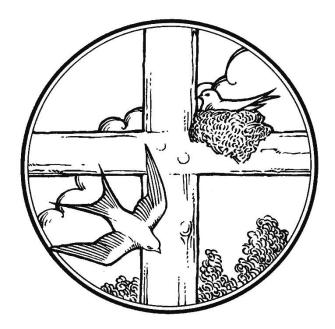
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 8, Year of Our

→ Lord 2024



Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

"You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God—that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25-6:10).



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Church of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

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WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS:

As a way to celebrate and remember the vibrant history of the Christian Church–among many other reasons—we utilize the historic liturgy. This may be new and strange to you, or this may be comfortable and familiar. We invite you to sit next to one of our members who will be happy to assist you as you receive God's gifts of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation alongside us.

HOLY COMMUNION AT ZION:

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the Lutheran altar. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. The Bible teaches we cannot be partakers from two differing tables (1 Cor. 10:15-18), and that communion can be taken to our judgment rather than our forgiveness (1 Cor. 11:27-32). It is our earnest desire at Zion that communion be taken according to our Lord's intent (Matthew 26:26-28). Members of Zion, out of love for their neighbor, can be of great assistance in this endeavor to bring others into the truth of this supper by encouraging visitors to speak with the pastor if they desire Holy Communion

→ Confession and Absolution →





5 What God ordains is always good:

Though I the cup am drinking

Which savors now of bitterness,

I take it without shrinking.

For after grief

God gives relief,

My heart with comfort filling

And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:

This truth remains unshaken.

Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,

I shall not be forsaken.

I fear no harm,

For with His arm

He shall embrace and shield me;

So to my God I yield me.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

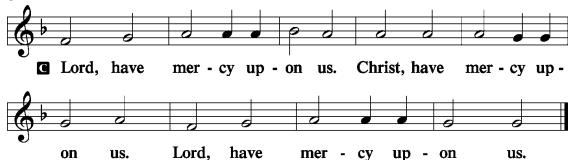
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- → Service of the Word →

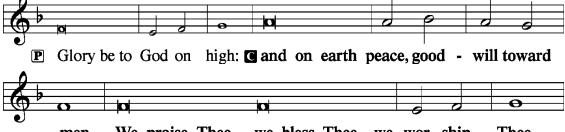
- P Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- **©** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.
- P Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- **G** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.
- P But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious; turn to me and be gracious to me;
- **©** give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.
- 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.
- P Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- **©** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.

Kyrie LSB 186



Gloria in Excelsis

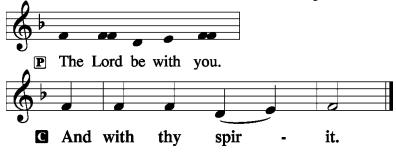
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men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,



Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 12 And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 118:8-9

- P It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
- It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Stand



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



²⁴[Jesus said:] "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his

glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."





Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

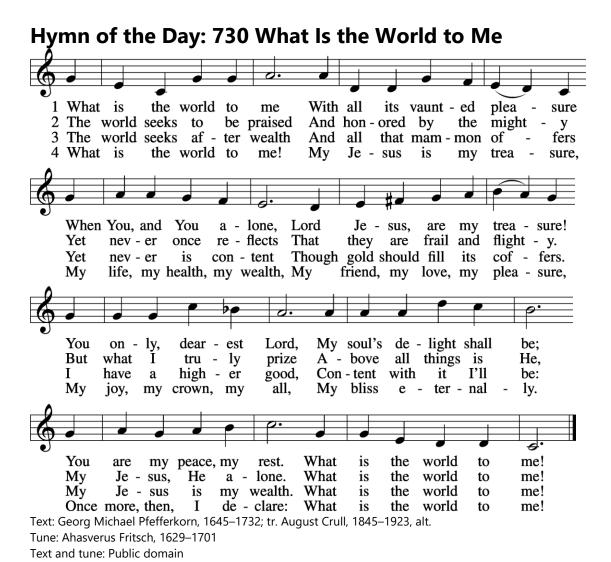
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.

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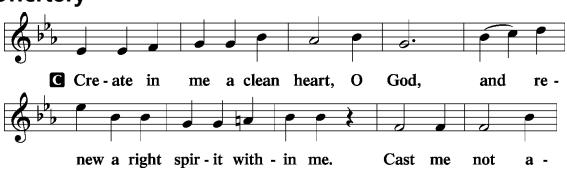


Sermon

Stand



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tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

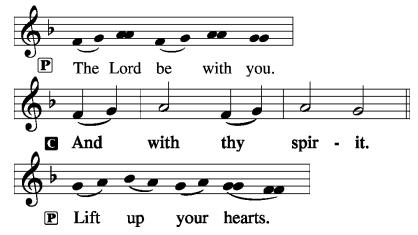
Heavenly Father, grant us the peace that comes from above and faith to trust in You for all things needful for this body and life, that we might have joy in Your grace now and in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

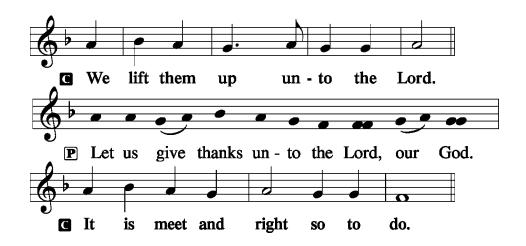
- **G** hear our prayer.
- P O God, You have set Your reign and Your righteousness before us in the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us always look to Him who has saved us from our sins, constantly seeking Him above all things. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Divine Master, Your Son warns that we cannot truly serve You and pursue security in worldly wealth. Grant us firm faith in Your provision and the peace that this world cannot give. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- P Bless our nation, and give us leaders who govern wisely. Protect all in our armed forces, and grant that they may serve honorably. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, You have called us to bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ. Comfort and console the sick and suffering, as well as those who long to be with us but cannot [especially]. According to Your good pleasure, heal and restore them. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Increase our faith, O Lord, and grant that all who come to Your Supper may come in repentance, seeking Your forgiveness, and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Duane and Sharon Orth.
- Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Duane and Sharon from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep then in the certainty of their salvation that they have by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Duane and Sharon in our prayers this week and let them know that we love them in Jesus Christ.
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

→ Service of the Sacrament →

Preface LSB 194





It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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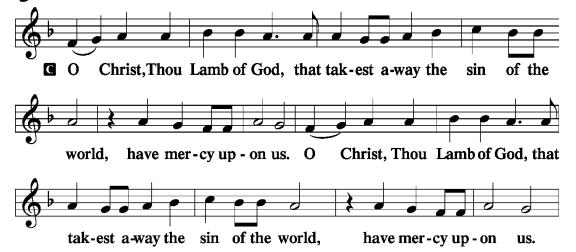
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

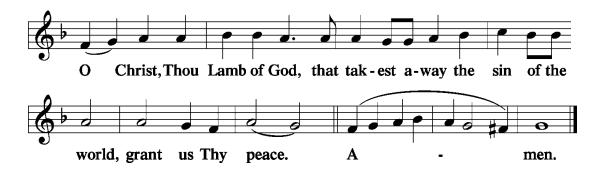
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197



Agnus Dei LSB 198





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Distribution

Those participating in communion are asked to exit the pew on the outer aisle. When coming forward to receive communion we ask that 7 people from each side approach the altar. The Chalice and Individual Cups are offered at the Supper; you can specify to the servers which cup you would like to receive from. After the blessing, please exit down the center aisle, placing your cup in the

basket near the font. Distribution Hymn: 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion lay; Death brood-ed 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I dark - ly grace or 3 Myown good works all came to naught, No 4 But state Be - fore the world's foun-God had seen my wretch-ed u - nit - ed heart and spring-ing, And with voice And ly ho o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done. How bore But dai - ly deep - er still Ι fell; My moth-er me. good re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair Left He turned to fa - ther's heart; He sal - va tion. me vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost His right arm the life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me. be my share; The pangs of hell on - ly death to I suf - fered. eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure. did not choose the

- 5 God said to His belovèd Son:
 "It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
 A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
 All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
 Life will from death the vict'ry win;
 My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending, And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending; In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching; So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching. But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

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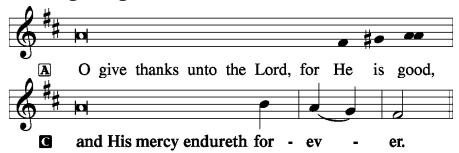
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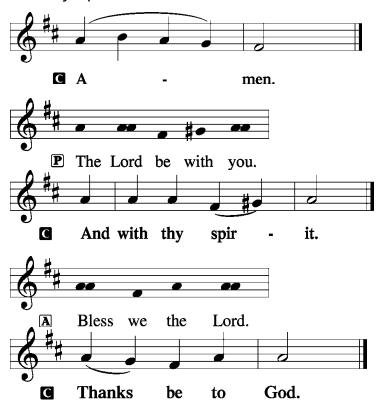


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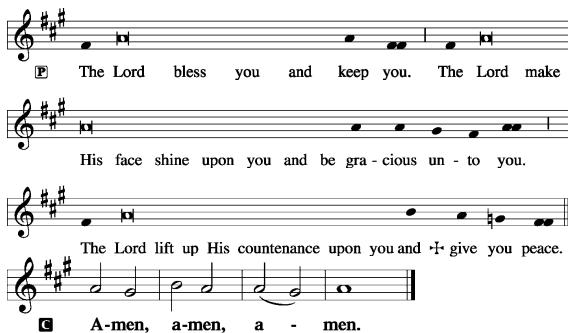


P Let us pray

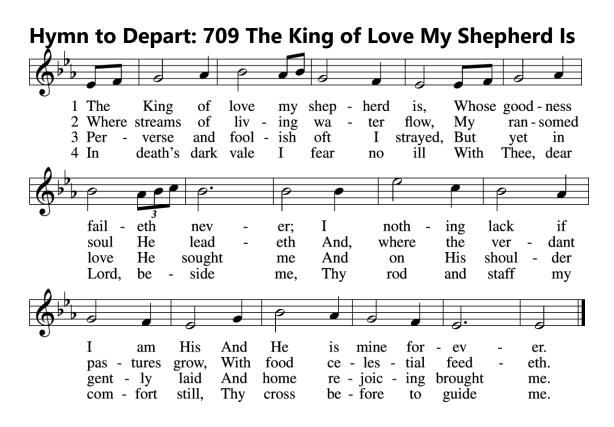
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 202



Sit



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth! 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

Luther Classical College

The Luther Classical College is located on sixteen acres on the campus of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and School, Casper, WY. With a population of 60,000, Casper has two conservative, liturgical LCMS congregations of about three hundred members each. The college will be opening in the Fall of 2025.

The college is taking a staged approach to build its multi-facility campus. The buildings will include space for classrooms, a library, auditorium, offices, and a common area for students to gather. Houses for student living will also be built on campus. The Wyoming District Office is just south of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and has the beginnings of a theological library.

The college will provide a conservative, classical Lutheran education to Lutheran students. Paramount will be the promotion of Christian culture, a stress on the priority of Christian marriage, family, and piety, and a cultivation of confessional Lutheran theology, liturgy, hymnody, and identity. With courses using the "great books" of the past for the core curriculum, the college will offer Latin, history, theology, literature, logic, rhetoric, music, geometry, biology, and mathematics, all within a purposefully Christian and Lutheran framework.

The college years are typically the most formative years in a young adult's life. These are the years when they most often find their spouses, decide on a career, and make decisions that last a lifetime. There is desperate need for a college where conservative Lutheran young men and women can learn the truth of the Christian faith, be encouraged in genuine Lutheran culture, and meet pious, Lutheran husbands and wives. The return to a classical model, which hands down both traditional morality and clear thinking through study of logic, rhetoric, and the best of ancient literature and wisdom, will prepare students for life in church, home, and community.

All funds received will go directly to Luther Classical College.

Prayer Family

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Cleaners

Sept. 8-14 Greg & Janet Nelson

FB Live for the Month of September

8th Andrew 15th Greg 22nd Krista 29th Ashley

Ushers for the Month of September

8th Andrew 15th Greg 22nd Grover 29th Randal

Pastor's Study Hours:

Tuesday: 8:30-11:30am 1:00-2:00pm Wednesday: 10am-11:30 am 1-2:30 pm

Thursday: 8:30-11:30 am 1-3 pm Friday: 8:30-11:30 am 1-2 pm

This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today 8:15 am Private Confession and Absolution

8:45 am Catechesis

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Divine Service with Holy Communion

11:15 am Coffee Hour

Wed. 11th 9:00 am Catechesis

3:45 pm Youth Catechesis

Sun. 15th 8:15 am Private Confession and Absolution

8:45 am Catechesis

10:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion

11:15 am Coffee Hour

2:00 pm Confessions Study/ Meal

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, September 1

Worship Attendance: 41

Catechesis: 9

	Received Re		Received for	Monthly						O	ver/Under	
Category	Last Week		September		G	ioal	YTD Received		YTD Needed		Goal	
General Fund	\$	1,375.00	\$	1,375.00	\$ 13	,124.83	\$	81,825.07	\$1	02,979.46	\$	(21,154.39)
Misc. Income	\$	0.25	\$	0.25			\$	171.75				
Building Fund	\$	30.00	\$	30.00			\$	4.460.93				
Cemetery Fund	\$	25.00	\$	25.00			\$	315.00				
Memorial Fund	\$	565.00	\$	565.00			\$	3,085.00				
Vehicle Fund												
ND Missions	\$	30.00	\$	30.00	\$ 2,	,166.67	\$	14,962.40	\$	17,000.00	\$	(2,037.60)
Mission of Month	\$	45.00	\$	45.00			\$	8,831.44				

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 157,498.00 ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

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Prayer and Petitions



September 8, 2024

Remembering Our Shut-Ins

Donna Olson at Beverly Ann, Lisbon Iris Meyer and Corrine Haussler, at Forman Villas Wayne Arnst, at Maryhill Manor, Enderlin

Remembering Those Who Serve

Mark McFarland: US Army in Baghdad

Rick Gaden: National Guard

Nate Utecht: US Navy in Washington DC

Chris Mathias, Jason Asche, Bob Orn, Sam Helm: Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Mothers with Child Katie Greenmyer



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Circuit Confessions Study will be here at Zion next Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m., followed by food and visiting at the parsonage. If the weather is bad, we will eat here at church.

Current needs for the body of Christ here at Zion: Additional help ushering and for FB Live is still needed...speak with elder Greg Nelson to lend your hands to help. Our congregation treasurer position is open, with Ashley Brockman receiving a new teaching opportunity. This is open for someone to step up, and into this important office...please speak with chairman Ron Greenmyer. Some of the secretary duties previously done by Tana McKenna remain open and ready for someone to step up and into those duties. Krista Grieve is currently filling a few of those duties (bulletins, electronic bulletin board, hymn board). Please speak with Ron Greenmyer.

The SE Zone Fall Rally of the LWML is Saturday, Oct. 5 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson. Registration begins at 9 a.m., cost is \$5. The theme is: Grow in God's Service. The speaker at 1:15 p.m. will be William Christopher, preceded by lunch provided by the Immanuel LWML for free-will offering.

The schedule for the Calov Conference is posted in the narthex, with the presenters for each day, including a son of the congregation from Zion...Pastor Joseph Greenmyer.

Church cleaning is scheduled for Monday September 23rd at 9:00 am. Many hands make the work light.