



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost + October 23, 2011 AD + 9:00 and 11:00 AM

“The Truth and Nothing But the Truth”



A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Lord, you are just and your commandments are eternal. Teach us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen. *~Prayer for Psalm 119*

Welcome. Whereas all people have daily vocations in the workplace, at home, and as citizens, Christians have a particular calling as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. As a part of this community of faith, what sort of service to God and our neighbor is our Lord asking of us? How are we to live as Christ’s children in the His Church?

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

PRELUDE

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

... Walther & Krebs

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

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength” green hymnal #502

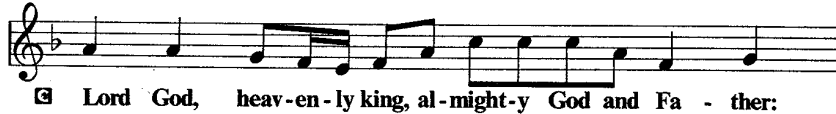
GREETING

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

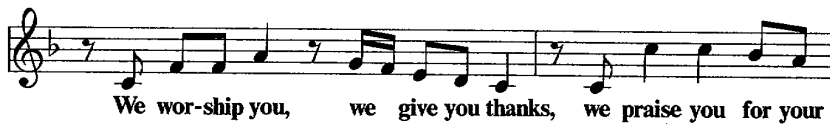
C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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



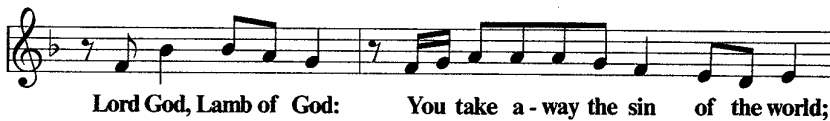
Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



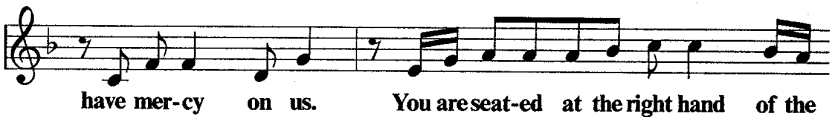
We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



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

Beautiful Sav-ior, Lord of the Nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be Thine! Amen. ~LBW Hymn 518

Hear,
O Israel:
The Lord our
God, the Lord
is one. You
shall love the
Lord your
God with all
your heart
and with all
your soul and
with all your
might. And
these words
that I com-
mand you
today shall be
on your heart.
You shall
teach them
diligently to
your children,
and shall talk
of them when
you sit in
your house,
and when you
walk by the
way, and
when you lie
down, and
when you
rise.
~Deut. 6:4-7

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God, you have commanded us to love you above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in your sight, that our faith in you may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; 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 Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel 'of the wicked,* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats 'of the scornful!

C: **Their delight is in the law 'of the LORD,*
and they meditate on his law 'day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, |
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that 'do not wither;*
everything they 'do shall prosper.

C: **It is not so 'with the wicked;*
they are like chaff which the wind 'blows away.**

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when 'judgment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council 'of the righteous.

**C: For the LORD knows the way 'of the righteous,*
but the way of the wick'ed is doomed.**

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE



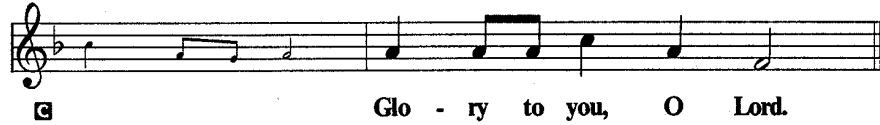
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Help us,
Lord, to con-
fess the Gos-
pel of Christ
faithfully.
May our life
also shine
before the
world so that
the preaching
of the Gospel
may not be
eclipsed by
the darkness
of our life.
Amen.
~The
Lutheran
Study Bible,
2009 A.D.*

But you may say: Oh, it is utterly impossible for a person to keep these two commandments. Yes, it is impossible for you to keep them or perform them. You cannot do it; God must do it in you, for Him it is possible. ~Martin Luther

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



³⁴But when the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’? ⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 descended 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 ☩ resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children after the divine service.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Me Be Yours Forever” green hymnal #490

SERMON

“The Truth and Nothing But the Truth”

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

“Day by Day”

... L. Petersen

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



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



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

*O Lord, you gently lay your land to winter rest, that it may rise again refreshed to serve. By these gifts we thank you for the fruit it bore and ask for grace to share, with all, in love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
~Eugene Lehrke,
1999 A.D>*

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.

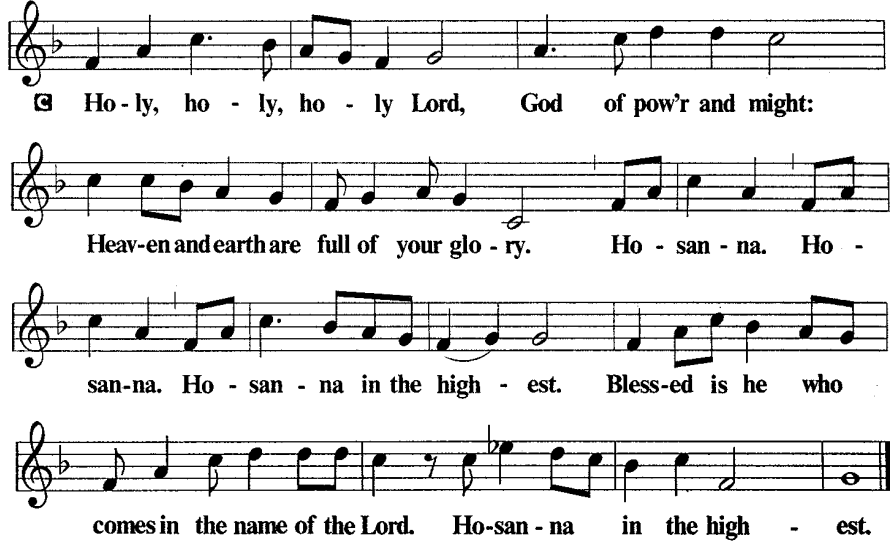
P: Lift up your hearts.

☐ 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
 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

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

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” ... Cherwien

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

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**A Prayer
Upon Leav-
ing Church**
Living God,
Your al-
mighty power
is made
known
chiefly in
showing
mercy and
pity. Grant
us the full-
ness of Your
grace to lay
hold of Your
promises and
live forever in
Your pres-
ence; through
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

✠ 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

Guest Organist: Rodney Riese

Vocalist: Steve Zeinemann

Lector: (9:00) Mark Gehrke

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) John Rich

Acolyte: (9:00) Isaac McQuay

(11:00) Ben Schubring

Elder: (9:00) Dale Aleckson

(11:00) Al Lippert

Ushers: (9:00) Marty Dettmering; Sally Christoffersen;

Larry and Marilyn Schubring

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Kathy LaPorte; Grace Mueller

(11:00) Dave Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Norma Curtis; Wendy Sternberg

Sharing God's Blessings

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Mary Beth Sievert to the glory of God and in celebration of her granddaughter, Hope Christine, whose 7th birthday is on October 21.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Wally and Lydia Wachsmuth to the glory of God, and in honor of the baptisms of their three great-grandchildren: Elizabeth, Owen, and Envii.

Bible Study in the Church Hall

- Sunday, 10:15 a.m., A Catechism on Human Life: Man and Woman
- Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., Matthew 24:32
- Thursday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast; Ezekiel 44:15

Midweek Worship

10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 14-17, 26-27; 12:1a, 9-13
(Sixth Commandment)

Reformation Sunday is October 30

On Reformation Sunday, we thank God for the witness of the Lutheran reformers in the sixteenth century. Our worship on that Sunday will be "Luther's Chorale Service," which Martin Luther developed for the Lutheran churches to use as they awoke to the true confession of faith.

October Missions of Zion

Lutheran World Relief: Zion goal \$2,500: Lutheran World Relief works in countries around the world, distributing material resources, responding to emergencies, and implementing long-term development projects. LWR has helped in the United States with hurricanes and tornadoes. People displaced by storms were given 28,000 quilts, 4,510 school kits, and 11,700 health kits.

Salvation Army: Zion goal \$1,000: All funds raised for the Salvation Army are used locally to fund programs and expenses. In 2010 these services included: the noon lunch program which provided 23,907 meals; the shelter program which provided 249 people with over 7,551 nights of lodging; the emergency assistance office provided over 1,406 grocery orders from the food pantry. All this was made possible by contributions which we all donated. May God richly bless you.

"Listen To My Teaching"—A Day of Theological and Spiritual Refreshment

... Saturday, October 29 from 8:45 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 3200 N. Mountain Rd., Wausau. Pr. Gjerde will lead one of the sessions at this event. Registration forms are located on the bulletin board by the northwest entry of Zion. The cost to attend is \$35, which includes a soup and sandwich lunch. Make your check payable to ECSW (East Central Synod of Wisconsin), and mail it to: Jeanette Carlson, 903 Rosecrans St., Wausau, WI 54401.

October is Pastors Appreciation Month

There will be a reception in the church hall at Fellowship Hour on Sunday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m. The wishing well will be set out for your greeting cards, etc.

Compact Discs are Available

Zion's Organ Dedication Concert from February of 2010 is now available on CD for \$5. The recording is available in the church office.

Zion's Devotional Society

Join Coram Deo, a group of Zion members walking a common path of prayer and Bible reading! For more information, call the church office.

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.

Ushers for Saturday Night

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

Every Sunday

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

Outreach DVD

The Outreach Team has created a DVD introducing and explaining life at Zion. The DVD's are here, and will soon be available for you to share with others as an invitation to our church.

Young at Heart ... meets on Wednesday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Elroy and Mary Ann Tapper are the hosts. All adult seniors age 60+ are invited to attend.

Morality in Media

... is sponsoring its 25th annual "White Ribbons Against Pornography" rally, Sunday, October 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the Rothschild Village Hall Community Room, 211 Grand Ave., Rothschild. Speaker is Kristine Nutter; topic is "Protecting Children in an X-rated Culture". Educational materials, refreshments, and white ribbons are available.

Potluck Dinner and Workshop: "Preparing for the Future: Estate Planning Essentials," on Saturday, November 5 in Zion's Church Hall

Register at 2 p.m.; Workshop at 2:30 p.m.; Potluck Meal at 4:00 p.m. A panel discussion will take place on the topic of Estate Planning. Panelists will include representatives from Thrivent Financial, Brainard Funeral Home, and RuderWare, Attorneys. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. The potluck dinner is hosted by Zion's Thriven Financial Advocates. RSVP to the church office, 715-848-7286 by Wednesday, November 2.

Zion Cookbook Special

... \$10 each, or 2 cookbooks for \$15—great gifts anytime, for any occasion! The cookbooks can be purchased at the church office, or the Everest Inn Bed and Breakfast, 601 McIndoe Street.

Parish Nurse

Lenore Grosinske, Zion's Parish Nurse, is available to make home visits on a weekly/monthly basis for family members of the parish. This visitation can be short-term or long-term. Lenore is also able to assist with understanding home medications and any other medical issues for which you may have concerns. These services are provided at no charge to members of Zion. Please call the church office, and Lenore will be given the request.

Grief Support Group: "Finding Hope Together"

... Tuesday, October 25, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Brainard Funeral Home—Everest Chapel, 5712 Memorial Court, Weston. No registration necessary and no cost. For more information, call 715-845-5525.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

October 22—30, 2011

- Sat. 9:00 am—1:00 pm Ladies Aid Rummage Sale (gym)**
5:15 pm Holy Communion
- Sun. PENTECOST 19**
9:00 am Holy Communion, broadcast on WSAU Radio
9:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am 5th & 6th Grades meet with Pastor
10:15 am Bible Study: A Catechism on Human Life
11:00 am Holy Communion
- Tues. 9:00 am Adult Bible Study**
10:30 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Voters Meeting
- Weds. 10:00 am Matins**
1:00 pm Jail Ministry
1:30 pm Young at Heart
6:30 pm Vespers
7:15 pm Catechism
7:15 pm Readings on the Christian Life
- Thurs. 7:00 am Men's Bible Class**
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. 5:15 pm Holy Communion**
- Sun. REFORMATION**
9:00 am Holy Communion, broadcast on WSAU Radio
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11:00 am Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE: 10/15, 16 & 19:

<u>Saturday 5:15 pm:</u>	76
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	155
11:00 am	56
<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:00 am	9
6:30 pm	<u>30</u>
Total:	326

**Need Help
With Anger
Management?**

Schedule an appointment with Russ Schultz, MSW, LCSW with Lutheran Counseling and Family Services at 888-867-4840.

Mr. Schultz serves the Wausau and Merrill areas.

**Memorial
Sympathy
Cards and
Envelopes**

... are available at the church office, or in the tract rack by the offices. These are free for any parishioner to take if they would like to use these cards.

Zion Lutheran Church

Sixth and Grant Streets, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403

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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