



## Zion Lutheran Church

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

**October 11, 2020**

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## Remembering

*Examples of the faith in October*

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### **October 18: St. Luke**

St. Luke was a Gentile (non-Jewish) convert and physician who accompanied St. Paul on his apostolic journeys (Colossians 4:14). Through him, God authored both the gospel that bears Luke's name and the book of Acts. His gospel is especially remembered for its record of Christ's birth in Bethlehem. His vocation as a physician reminds us that Christians may engage the healing arts in service of their neighbors and anticipation of the new creation.



## Pastoral Letter

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*Whoever fears has not been perfected in love.  
~ 1 John 4:18*



Beloved Saints,

Our Lord says that perfect love casts out fear, and if so, then you now know what our land really needs.

Fear is thick in the land because it is thick in us. “I can feel it, I can actually feel it, swelling in my chest as I watch and listen to the news,” a friend tells me. Illness, rights, wealth, loss, family and nation—for all these things, fear slips like a prowler into every room.

What mischief it makes! What argument it inspires, what injury it inflicts, what blood it spills! Wherever fear builds a house, conflict finds a home—yes, violence has munched at fear’s table for ages.

But perfect love casts out fear.

Perfect love casts out fear because it shatters the power of the unknown. Whether it’s the unseen future, the confounding present, or the stranger on the road, perfect love masters it all.

Perfect love creates a good future (“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,” Rev. 21:4), transforms the present, (“For those who love God, all things work together for good” Rom. 8:28), and turns even strangers and enemies into friends (“He is the sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world,” 1 John 2:2). Perfect love casts out fear because it draws every time, place, and people into its light.

To put it simply, perfect love raises the dead and goes by the name of Jesus—and if you know Him, then you also know what God has given you, what this land really needs, and what you have to share.

Peace!  
Pastor Gjerde

## Liturgy

*receiving the gifts*

### **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)*

- These smaller services are open to the public.
- Social distancing and extra care will be observed.
- Calling ahead is not required, but it will help us prepare for you.

### **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*

### **Readings for next Sunday, October 18:**

Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

### **Coming Up!**

#### ***Sunday, October 25: Feast of the Reformation***

We give thanks to God for the revealing and restoring of His Gospel through the witness and suffering of the Lutheran reformers.

#### ***Sunday, November 1: Feast of All Saints (Mini-Easter!)***

We remember the faithful departed and give thanks that they rest in the light of Christ. Think Easter, resurrection, joy!

## **Catechumenate**

*learning the gifts*

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### **Children's and Youth Education: In-Person and On-Line**

Sundays: **In-Person Sunday School, 10 AM**

Pre-School - Grade 4

**In-Person Pre-Confirmation, 10 AM**

Grades 5-6

Wednesdays: **Confirmation, 6:30 PM**

For children older than Grade 6 who have worshiped at Zion for a good year.

Online: **Fridays: Parent Sheet Posted (Website)**

**Tuesdays: "Picture Time!" (Facebook)**

**Thursdays (8:30 PM): "Story Time!" (Facebook)**

*All videos are recorded and available later.*

### **In Person Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)**

Tuesdays: **Bible Study, 9 AM**

"What Sort of People Ought You to Be?"

Ethical Discourses in the New Testament"

Thursdays: **Men's Bible Study, 7 AM**

"Letters from Captivity:

Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon"

### **Online and In-Home Study**

Sundays: **Bible Study, 10:15 AM**

**"What's So Good about Being Christian?"**

*Live-Streamed and Posted to Website*

Tuesdays: **Picture Time!**

**Artwork for Sunday School (and Everyone!)**

*Live-Streamed and Posted to Website*

Wednesdays: **Word at the Middle of the Week, 8:30 AM**

**"What Sort of People Ought We to Be?"**

*Live-Streamed and Posted to Website*

Weekly: **"The Shepherd's Voice"**

*Devotional Guidance, included with this mailing*

## **Outreach and Mercy**

*sharing and being the gifts*

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### **Monthly Mission Emphases:**

- **Lutheran World Relief — Goal \$2,500**
- **Salvation Army, Wausau — Goal \$1,000**

### **Salvation Army, Wausau**

So many of our neighbors have been broken under the weight of a strained economy that has left them with nothing. The Salvation Army is often one of the first places they turn to for help. They give them hope. They reach out in God's grace to every suffering soul who needs their compassion and help. The donations that typically arrive in time for the very busy Christmas season haven't kept pace with demand. They know that the economy has caused unemployment to surge and businesses to close. We have faith that it hasn't closed our hearts. The hope is that all will open their hearts.



**WAUSAU, WISCONSIN**

## **Praying**

*in our prayers this week*

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**Persecuted Christians in:** Brunei; Bangladesh; Ethiopia

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

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

**Those who need our on-going prayers:** Hilmar Baumann, Karen Baumann, Carl Boettcher, Les Broliar, Mary Ellen Bureta, Rich Cornell, Ruth Draeger, Carol Edelburg, Barbara Ellen, Dennis Falk, Rita Falk, Ben Fiedler, Ken Heinzen, Theron "Butch" Jehn, Avery Kluck, Olivia Lang, Debra Mertes, Grace Mueller, Maggie Otto, Tina Parker, Barb Ramker, Michael Renken, Trandy Revie, Krista Salas, Verna Schuett, David Skola, Richie Thiemer, Curt Thorson, Mark Wendorff, Nancy Ziebell, Nancy, Jim, Richard, Lenette, Mike, Zion's homebound members.

## A “Note” from Kantor

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The Hymn of the Day for October 18 has often been called the “German Te Deum.” The Te Deum is the most celebrated of all the Latin hymns of praise and has used since the sixth century. Which hymn in Lutheran Book of Worship is it? The answer is *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*, LBW 545.

The German version was written by Roman Catholic priest Ignaz Franz and translated by Clarence A. Walworth. Walworth’s popular translation appears in many Lutheran hymnals with varying numbers of stanzas. LBW includes four stanzas which is “a hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity, sung by earth and the heavenly host, along with a growing company of the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant.” [*Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns: vol. 1:1521*]

The beautiful language describes images of the heavenly host in unceasing chorus, filling all of heaven with praises to the “Holy, holy, holy Lord!” The heavenly ensemble grows with the addition of prophets, apostles, and martyrs - singing from “morn to set of sun!” The Church Universal also includes those saints on earth, who worship the Lord of all! We are part of that great company of believers!

Stanza four “concludes the hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity with a majestic doxology naming the three persons of the God head and confessing the one essence of our ‘undivided God.’ When praising and owning the mystery of the Holy Trinity, faith cannot but humbly adore and lowly bend the knee in worship.” [*Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns: vol. 1:1521*]

Joy in Jesus,  
Kantor Beethe

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### Property Maintenance Update

Zion has completed several projects on its property this year. One relates to our stained glass windows. Each window has two layers: the leaded stained glass inside, and insulated glass on the outside. The leaded stained glass was inspected a few years ago and found to be secure.

Since then, the exterior glass has started to leak rainwater into the nave. That insulated exterior glass has now been re-glazed and seamed. In the course of that repair, the repair men noted that some of the leakage may be caused by tuck pointing problems and the state of some of Zion's gutters, and it might therefore continue.

That issue joins the replacement of Zion's roof as a major project in the next several years. Our beautiful house of worship was constructed in 1953 and is now almost 70 years old. As you consider special donations and memorials to Zion, please keep our building fund and these upcoming maintenance projects in mind.

### Portals of Prayer

Copies of the October—November *Portals of Prayer* are available from the church office. Large print copies are also available. If you cannot come to church to get a copy, please call us and we will mail one to you.

### Altar Guild Meeting

Zion's Altar Guild members will meet this Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. The information booklet for the 2020-21 year will be available at the meeting, so all members are encouraged to attend. After the business meeting, Pr. Gjerde will present the program about purchasing new green paraments. Members' annual dues may be paid that evening. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting. We are looking for new people to join Altar Guild. If you have questions about Altar Guild duties, you may call the church office, 715-848-7286.

### Memorials and Other Gifts Received:

- **In memory of Elaine Edwards**, Ruth Draeger gave a gift to the Altar Guild.
- **In memory of Erma Singstock**, Ruth Draeger gave a gift to the



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Altar Guild.

- **In memory of Linda Harms**, Gerald and Shirley Kieckhaefer, and John and Ruth Hochberger gave a gift to the Hansen Fund.
- **In memory of Louise Egan**, Ruth Draeger gave a gift to the Garden Fund.
- **In memory of Louise Egan**, Marty and Janet Dettmering gave a gift to the Hansen Fund.
- **In memory of Annette Lach**, Ruth Draeger gave a gift to the Garden Fund.
- **In memory of Leota Stapel**, Gerald and Shirley Kieckhaefer gave a gift to the Radio Fund.
- **In memory of Leota Stapel**, Ginni and Phil Giese gave a gift to the Altar Guild.
- **In memory of Leota Stapel**, Anna Gjerde gave a gift to Undesignated Special Funds.
- **In memory of Leota Stapel**, Ruth Draeger gave a gift to the Altar Guild.
- **In memory of Leota Stapel**, Marty and Janet Dettmering gave a gift to the Hansen Fund.
- **In memory of Dorothy Flees**, Marty and Janet Dettmering, and Donna Nuernberg gave a gift to the Hansen Fund.
- **In memory of Dorothy Flees**, Ruth Draeger gave a gift to the Garden Fund.
- **In memory of Dorothy Flees**, Jean Zahrt, Marion Zahrt, Ellie Martin, and Carol and Leonard Edelburg gave a gift to the Church Roof Fund.
- **In memory of Dorothy Flees**, Adele Blair gave a gift to Lutheran Disaster Relief.
- **In memory of Marge Ebersold**, Adele Blair gave a gift to Lutheran Disaster Relief.
- **In memory of Dale Aleckson**, Marty and Janet Dettmering gave a gift to the Hansen Fund.
- **In memory of Dale Aleckson**, Adele Blair and Donna Nuernberg gave a gift to the Organ Maintenance Fund.

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### **Baptism**

Jakson Prescott Kossel, son of Elias and Kaitlyn Kossel, was baptized on Saturday, October 10. Jakson's sponsors are Kara and Aaron Young. Jakson's grandparents are Janis and Keith Ellison.

### **Funeral**

Dale Aleckson fell asleep in the Lord on October 2 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Dale's funeral service was held at Zion on Tuesday, October 6. May God comfort Dale's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.

### **Funeral**

Carla Crevier fell asleep in the Lord on October 3 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Carla will be given a private Christian graveside burial at Restlawn Cemetery on October 16. May God comfort Carla's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ

### **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.

### **Quilts for Lutheran World Relief**

Thanks to all the quilting ladies, we shipped 83 quilts on Saturday, October 3. We want to thank anyone who donated sheets and other material. Everything is greatly appreciated. Because of the COVID concerns, we all worked from home and accomplished a lot. Thanks again. *The Quilting Committee*

### **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.

## Calendar

*for the upcoming week*

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### **Sunday • October 18 (Pentecost 20)**

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 • October 19**

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

### **Tuesday • October 20**

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook  
9:00 AM Bible Study  
10:30 AM Staff Meeting  
12:00 PM Music at Midday  
12:15 PM Holy Communion  
6:00 PM Elders  
7:00 PM Church Council  
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

### **Wednesday • October 21**

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 • October 22**

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 • October 23**

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

### **Saturday • October 24**

5:15 PM Holy Communion



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