



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost + September 4, 2011 AD + 9:00 and 11:00 AM

“The Child in Our Midst”



A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Loving Father, you are faithful in your promises and tender in your compassion: Listen to our hymn of joy, and continue to satisfy the needs of all your creatures, that all flesh may bless your Name in your everlasting kingdom, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. Amen. (*Psalm Prayer for Psalm 145*)

Welcome. If you are to enter the kingdom of God, Jesus reminds you that you are to become like children. Then, as you live in humility as a child of God, Jesus admonishes the Church to do all that she can, in His Name and following His example, to protect you and show you mercy; for, He does not desire that a single child of His should be lost.

Parents: Children are welcome at our services. For parents who desire it, a nursery with an attendant is downstairs.

*All of you,
clothe yourselves with
humility in
your dealings
with one another;
for, God opposes
the proud, but
gives grace to
the humble.
Learn from me,
says the Lord,
for I am gentle
and humble in
heart.
~I Peter 5:5,
Matt. 11:29*

PRELUDE

Partita on “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel.

(silence for reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” green hymnal #253

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong so that no one might boast in the presence of the Lord. God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are. For His power is made perfect in weakness. ~I Cor. 1:27-29, 2 Cor. 12:9

*Thank God
that Jesus’
hands and
feet were
pierced for
our iniquities
and that His
eyes beheld
our sin in
order to turn
the Father’s
face from it.
By His
wounds and
precious
death, we
enter life.
~The
Lutheran
Study Bible,
2009 A.D.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God, from whom all good proceeds: grant to us, your humble servants, your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right, and by your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32:1-7

L: Happy are they whose transgressions 'are forgiven,*
and whose sin is 'put away!

**C: Happy are they to whom the LORD im'putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there 'is no guile!**

L: While I held my tongue, my bones with'ered away,*
because of my groaning 'all day long.

**C: For your hand was heavy upon me 'day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the 'heat of summer.**

L: Then I acknowledged my 'sin to you,*
and did not con'ceal my guilt.

**C: I said, “I will confess my transgressions 'to the LORD.”*
Then you forgave me the guilt 'of my sin.**

L: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in 'time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they 'shall not reach them.

SECOND LESSON Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Christian community took seriously those aspects of life that were out of harmony with the Gospel.... They did not accept sin as being natural, but fought it...The real goal is the winning over of the sinners, so that all disciplinary measures taken amount in fact to an offer of salvation.

~Eduard Schweizer, 1975 A.D.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He de-

scended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the \times resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker!” green hymnal #519

SERMON

“The Child in Our Midst”

Please kneel.

PRAYERS

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

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.

VOLUNTARY

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

... Telemann

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

Father in heaven, you warm and feed us through the faithful shining of the summer sun. We bring these offerings of praise and pray that you will shine on us forever with the brightness of your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No program can bring the church into a godliness of life and steadfastness and assurance of faith such as the celebration of the Holy Communion has effected in the past and will effect in the future.
 ~Berthold von Schenk, 1945 A.D.

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
 give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Father,
 C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ **And al - so with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

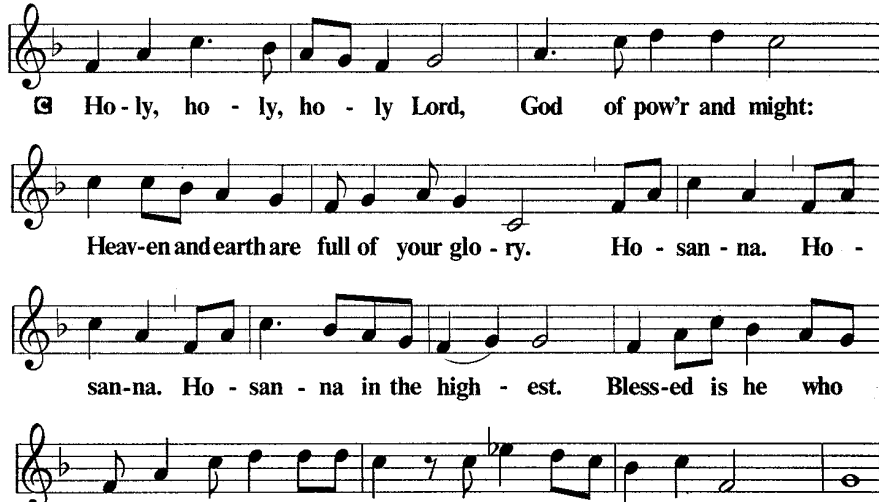
☐ **We lift them to the Lord.**

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



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



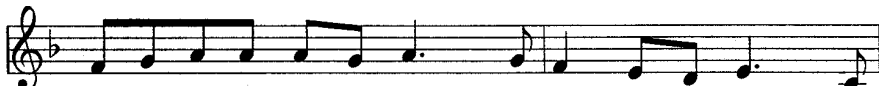
☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

Lord Jesus Christ, just as this bread and wine was gathered into one from scattered plants and vines, so you have by this food drawn us into one in you. Gather thus your Church from everywhere to be your blessed kingdom without end. You are the Lord forevermore.
 Amen.
 ~Didache,
 2nd Century
 A.D.



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” green hymnal #307 (*alternate tune*)
 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” green hymnal #126

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.
 He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Pour out on us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” ... J.S. Bach

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +
To God alone be glory

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**A Prayer
Upon Leav-
ing Church**
Lord our
God, by signs
and wonders
you have
shattered the
powers of
darkness and
your renown
endures from
age to age:
Strengthen us
in our pil-
grimage, keep
us from being
deceived by
idols, and
bring us
safely to our
eternal inheri-
tance;
through Jesus
Christ our
Lord. Amen.
~Psalm
Prayer for
Psalm 135

✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Children may receive the sacrament after completing first communion class. Zion holds this class at the end of the child's 4th grade year.

Distribution: You may receive the Supper at either the altar rail or the chapel. To commune at the chapel, please proceed down the center aisle with the other communicants, and inform the usher at the front pew that you desire to commune at the chapel.

Communion Cards: Both members and visitors are asked to use a "Communion Registration" card. This enables our pastors to provide ministry and personal attention within the Zion family. When visitors include a church name and city on the card, we will mail it to that church.

Today's Participants:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Steven Gjerde

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Organist: Virginia Giese

Vocalist: Steve Zeinemann

Lector: (9:00) John Ahrens

(11:00) Paul Henning

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Keith Glasel

Acolyte: (9:00) Aleashia Fehrer

(11:00) Sam Zastrow

Elder: (9:00) Dale Aleckson

(11:00) Barbara Leader

Ushers: (9:00) Kathy LaPorte; John Ahrens; Adele Blair; Donald Budnik;

Fred Fenhaus; Robb Halverson

(11:00) Al Lippert; Wayne Reuter; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Michael Brand; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Dave Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Dianne Ames; Pam Hoppe

For You This Week

September 3—11, 2011

Sharing God's Blessings

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored to the glory of God, with thanksgiving for the many blessings received by Mary Beth Sievert.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Dave and Roxanne Gisselman in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on September 2, and for the many blessings received during their 50 years of marriage.

Bible Study in the Church Hall

- Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Study in Acts of the Apostles
- Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., Matthew 19:23
- Thursday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast; Ezekiel 36:13

Midweek Worship

10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Acts of the Apostles 19:1-10

September Missions of Zion:

New Tribes Missions, Kirk and Mary Thornton: Zion's goal is \$1,000

Lutheran Bible Translators, Chris, Janine and Sean Plugger: Zion's goal is \$2,000: Chris, Janine, and Sean Plugger are truly indebted to Zion for our love and generosity towards them and their upcoming work to translate the Bible in Zambia. The Pluggers know that the way Zion would have them repay that debit is by sharing that love and generosity to the Nsenga people on our behalf, and by faithfully doing the work that we are sending them to do in Africa. ... *From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! The Pluggers*

Beginning Sunday School? Attend "FIRST STEPS"

Zion's children begin Sunday School when they are 4 years old. To help them for Sunday School, "First Steps" will take place this **Wednesday, September 7, at 5:00 p.m.** in the church hall. First Steps is a preview of the Sunday School experience. If interested, please call the church office (715-848-7286).

Altar Guild Meeting

Zion's Altar Guild will begin the 2011-12 year with a meeting on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. All Guild members should be present to receive their new schedule. Pastor Gjerde will present the program. Guests are welcome.

Volunteers needed for Jail Ministry

If you would consider being a volunteer for Jail Ministry, and would like more information, please call the church office or talk to one of Zion's pastors.

Confirmation Class Begins

... on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:15 p.m. with a session for parents only in the church hall. Confirmation class is for children aged 12 or older who have worshiped at Zion for one year or more. The September 14 vespers service at 6:30 p.m. will reflect on parenting and will include prayers and blessings for parents.

**Every
Sunday**

The Wausau Daily Herald may be purchased in the narthex or near the church office to benefit Zion youth.

**Ushers for
Saturday
Night**

More ushers for Saturday night worship are needed. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Ladies Aid Guest Speaker

This week, Thursday, Sept. 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall, Zion Ladies Aid invites anyone to join them to hear an excellent speaker. Marianna Ruprecht, who has recently retired from NTC, will tell us about her former career, teaching inmates at the Marathon County Jail. You can hear how you can help others at the Jail to improve inmates' lives through education.

Bread Baking Report from August 26

73 loaves of bread at \$3.00:	\$219.00
Donations:	<u>16.00</u>
Subtotal:	\$235.00
Ingredients:	<u>48.00</u>
Total Profit:	\$187.00

*Thanks to my kitchen helpers,
Steve and Marlene Kroening.
... Phyllis Bliese*

Profits designated to: Zion Missions: \$30.00; Boiler Repair Fund: \$157.00

Strassenfest (German for "Street Fair") is October 8

On Saturday, October 8, Zion's gym will open at 9:00 a.m. in the tradition of our great German "street fair." Strassenfest is free and open to the public. The Swiss Steak Luncheon will be held in the church hall from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the church office; \$8.50 for adults, \$4.00 kids 5-10, 4 and under free. **Can you give your talents to the Lord through your efforts for this annual event?** Any homemade item is acceptable, such as knitted items, sewn goods, baked goods, cookies, candy, canned goods, holiday crafts, wood-crafted items, bargain bin items, potted plants, dried or fresh flowers or herbs, and garden produce. Each one knows what you can do or make. Old items for the antique booth are also needed so look around your attic and basement. You may bring your donated items to the school gym the Friday before Strassenfest, October 7. Booths will be set up to display all the homemade items donated by Zion members and offered for sale. Be sure to join in the fun at Zion's annual Strassenfest!

Upcoming Workshop from Thrivent Financial

Do you know what your Social Security benefits are? Find out how to read and understand your statement and what it could mean to your financial future. Join us for a free educational workshop on Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. at the Thrivent Financial office at 411 Grand Ave., Rothschild. The workshop is presented by Eric Jacobson, Financial Associate and Gene Hellman, Financial Consultant. Wine and cheese will be served during the workshop. Please RSVP Lois at: **715-355-0605** (this was erroneously listed in the Sept. newsletter as 715-355-0606) or email: lois.stasko@thrivent.com; or register at Thrivent.com/findaworkshop by September 14.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

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- Sat. 5:15 pm Communion Service
- Sun. **PENTECOST 12**
9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
10:15 am Bible Study
11:00 am Communion Service
- Mon. **LABOR DAY**
Church Office closed
- Tues. 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Outreach
- Weds. 10:00 am Matins
12:00 noon Absolution
5:00 pm First Steps Program
5:30 pm Absolution
6:30 pm Vespers
- Thurs. 7:00 am Men's Bible Class
1:30 pm Ladies Aid
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
- Sat. 2:30 pm Glenetski / Hoerter wedding
5:15 pm Communion Service
- Sun. **PENTECOST 13**
9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
9:15 am Sunday School Starts
10:15 am Bible Study
11:00 am Communion Service

ATTENDANCE: 8/27, 28 & 31:

<u>Saturday</u> 5:15 pm:	53
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	110
11:00 am	71
<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:00 am	9
6:30 pm	<u>7</u>
Total:	250

**Zion Singles
Retreat**

... for all single adults (unmarried, divorced, widows and widowers), **Saturday, Sept. 17,** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon City. What does it mean to follow Jesus as a single person? Explore the answer with Zion's pastors. Lunch is provided. Cost: \$10. Call the church office (715-848-7286) to sign up.

Zion Lutheran Church

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

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