



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost + August 14, 2011 AD + 9:00 and 11:00 AM

“When God Is Silent”



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### A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Father, through your power the earth has brought forth its noblest fruit, the tree of the cross. Unite all people in its embrace, and feed them with its fruit, everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*~ psalm prayer for Psalm 67*

**Welcome.** In today’s gospel, a woman comes to Jesus who has no right to expect anything from Him—and she knows it! A non-Jew and sinner, she deserves nothing. She therefore lays no claim on Him, but only asks His mercy, and our gracious Lord grants it. That moment shows us what the Church really is, and reveals the true value of human life.

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

*The power of the keys [that is, the ministry] administers and offers the Gospel through absolution [the spoken forgiveness of sins], which is the true voice of the Gospel. In speaking of faith, therefore, we also include absolution, since "faith comes from what is heard" (Romans 10:17). Hearing the Gospel and hearing absolution strengthens and consoles consciences. . . .*

**PRELUDE**

Adagio from Concerto II

... 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**

"Jesus Shall Reign" green hymnal #530

**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

... Because  
God truly  
quicken  
through the  
Word, the  
keys truly  
forgive sin  
before Him,  
according to  
the statement  
in Luke  
10:16, "He  
who hears  
you hears  
me." There-  
fore, we must  
believe the  
voice of the  
one absolving  
no less than  
we would be-  
lieve a voice  
coming from  
heaven.  
~ The  
Apology  
of the  
Augsburg  
Confession  
(a Lutheran  
confession  
of faith),  
1531 A.D.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting Father, you give your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 56:1, 6-8

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup>“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” <sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 67**

L: May God be merciful to 'us and bless us,\*  
show us the light of his countenance, and 'come to us.

**C: Let your ways be known 'upon earth,\*  
your saving health a'mong all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise 'you, O God;\*  
let all the 'peoples praise you.

**C: Let the nations be glad and 'sing for joy,\*  
for you judge the peoples with equity |  
and guide all the nations 'upon earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise 'you, O God;\*  
let all the 'peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has brought 'forth her increase;\***  
**may God, our own God, give 'us his blessing.**

L: May God give 'us his blessing,\*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in 'awe of him.

**SECOND LESSON** Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? <sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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 15th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*When we are blessed by God and born anew, do we seek to feel the pulse of our own faith? Doing so is a dangerous displacement that actually leads us away from faith. The moment we turn aside and look back at ourselves and our own doings instead of at God and God's promise, at that moment we are again left alone with ourselves and our own judgment about ourselves. We will then be inevitably entangled in ourselves . . . .*

<sup>21</sup>And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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  $\text{✠}$  resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"In Christ There Is No East or West" green hymnal #359

### **SERMON**

"When God Is Silent"

*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

“We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost”

... Buxtehude

*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  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*. . . We will fall back into all the uncertainty of the defiant and despairing heart that looks only to self and not to the promises of God. That is why it is so important to take note of the Word and sacraments of God.*

*~ Oswald Bayer,  
Living By Faith,  
2003 A.D.*

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**

**☩** 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;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“O God of Mercy, God of Light” green hymnal #425

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” green hymnal #439

*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.

*To love  
 Christ is to  
 love His love,  
 and to love  
 what He  
 loves.  
 ~ Rowan  
 Williams,  
 Archbishop  
 of  
 Canterbury*

**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.

☐ A - - - - - men

**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude in A Minor

... J. S. Bach

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

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**A Prayer  
Upon Leav-  
ing Church**

Lord Jesus  
Christ, help  
me to follow  
your example  
all the days of  
my life, that I  
despise no  
person, but  
like you, find  
in them the  
pure reflec-  
tion of the  
Heavenly  
Father.  
Amen  
~ Richard F.  
Bansemer

✠ 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:**

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Steven Gjerde

Organist: Virginia Giese

Lector: (9:00) Mark Gehrke

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Myles McQuay

Elder: (9:00) Bonnie Glasel

(11:00) Al Lippert

Ushers: (9:00) Marty Dettmering; Lee Anderton; Janet Dettmering;

Ruth Draeger; Roger Ormond

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Michael Brand

(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Judy Radloff

Altar Guild: Kay Krall; Lynn McGonagle; Deb Thomas

### Sharing God's Blessings

- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Donna Nuernberg, remembering our Baptism: *"All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" ...Romans 6:3-4*

### Wedding

Leslie Ferkey and Jason Kronstedt (grandson of Dan and Sue Gruetzmacher) were married at Zion's altar on Saturday, August 13, with Pr. Gjerde officiating. May God grant rich blessings in Leslie and Jason's married life.

### Funeral

Mary Louise Dreher fell asleep in the Lord on August 6 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Mary was given Christian burial from Zion on August 10. May God comfort family and friends in their mourning.

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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 16:21
- Thursday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast; Ezekiel 34:1

### Midweek Worship

10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Acts of the Apostles 12:18-25

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### At Zion This Autumn: Living the Life

- Since Jesus is the Life, what is living?
- Why did God create us as we are?
- What is the Christian's place in creation?
- How do we pray in the battle between life and death?
- What do Lutherans teach about procreation and family?

These questions and more will be addressed in Zion's fall educational emphasis: "Living the Life." Look for these upcoming opportunities:

- Sunday morning study, "A Small Catechism on Human Life"
- Weekday study, "Readings from Dietrich Bonhoeffer"
- Sermon Series on Daily Vocation (October)

More information to follow!

### Ushers for Saturday Night

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

### Sunday School Begins Soon!

Classes start on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:15 a.m. All children are welcome. Watch the newsletter and mailings for more information. **Sunday School teachers, substitutes, and helpers** are needed.

### Confirmation Immersion

Baptized children who have reached a point of faith maturity (around 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older) are welcome to start classes in the Lutheran catechism this fall. Classes are typically held on Wednesday evenings and begin in mid-September; exact dates will be coming soon.

**The Rev.  
Dale D.  
Hansen  
Building  
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.

**Lutheran CORE**

Lutheran CORE, or "Coalition for Renewal," is a network of Lutheran congregations dedicated to classical Christian doctrine, morality, and life ([www.lutherancore.org](http://www.lutherancore.org)). Like traditional mission societies or charitable networks, it works within existing Lutheran denominations (such as the ELCA and Missouri Synod) to connect churches like Zion with like-minded congregations for the sake of mission and spiritual support. Zion's church council has recommended that Zion begin relating to CORE. Further education of Lutheran CORE and its mission will take place this autumn.

**Zion Youth Fellowship on Facebook**

Starting in September, Zion will maintain a page on Facebook for its youth members. The page will include daily/weekly devotions, faith questions, and updates about church events. The aim of youth ministry is never to separate youth from the larger congregation, but to help them find their place within it. Keep watch for more information.

**New Opportunities: Zion's Choir Season Begins In August**

If you have ever considered joining the choir, here is a great opportunity to try it for four weeks: in preparation for the Hymn Festival on September 25 (see page 10 of the August newsletter), Zion's choir, the Kantorei, will have the privilege of being under the direction of Michael Burkhardt for some of the rehearsals and for the festival! **Our first rehearsal** will be Thursday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the south balcony. For another opportunity to experience choir, the **Zion Kantorei will hold an Open House** in conjunction with their rehearsal on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. Additional voices are needed in all sections of the choir. Please consider adding your voice to Zion's Kantorei this season! For more information, please contact Ginni Giese, Kantor at 715-848-7286. **Also, refer to the bulletin insert in this week's bulletin.**

**August Missions of Zion: Bishop's Resource Fund and Neighbor's Place**

Bishop's Resource Fund: Zion's goal is \$1,000.00.

Neighbors' Place: Zion's goal is \$1,000.00.

**Bread Baking Report from July 29**

77 loaves of bread at \$3.00: \$231.00  
Donations: 10.00  
Subtotal: \$241.00  
Ingredients: 31.00  
Total Profit: \$210.00

*Thanks to Lillian Engebrecht for flour, yeast, and sugar donations. Also, thanks to Sharon Schauer for helping in the kitchen. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a kitchen helper, please call Phyllis, 715-675-2630.*

Profits designated to: Zion Missions: \$30.00; Boiler Repair Fund: \$180.00.

The next bread baking day will be Friday, August 26. Sign up on the order form in the church office; or, call the church office to place your order by Thursday, August 25.

**THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

**August 13—21, 2011**

- Sat. 2:30 pm Kronstedt / Ferkey Wedding**  
**5:15 pm Communion Service**
- Sun. PENTECOST 9**  
**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**  
**1:00 pm Jail Ministry**  
**6:30 pm Vespers**
- Thurs. 7:00 am Men's Bible Class**
- Sat. 5:15 pm Communion Service**
- Sun. PENTECOST 10**  
**9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio**  
**10:15 am Bible Study**  
**11:00 am Communion Service**

**ATTENDANCE: 8/6, 7 & 10:**

<b><u>Saturday 5:15 pm:</u></b>	<b>57</b>
<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>	
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>55</b>
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>	
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b><u>10</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>248</b>

**Abendessen  
Dinner**

Zion will have its annual Abendessen Dinner on Sunday, October 9 at the Greenwood Hills Country Club, 2002 Poplar Lane, Wausau. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with a traditional German dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, the program "Celebrating 100 years of Wausau Insurance" will be presented by Gary Giselman; Tickets will be on sale at the church office starting in September.

## **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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