



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost + July 17, 2011 AD + 9:00 and 11:00 AM

“Shining Like the Sun”



A Prayer Upon Entering Church

O God, you see how busy we are with many things. Turn us to listen to your teachings and lead us to choose the one thing which will not be taken from us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome. Whether we like it or not, there will be a judgment. Our hope rests in the promise of our Baptism, that as we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and seek to live our lives in holiness after His example, we will be bathed in the light of His presence and dwell in His merciful and glorious Kingdom forever. That is the hope to which we cling and the goal which guides our living.

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

*Let us draw
near with a
true heart in
full assurance
of faith, with
our hearts
sprinkled
clean from an
evil con-
science and
our bodies
washed with
pure water.
~Hebrews
10:22*

PRELUDE

“All Glory be to God on High”

... J. S. Bach

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

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In” green hymnal #459

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

We must never become puffed up, as if we had the source of life within ourselves, asserting ourselves, with ungrateful minds, against God. In fact, experience should teach us that it is through God's grandeur and not our own nature that we possess eternal (life). ~Irenaeus, 130-200 A.D.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you in perfect joy hereafter; 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 Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:57-64

P: You only are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to keep your words.

C: I entreat you with all my heart: Be merciful to me according to your promise.

P: I have considered my ways and turned my feet toward your decrees.

C: I hasten and do not tarry to keep your commandments.

P: Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, I do not forget your law.

C: At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, because of your righteous judgments.

P: I am a companion of all who fear you and of those who keep your commandments.

C: The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; instruct me in your statutes.

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him,

You must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle and the Word does not make a sound, the devil breaks in and has done damage before we are aware.
~Martin Luther, The Large Catechism

Whatever 'the furnace of fire' may mean here, or 'the lake of fire,' or 'the fire that is not quenched,' or 'the everlasting fire,' this at all events is certain, that they point to some doom so intolerable that the Son of God came down from heaven and tasted all the bitterness of death that He might deliver us from ever knowing the secrets of anguish.
 ~R.C.H.
 Lenski,
 1943 A.D.

'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'
²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, You Thankful People, Come" green hymnal #407

SERMON

"Shining Like the Sun"

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

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

... R. Thompson

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 sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and



dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble

Open our eyes, O God, to your generous care of everything that lives so that we do not try to struggle by and for ourselves. Accept these offerings as our pledge that we will work and wait with you until you have subdued all things unto your Son. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

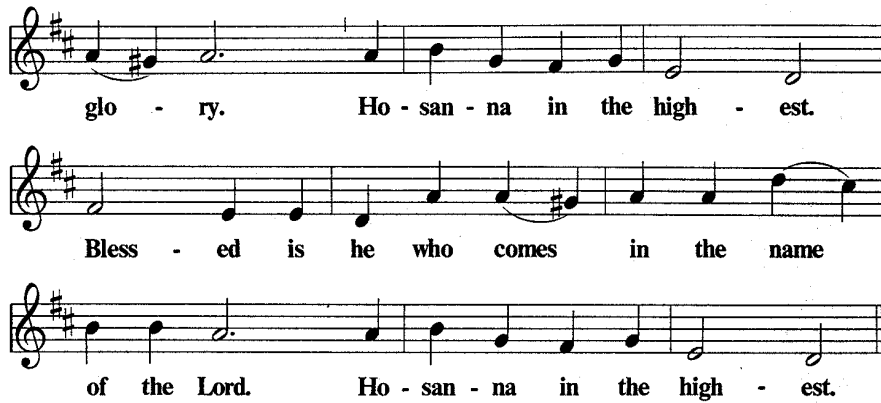
We lift them to the Lord.

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 un-
ending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your



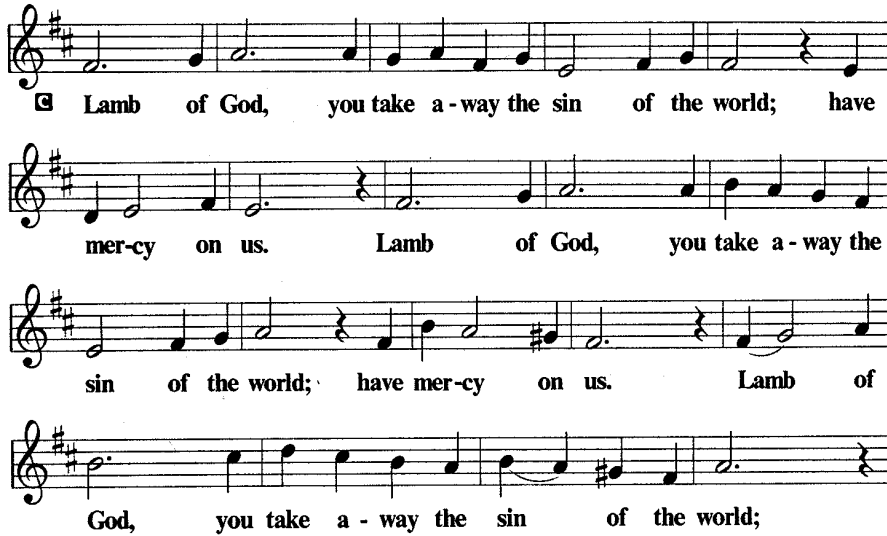
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

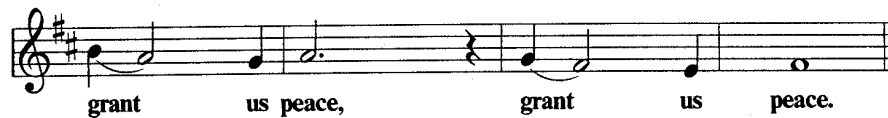
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION



C 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 sin of the world;

Our bodies,
 having been
 nourished by
 the Eucharist,
 having been
 laid to rest in
 the earth, and
 having been
 there dis-
 solved, will
 rise again at
 their ap-
 pointed time,
 for the Word
 of God will
 grant them
 resurrection
 to the glory of
 God the Fa-
 ther. He will
 clothe the
 mortal with
 immortality
 and freely
 bestow incor-
 ruptibility on
 the corrupti-
 ble, for God's
 power is
 made perfect
 in weakness.
 ~Irenaeus,
 130-200
 A.D.



Please be seated.

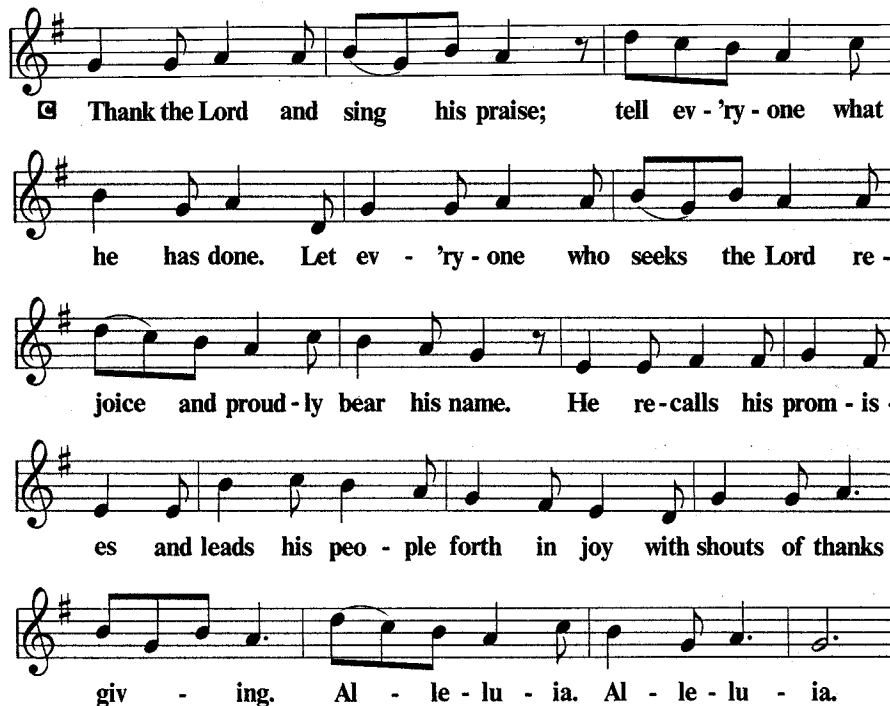
COMMUNION HYMNS

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” green hymnal #453

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” green hymnal #476

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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 on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

... N. Lemmens

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

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**A Prayer
Upon Leav-
ing Church**
Pour out upon
us, O Lord,
the spirit to
think and do
what is right,
that we, who
cannot exist
without you,
may have the
strength to
live according
to your will;
through your
Son, Jesus
Christ our
Lord. 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: John Schubring

Lector: (9:00) Michael Goetsch

(11:00) Paul Henning

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Myles McQuay

(11:00) Ben Schubring

Elder: (9:00) Marlene Kroening

(11:00) Bob Thomas

Ushers: (9:00) Marty Dettmering; Rita Falk;

Mark and Shelley Gehrke; Grace Mueller

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) John Ahrens; Rob Kittel

(11:00) Mark Campbell; Judy Radloff

Altar Guild: Ruth Draeger; Laurel Rouse; Anna Mae Zeinemann

For You This Week

July 16—24, 2011

Sharing God's Blessings

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Don and Lynn Budnik in thanksgiving for their parents: Elizabeth; Phyllis and Ralph; and in memory of Donald.
 - The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Don and Lynn Budnik in thanksgiving for their parents: Elizabeth; Phyllis and Ralph; and in memory of Donald.
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Bible Study in the Church Hall

- Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Study in Acts of the Apostles
- Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., Matthew 14:1
- Thursday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast; Ezekiel 26:15

Midweek Worship

10:00 a.m. Matins and 6:30 p.m. Vespers: Acts 2:1-12

Worship Notes

The Lutheran liturgy sings of Holy Communion as "a foretaste of the feast to come." Why? Because Holy communion is the "future happening now": we gather with all of God's saints and angels around Jesus on His throne and receive Him, just as He has promised we will do at the end of time.

Guest Organist

We extend a warm welcome to Sunday's guest organist, John Schubring. Mr. Schubring is director of music and organist at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greendale, Wisconsin. He is the son of Zion parishioners, Larry and Marilyn Schubring. Mr. Schubring will be a guest artist in Zion's Organ Concert Series on March 18, 2012.

Bread Day at Zion!

Phyllis Bliese will again be baking bread the morning of July 29. The loaves are 6 in. x 18 in. Each loaf costs \$3 and pick-up is July 29 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in Zion's church kitchen. Proceeds go to Zion's Boiler Repair Fund. To order loaves, call the church office directly; or fill out the form found at the church office desk by Thursday, July 28.

Vacation Bible School

"Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street" is the theme of the 2011 Vacation Bible School, for children age 4 to 4th grade, held next week, Monday through Friday, July 25-29 at St. Michael Catholic Church. The VBS will run from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon daily. You may obtain registration information from the church office for your children, or your grandchildren or any of their friends. Return the registration forms to the church office. **Also, if you are interested in helping out with VBS, call Leann at 715-842-1810.** Make use of this opportunity to encourage your children's faith!

Blood Drive

... Thursday and Friday, July 28-29, noon to 6:00 p.m. at Rothschild Village Hall, 211 Grand Ave., Rothschild. Call 1-888-310-7555 for an appointment; or online: www.bcw.edu/rothschild

Young at Heart

... meets on Wednesday, July 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Donna Nuernberg and John Ahrens are the hosts. Any adult age 60+ is invited to attend.

July Missions of Zion: Habitat for Humanity and Open Door

Open Door is a place for those people who have been released from Marathon County Jail. They are discharged at 5:00 a.m. with no breakfast, and with the clothing and money that they entered with. The Open Door is a place to come in from the outside; a place to wait for their probation officer’s office to open; a place for a cup of coffee; a place to select proper seasonal clothing and footwear. The location is off 5th Street, using the parking lot behind St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, in their new community building (which was a former security business). Since opening in November, 2010, seventy people have “dropped in.” Zion’s goal: \$1,000.

Habitat for Humanity partners with low-income families to build, rehabilitate and repair houses. A simple, decent home is life-changing for families surviving in deplorable conditions. Consider the value of your support. Habitat was very

<u>Your gift to Habitat could provide:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 = Box of nails • \$35 = Shingles • \$75 = Window
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 = Kitchen sink • \$150 = Front door • \$500 = Exterior siding • \$1,000 = Wallboard • \$2,000 = Flooring

excited to learn that last year they had served 75,000 families world-wide. That means that Habitat has

served more than 400,000 families — or roughly 2 million people — since their founding in 1976. More information will be given on Habitat in the next weeks’ bulletins. Zion’s goal: \$1,000.

Health Kit Project

It is time again to be planning for the annual Health Kit Project spearheaded by the Concordia Guild. Your contribution of any of the following items will enable us to again assemble and send to Lutheran World Relief 100 kits. **The items needed this year are:** toothbrushes, large combs (8” or larger), fingernail clippers, bath size wrapped soap, Band aids (boxes of all one size works best), washcloths, and hand towels. Donated items may be put in the box outside the church office labeled “Health Kits.” Thank you for your generous donations which will be assembled and sent out early in October.

Grief Support Group: “Finding Hope Together”

... Tuesday, July 26, 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:

July 16—24, 2011

- Sat. 5:15 pm Communion Service**
Sun. PENTECOST 5
 9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
 10:15 am Bible Study
 11:00 am Communion Service
Tues. 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
 10:30 am Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm Child Care Team
 7:00 pm Church Council
Weds. 10:00 am Matins Service
 1:00 pm Jail Ministry
 6:30 pm Vespers Service
Thurs. 7:00 am Men's Bible Class
Sat. 5:15 pm Communion Service
Sun. PENTECOST 6
 9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
 10:15 am Bible Study
 11:00 am Communion Service

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

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.

ATTENDANCE: 7/9, 10 & 13:

<u>Saturday 5:15 pm:</u>	63
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	104
11:00 am	51
<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:00 am	8
6:30 pm	<u>11</u>
Total:	237

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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