



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost + July 24, 2011 AD + 9:00 and 11:00 AM

“Let’s Go Spending”



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### A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us your Holy Spirit who writes the preached Word into our hearts. May we receive and believe it and be cheered and comforted by it in eternity, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen ~ *Prayer Before a Sermon, by Martin Luther*

**Welcome.** Why does God love His people? Is it because they are so great in number? So good in their behavior? So beautiful in their appearance? No! Today’s lessons remind us that God loves His people because He is faithful and steadfast. His love, His kingdom, His salvation—it is all an unexpected treasure, unearthed and given to you by the glorious death and resurrection of His Son.

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

**PRELUDE**

**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**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” green hymnal #415

**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

*As God pours  
out his own  
self in Jesus  
Christ, the  
Holy Spirit  
floods us,  
flowing into  
the world  
through us  
(and often in  
spite of us).  
When we re-  
alize what  
God has  
done, when  
we discover  
that Christ  
has bound  
himself to us  
so radically  
that nothing  
can separate  
us from him,  
then the Holy  
Spirit empow-  
ers us to par-  
ticipate con-  
sciously in  
the life of  
God . . . .*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what you have commanded; 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.*

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Jesu, Thou Art Watching Ever”

... G. F. Handel

**FIRST LESSON** Deuteronomy 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup>“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 125**

L: Those who trust in the LORD are 'like Mount Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but stands 'fast forever.

**C: The hills stand a'bout Jerusalem;\***  
**so does the LORD stand round about his people, |**  
**from this time forth for'evermore.**

L: The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted 'to  
the just,\*  
so that the just shall not put their 'hands to evil.

**C: Show your goodness, O LORD, to those 'who are good\*  
and to those who are 'true of heart.**

L: As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them  
away with the 'evildoers;\*  
but peace be 'upon Israel.

**SECOND LESSON** Romans 8:28-39

<sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

*. . . . Where  
Jesus goes,  
we go; when  
Christ suffers,  
we suffer;  
what God  
gives, we  
give. Our  
lives are so  
bound up  
with Christ  
that the Holy  
Spirit gives us  
more of  
God's love  
than we can  
fathom or  
hold. This is  
how we be-  
come Christ's  
witnesses.  
~ Kenda C.  
Dean,  
Almost  
Christian:  
What the  
Faith of  
Our Teen-  
agers is  
Telling the  
American  
Church,  
2010 A.D.*

*People who are expert in catching fish and are mariners by trade let down their net making no discrimination, but whatever has been caught up in the meshes, wholly and entirely, is hauled by them to shore. So likewise the power of preaching and the marvelous and intricate doctrines, which the apostles, as good fishermen, wove together, draw people from every nation and gather them all together for God . . . .*

**GOSPEL**

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



<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said,] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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**

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” green hymnal #457  
St. 1—C; St. 2—Vocalist; St. 3—C

**SERMON**

“Let’s Go Spending”

*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**

*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

. . . . This net will gather all fish together until the time of consummation. Then out of all those who have been dragged out and caught, the angels appointed by God will make a separation between the wicked and the just.  
~ Cyril of Alexandria, abt. 430 A.D.

dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. 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.

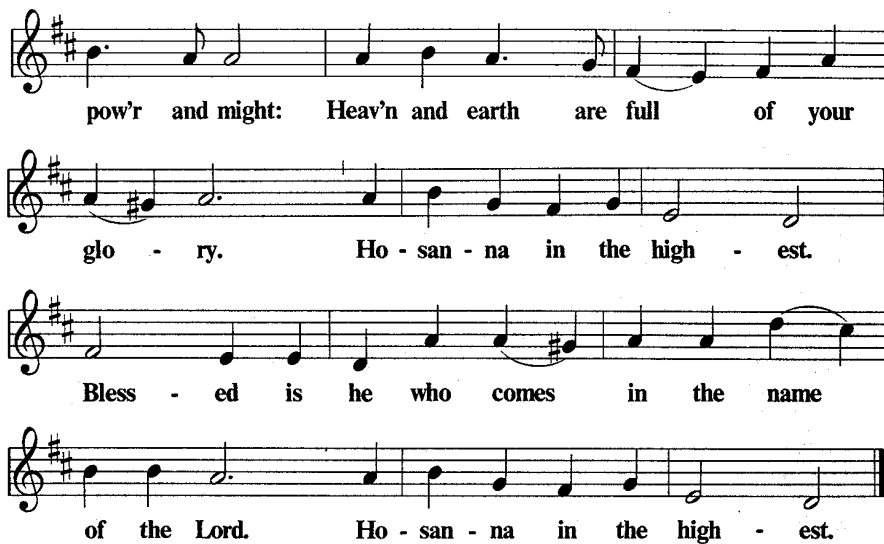
☐ We lift them to the Lord.

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, 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**



**☐** 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

*He comes to you today in his sacrament here at his table . . . . It's like a package from home when you are far away and lonely. It reminds you to whom you belong and promises you that you will one day be back. It's here and it's for you! Eat, drink, and rejoice! God has come all the way to you! Today you have stumbled onto it! Isn't that wild?*  
 ~ Gerhard Forde, 1996 A.D.

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

**MUSIC FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

*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 ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -  
 joice 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 on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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**A Prayer  
Upon Leav-  
ing Church**  
O Jesus  
Christ, I live  
to you; I die  
to you; living  
or dying, I am  
yours. Amen  
~ Martin  
Luther

**✠ 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Pastor: Rev. Steven Gjerde

Organist: Virginia Giese

Guest Musicians: David and Carol Finanger

Vocalist: Karla Kroll

Lector: (9:00) Christina Zeinemann

(11:00) Dave Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Scott Schubring

Acolyte: (9:00) Tyler Steinke

Elder: (9:00) Kathy LaPorte

(11:00) Bonnie Glasel

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

Larry and Marilyn Schubring

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Kathy LaPorte; Grace Mueller

(11:00) Dave Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg; Judy Radloff

Altar Guild: Bonnie Glasel; Ann Hunger

## For You This Week

July 23—31, 2011

### Sharing God's Blessings

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Donna Nuernberg, thanking God for Zion's ministry of radio broadcasts. "*Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.*" *Mark 16:15.*
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Lois and Jerry Jarosz for blessings received for 34 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 15:1
- Thursday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast; Ezekiel 31:1

### Midweek Worship

10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Communion Services: Matthew 13:44-52

### Worship Notes

Scripture speaks throughout our Lutheran liturgy. The first hymn sung at communion, "Lamb of God," is from John 1:29. Traditionally it is called the "Agnus Dei" (agnyoos day), Latin for "the Lamb of God".

### July Missions of Zion: Habitat for Humanity and The Open Door

**The Open Door** In November 2010, a non-profit organization was established for just-released inmates from the Marathon County Jail. The Open Door is located behind St. Paul's United Church of Christ, adjacent to their back parking lot. A small kitchen, large room with seasonal clothing, and a room for life skills and literacy training are rented from St. Paul's. Your donations of seasonal clothing, toiletries (especially toothbrushes and toothpaste) and cash for rent are requested for this new and one-of-a-kind mission. 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 excited to

#### Your gift to Habitat could provide:

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| • \$10 = Box of nails  | • \$150 = Front door      |
| • \$35 = Shingles      | • \$500 = Exterior siding |
| • \$75 = Window        | • \$1,000 = Wallboard     |
| • \$100 = Kitchen sink | • \$2,000 = Flooring      |

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. Zion's goal: \$1,000.

### Guest Musicians

Zion extends a warm welcome to David and Carol Finanger this weekend. May God bless their music ministry.

### Quarterly Voters Meeting

... this Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

**Grief Support Group:  
“Finding Hope Together”**

... Tuesdays, August 9 and 23, 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.

**The Rev. Dave D. Hansen Fund**

Zion’s house is one of God’s houses: a place where He meets and nourishes His children. To support the upkeep and beauty of Zion’s house, the Church Council has established the Hansen Fund in honor of Rev. Hansen, a former pastor of Zion. Please consider donations to this fund above and beyond your regular offering.

**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.

**Vacation Bible School**

... for children age 4 to 4th grade is being held this week, July 25-29 at St. Michael Catholic Church. The VBS will run from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon daily.

**Lector Lessons by Email**

If any lay reader at Zion would like to preview the lessons that are placed at the lectern, in advance of the Saturday or Sunday that they are lecturing, the church office will email the lessons to you. Just send us an email to: [zion@dwave.net](mailto:zion@dwave.net) and we will answer your email with the lessons as an attachment.

**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.

**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 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.

**THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

**July 23—31, 2011**

**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**

**Mon. thru Fri. 9:00 am—12:00 noon daily—VBS at St. Michael's Church**

**Tues. 9:00 am Adult Bible Study**

**10:30 am Staff Meeting**

**7:00 pm Quarterly Voters Meeting in church hall**

**Weds. 10:00 am Communion Service**

**1:30 pm Young at Heart**

**6:30 pm Communion Service**

**Thurs. 7:00 am Men's Bible Class**

**Fri. Bread Baking fundraiser at Zion**

**Sat. 5:15 pm Communion Service**

**Sun. PENTECOST 7**

**9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio**

**10:15 am Bible Study**

**11:00 am Communion Service**

**ATTENDANCE: 7/16, 17 & 20:**

**Saturday 5:15 pm: 62**

**Sunday:**

**9:00 am 108**

**11:00 am 52**

**Wednesday:**

**10:00 am 8**

**6:30 pm 7**

**Total: 237**

**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

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.

**Every**

**Sunday**

The Wausau

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may be pur-

chased in the

narthex or

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church office

to benefit

Zion youth.

## **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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