

**JULY 25, 2021  
NINTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



**8 A.M. Worship 10 A.M. Worship w/Communion**

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Zion Lutheran Church ~ Alexandria, MN

**Communion is celebrated today at 10 a.m.** As Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Christ’s body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in The Lord’s Supper. We also believe that, as we receive Christ in this meal with penitent and believing hearts, we receive all the treasured blessings (forgiveness of sins and eternal life) that He earned for us through His death on the cross and demonstrated in His resurrection. If you have been instructed in this faith and share the confession of this church, we invite you to join us in this Sacrament. If unsure of our confession or in doubt, please delay participation in the meal today, until such time as you can speak with our pastor to discuss a time when we might share this meal in fellowship together.

## OPENING HYMN

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

590

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen  
host. Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me to be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me the fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me when threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever if words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly— Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but Yours alone.

## BAPTISM (8 A.M.)

Delzina Ruth Westerlund

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, *and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar*, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, our Redeemer, according to Your gracious promises and gift of salvation, help us now in any anxiety or fear to believe in Your love and power to deliver us, and restore to us Your gift of life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

Genesis 9:8–17

<sup>8</sup> God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

Ephesians 3:14–21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 6:45–56

<sup>45</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land.

<sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. <sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when

they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED (10 A.M.)**

**G** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

715

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 2 As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will when Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 3 When at last I near the shore and the fearful breakers roar  
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

### **SERMON**

#### **OFFERING**

*(No offering plates will be passed.  
Please find the offering plate on your way out by the door.)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(As each petition ends with "Lord, in Your mercy,  
the congregation shall respond "hear our prayer.")*

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

801

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; **Refrain**

**ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain**

**HYMN**

"Lift High the Cross"

837

**ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

## **NEW MEMBER RECEPTION (8 A.M.)**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**G Amen.**

**P** Go in peace.

**C Knowing Christ, Sharing Christ.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**                    "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"                    917

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;  
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.



# NEWS&NOTES

Zion Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN, 320-763-4842



Zion Lutheran  
Church & School

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## WELCOME

**WELCOME!** You will find that we are a group of friendly, fairly traditional people who love the Lord and seek to love one another and our community. Without any question, you are welcome here! Most importantly, you are welcome to join us as we gather around God's grace that is found in Jesus Christ. "Grace" means "gift." At Zion, we all come as broken people living in a broken world to receive the gift, the grace, that we need most. In fact, our church's tagline is "gathering in grace." We sincerely and warmly invite you to come and join us as we gather in the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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### **Our Zion Family**

Scott Sternberg  
Vic Kuhnau  
Bernice Hertwig  
MarVella Playle  
Jan Schoeneck  
Evelyn Gease  
Pastor Don Wilke  
And all our shut-ins

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

### **Our Loved Ones**

Laura Hagstrom  
(Paul & Beth Johnson's  
Daughter)  
Michelle Rhen  
(Darold Medenwaldt's Niece)  
Tom Macheledt  
(MarVella Playle's Son-in-law)  
Marlys Melchert  
(Joan Melchert's daughter-in-law)  
Bill Freudenberg  
(Viola Freudenberg's Son)  
Floyd Synstelien  
(Nathaniel Synstelien's Father)  
Grant Gault

# MESSAGE FROM YOUR ELDERS

**Dear Brothers and Sisters at Zion,**

This past week, your Board of Lay Ministers met again and discussed our current worship practices as they relate to Covid. Of particular interest was the matter of communion. Our guiding principle remains, "by the power of His Word, in, with and under the bread and wine, is the very body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins." This means that our Savior's body and blood is present at the rail and during continuous communion. Our Savior's body and blood is present in the common cup and individual cups. The method of delivery does not change the most important truth: Jesus is present to forgive our sins.

At the same time, we recognize that it is meaningful to kneel before the altar in humble thanksgiving and have the opportunity to take from the common cup as a sign of our unity of faith. Yet for some, being in this close proximity at the rail would present an obstacle to receiving the precious gift of the Lord's body and blood.

**We have decided to take another step and have communion at the rail on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month and Continuous Communion on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month beginning in August.** This way, everybody has an opportunity to commune as they desire at least once a month. Common cup will be available the 1st and 2nd Sundays.

We will consider this matter monthly. As we continue to gain more time and distance from Covid, we envision a blessed return to the practices and events we enjoy and find meaningful as a family of God.

With Peace,  
Your Board of Lay Ministry

## BAPTISM

Baptized today at the 8 a.m. service is Delzina Ruth. She is the daughter of Nicholas and Simone Westerlund. Her sponsor is Anna Westerlund. Welcome to God's family Delzina!

## THANK YOU

**A big thank you** to all of our Zion family who sent cards, flowers, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital and Bethany Home. A special thank you to Pastors Dare and Wilke for their visits. I'm back home and doing well, thanks to our good and gracious God. Maxine Current

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

To register for pictures, head to the Zion website [zionalex.org](http://zionalex.org). Once there click on "Picture directory sign-up".

This will take you to the sign up page where you will enter church code:

**MN113** and **password: directory**. OR you can sign up at the Welcome Center. Pictures dates are: August 3, 4, 5 & September 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

## ZION'S ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar's, **Zion's Annual Meeting** has now been scheduled for August 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

## FOR SALE

Zion Church is **selling its Simplicity Tractor** with mowing deck, snowblower (like new), cab, wheel weights and chains. Runs good - \$950. For more information call John 320-491-1233.

## NEW ZION MEMBERS

We are **happy to welcome** new members to Zion. After the 8 a.m. service we will have a reception to get to know them!

**Ken & Ruth Bakalyar**

**Andrew & Tiffany Hartfield**

**Corey & Dawn Rohloff**

**Lee & Grace Lueth**

**Kyle & Andrea Schmitz**

**Dennis Flick**

**Stephanie Krohnfeldt**

**Danielle Olson**

**Gary & Melody Cizado**

**Lean Mansell**

**Lois Boehne**

**Mark & Sue Birkholz**

**Chad & Heather Hjelm**

**Pastor Matthew & Shannon Lorenz**

## PART TIME JANITOR NEEDED

Zion Church & School now has an **opening for a part-time janitor** to work afternoons 5 days per week. This position will pay \$16 per hour. If you are interested, contact the office at 763 -4842 or email [skloetzke@zionalex.org](mailto:skloetzke@zionalex.org)

## QUILTERS

Our Zion Quilters are **in need of thread**. If you happen to have some at home that is going unused and would like to donate it, you can bring it to the office. Thank you!

## 2021 LWML RETREAT

**August 13-15, 2021 @ LIC**

Friday, Rev. Bruce Timm, Redeemer-St. Cloud and Arrowhead Pastoral Counselor, will lead a Bible study titled "Heaven is My Home?" Saturday, the retreat participants will be engaged in a study of the Book of Ezra, led by Pastor Timm. Throughout the weekend there will be demonstrations, crafts and games that participants can enjoy during free time. **Registration forms are at the Welcome Center in the Lobby. All women are welcome to attend!**

## VACANCY FOR BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTIES

**The annual meeting is coming up** and we will be voting in new members for our four main boards. One of them, The Board of Church Properties, is looking for one more individual who is interested in overseeing and maintaining our church and school building. Anyone interested can contact Clint Gray or the church office.

## WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SHARE THAT VBS IS BACK!!

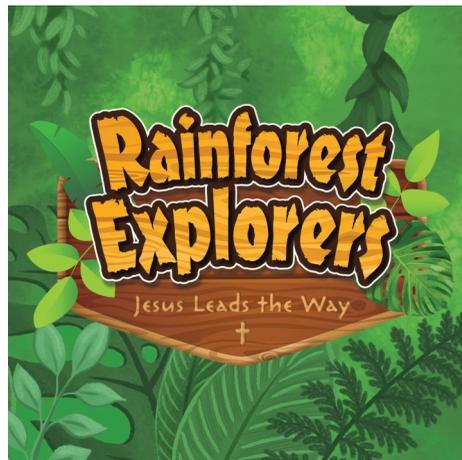
This year VBS will be held August 9th-12th from 5 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Supper for the family will be provided from 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

It's easy to register your Preschool (must be at least 3 years of age) - 5th Grader (2021-2022 school year).

Head to: [vbsmate.com/zionalexvbs](https://vbsmate.com/zionalexvbs) to register!

We'll see you there! Invite your friends to join in the fun, this is for the entire community!

**If you are interested and able to help with VBS contact Tina Bartone or the church office!**



## WELCOME PASTOR LORENZ!

Pastor Lorenz is officially our Associate Pastor. When you see him or his family be sure to introduce yourself. **To help Pastor and family learn everyone's name we will be wearing name tags for a few months. You can find yours in your Narthex box. Don't have a name tag? Contact Bonnie Brooks and she will have one made!**

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>25 <b>New Member Sunday</b>  <b>8 a.m.</b>                      Worship                      (New Member)  <b>9 a.m.</b>                      New Member Reception  <b>10 a.m.</b>                      Worship                      w/communion</p>	<p>26  <b>5 p.m.</b>                      Mission Council</p>	<p>27  <b>1 p.m.</b>                      Traveling Tree House</p>	<p>28  <b>6:30 a.m.</b>                      Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>29  <b>9 a.m.</b>                      Quilters</p>	30	31
<p>1  <b>8 a.m.</b>                      Worship                      w/communion  <b>10 a.m.</b>                      Worship</p>	<p>2  <b>6:30 p.m.</b>                      Annual Meeting</p>	<p>3  <b>1 p.m.</b>                      Traveling Tree House</p>	<p>4  <b>6:30 a.m.</b>                      Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5  <b>9 a.m.</b>                      Quilters</p>	6	7
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**July 18, 2021**  
**CHURCH ATTENDANCE:**  
**8 a.m.** 130  
**11 a.m.** 194

**Today's Ushers & Acolytes**

**Head Usher: 8 a.m. Clint Gray ,10 a.m. Don Kingston**  
**Acolyte: 8 a.m. Madison Harrison, 10 a.m. Ava Klimek**