this week*

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**Persecuted Christians in:** Central African Republic; Morocco; Qatar

**Sister Congregation:** Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

**Missionaries:** Elliot & Serena Derricks, Lutheran Bible Translators

**For health and recovery:** Donna Mae

**Those who need our on-going prayers:** Hilmar Baumann, Karen Baumann, Dave Bevington, Carl Boettcher, Max Breon, Les Brol-liar, Rich Cornell, Ruth Draeger, Carol Edelburg, Barbara Ellen, Dennis Falk, Rita Falk, Ben Fiedler, Lydia Hauge, Ken Heinzen, Avery Kluck, Olivia Lang, Debra Mertes, Grace Mueller, Maggie Otto, Tina Parker, Barb Ramker, Michael Renken, Trandy Revie, Krista Salas, David Skola, Richie Thiemer, Curt Thorson, Lexi Ut-techt, Mark Wendorff, Nancy Ziebell, Nancy, Jim, Richard, Lenette, Mike, Zion's homebound members.

## A “Note” from Kantor

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“When Luther published his *Formula Missae* (his order for the Latin Mass as observed in Wittenberg) in 1523, he expressed a strong desire for hymns in the vernacular” (the language of the people). Only six years after he posted the Ninety-Five Theses, Luther was committed to provide German-language hymns for the people to sing. In his search for gifted poets to complete this task, Luther located Paul Speratus who wrote the text for “Salvation Unto Us Has Come.”

The first Lutheran hymnal, *Etlich Cristlich lider* (Nürnberg, 1524), also known as the “Achtliederbuch” (the “eight-hymn book”), contained three hymns by Speratus. The first hymn was Luther’s “Dear Christians, one and all rejoice” and the second was “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” the Hymn of the Day for September 20.

Interestingly, the original hymn had 14 stanzas. The *Lutheran Service Book* contains 10 stanzas and *Lutheran Book of Worship* contains 5 stanzas. However, in all three instances, the hymn proclaims a concise statement about the chief doctrine of the Lutheran Reformation - justification by grace through faith. This clear proclamation of Law and Gospel is the heart and core of the Reformation. Salvation comes to us “by God’s free grace and favor.” The works we do “serve our neighbor and supply the proof that faith is living.”

*All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by his grace; all glory to his merit.  
O triune God in heav’n above, you have revealed your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.*

Joy in Jesus,  
Kantor Beethe

## News & Events

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### **Michael Renken Concludes Work at Zion**

After almost 19 years of service, Zion's custodian, Michael Renken, has discontinued his labors due to serious health concerns and will go on disability. Please pray for Mr. Renken as he receives treatment and give thanks for the good that God accomplished through him for Zion.

### **Enjoy the convenience of Electronic Giving**

In addition to mail and in-person giving, Zion offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience and provides ongoing donation consistency for our congregation. Call the church office if you are interested.

### **Looking for a Missing Bible**

A white leather-covered Bible was brought to Zion and now is misplaced. The Bible is 8" x 10", has gold-edge pages, and many colored pictures. Written in the Bible are many family names, including Alvin and Lucille Kasten, so it would be easily identified. If you have this Bible, please return it to Zion. Thank you.

### **Memorials & Other Gifts Received**

- **In memory of Annette Lach**, Marty and Janet Dettmering, and John and Ruth Hochberger, gave a gift to the Garden Fund.
- **In memory of Annette Lach**, Adele Blair gave a gift to Lutheran Disaster Relief.
- **In memory of Annette Lach**, Dave and Lori Torkko gave a gift to Strassenfest.
- **In memory of Annette Lach**, Jan Gaugush gave a gift to the Radio Fund.
- **In memory of Erma Singstock**, Marty and Janet Dettmering gave a gift to the Altar Guild.
- **In memory of Linda Harms**, Marty and Janet Dettmering gave a gift to the Hansen Fund.
- **In memory of Linda Harms**, Steve and Anna Mae Zeinemann gave a gift to the Radio Fund.
- **In memory of Leota Stapel**, Adele and Harry Blair, and Dick and Dianne Ames, gave a gift to the Music Fund.

## **News & Events**

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### **Baptism**

Yazzabelle Ann Nutter-Howard, daughter of Christopher Howard and Christina Nutter, was baptized at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 6. Yazzabelle's sponsors are T'Neal Wolf and Mary.

### **Funeral**

Leota Stapel fell asleep in the Lord on September 4 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Leota was given Christian burial from Zion on September 9. May God comfort Leota's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.

### **Funeral**

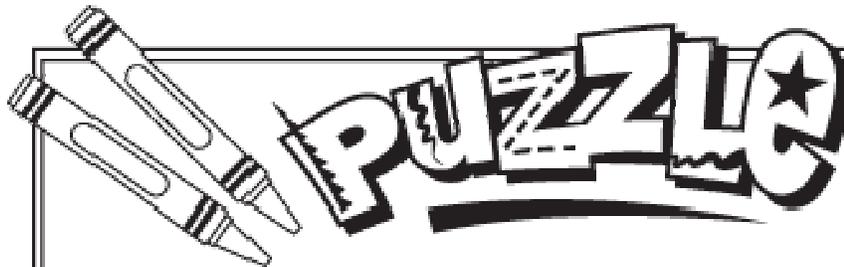
Louise Egan fell asleep in the Lord on September 8 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Louise was given Christian burial from Zion on September 12. May God comfort Louise's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.

### **First Communicants**

The following young people received their first Communion on Sunday, September 13 at the 9 a.m. service:

- **Lydia Beilke**
- **Trevor Kell**
- **Piper Kulesa**
- **Carra Lewis**
- **Ethan Loppnow**
- **Elsa Oestreich** and
- **Joseph Strand.**

Please pray for them as they begin a life of receiving the merciful gifts of Jesus' holy and precious Body and Blood.



# GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

*Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.*

- Brush these daily \_ \_ \_ \_
- Do this to your shoes \_  \_
- This rises in the east  \_ \_
- Cold breakfast food  \_ \_ \_ \_
- Hot breakfast food  \_ \_  \_ \_
- Talk to God  \_ \_ \_
- Morning meal \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_  \_
- Extend your limbs  \_ \_ \_ \_
- Fruit drink \_ \_  \_
- Waffle machine \_ \_
- Eat these scrambled or fried \_ \_ \_



Because of the LORD's great love ...     
           never fail. They are  
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answers: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs, his compassions

## Calendar

*for the upcoming week*

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### **Sunday • September 20 (*Pentecost 16*)**

9:00 AM Holy Communion; Live Radio Broadcast,  
WSAU 550 AM  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Bible Study, Facebook  
11:00 AM Holy Communion

### **Monday • September 21 (*St. Matthew*)**

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

### **Tuesday • September 22**

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook  
9:00 AM Table Talk Bible Study, Facebook  
10:30 AM Staff Meeting  
12:00 PM Music at Midday  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

### **Wednesday • September 23**

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
6:30 PM Vespers, Facebook  
6:30 PM Confirmation  
7:10 PM Chimes Rehearsal

### **Thursday • September 24**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook  
12:00 PM Music at Midday  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

### **Friday • September 25**

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

### **Saturday • September 26**

5:15 PM Holy Communion



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