Zion Lutheran Church and School

Saturday, September 12 **5:30p.m**
Sunday, September 13 **8:00a.m**

Welcome to all gathering together with us in worship today! May our time together in Gods Word be blessed by Him. We are glad to be gathering together once more!

Receiving Communion (10:30a.m)
In preparation, examine yourself by asking these questions:
Am I truly sorry for my sins?
Do I believe I am forgiven because of Jesus' suffering and death?
Do I believe in the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament?
Do I desire to be strengthened in faith to live a God-pleasing life, and to forgive others?
This is the faith expressed by the LCMS and those in fellowship with us. All members of fellow LCMS congregations may commune with us. If it is your first time with us, please speak to the pastor before communing.

Prayers
For Healing: Jim Stitt, Chance Holliday, David Justison, Jan Meyers, Erma Johnson, Betty Klump, Ron Grosenheider, Florence Collmann, Declan Treece (Son of Sean and Rachel Treece), Aldena Pluhm, and Heath Beccue (Son of Megan & Bryce Beccue)
Zion Lutheran
Government Officials
Military and all First Responders.

Bulletins are sponsored by Tom and Mary Ann Frerichs in Celebration of Cal's 13th Birthday

Altar Flowers are sponsored for Ben & Johanna Bowels and Brad & Mary Bowels Anniversaries

Side Altar Flowers are in Celebration of Elmer and Susan Fritzsche's 63rd Wedding Anniversary

Enrollment Opportunities continue, please encourage others to consider Christian education here at Zion!
We appreciate your continued financial support. If you would like to provide a scholarship for a child who could not otherwise attend, please contact Jay Niemann, School Board President at (217) 556-3934 or Kim Casey, School Secretary at (217) 324-3166. You could be the person who makes a real difference in a child's life.

Office Hours:
Kim Casey (School Secretary) 7:30 a.m – 3:30 p.m M-F
Jessica Neuhaus (Church Secretary) 8:00 a.m – 3:30 p.m M-F

Serving us in Worship

Organist - Ernie Thomack

Elders	**September 12**		**September 19**
5:30pm	**Andy Frerichs**	**5:30pm**	**Doug Martin**
	September 13		**September 20**
8:00am	**Kyle Frerichs**	**8:00am**	**Gary Meyers**
10:30am	**Darin Ashby**	**10:30am**	**Ernie Thomack**

The Ladies Aid- THANK YOU for all of the Litchfield Food Pantry items! There were monetary donations and a grocery cart full of food, personal care, and paper supplies. The need continues to be great, so the workers will be appreciative of your generosity!
The Ladies Aid gathering this month will be paper towels and tissues for use at the church. Please put your donations in the grocery cart in the hallway.

Adult Information Class if you are interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith or becoming a member of Zion Lutheran, adult information classes will be held in the parish hall every Tuesday starting September 15th through November 24th.

Job Posting "Metro-East Lutheran High School is looking for a part-time Maintenance/Handyman to work at our High School campus. The position is approximately 20 hours per week and the hours and days/times can be very flexible. If you are interested please contact Dr. Jay Krause, Principal at 618-656-0043 or email him at jay.krause@melhs.org

Sign Up Sheets There will be sign up sheets for Bulletin Sponsors, Ushers and Altar Flowers for 2021 on the table at the back of the Sanctuary where bulletins are picked up.

Tract Rack in the Narthex contain brochures, Portals of Prayer and other Christian reading materials. Please help yourself.

Giving Statements are available and in mailboxes. If you have any questions contact Jim Wreath at (217) 556-8496

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 15- ***Adult Information Class (Parish Hall)***- 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 16- ***Confirmation Class***- 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 17- ***Berean Bible Study***- 9:15 a.m.
Saturday, September 19 - ***Worship- Traditional (Communion)***- 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 20 - ***Worship- Traditional (Communions)*** - 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 13- ***Bible Class*** - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, September 13- ***Worship- Contemporary***- 10:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, September 12, 2020 5:30PM
Sunday, September 13, 2020 8:00AM

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WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION: LSB 801 *"How Great Thou Art"*

ORDER OF SERVICE - *Lutheran Service Book,* Page 151, Divine Service, Setting One

INTROIT *Psalm 103:1-12*

[1]Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

[2]Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

[3]who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

[4]who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

[5]who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

[6]The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

[7]He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

[8]The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

[9]He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

[10]He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

[11]For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

[12]as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 50:15-21*

[15]When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." [16]So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, [17]'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. [18]His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." [19]But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? [20]As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. [21]So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

EPISTLE *Romans 14:1-12*

[1]As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. [2]One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. [3]Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. [4]Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. [5]One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. [6]The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. [7]For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. [8]If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. [9]For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. [10]Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; [11]for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." [12]So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21-35*

[21] Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" [22] Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.[23]"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. [24] When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. [25]And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. [26] So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' [27]And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. [28]But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' [29] So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' [30] He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. [31]When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. [32]Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. [33]And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' [34]And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. [35] So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 501 *"Come Down, O Love Divine"*

SERMON *"God Brings Good From Evil" Genesis 50:20*

HYMN OF RESPONSE: LSB 496 *"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"*

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DEPARTURE HYMN: LSB 698 *"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"*