

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Aug. 2,
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2026



Steward's Shrewdness Sanctified

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1–9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).



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WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS:

As a way to celebrate and remember the vibrant history of the Christian Church—among many other reasons—we utilize the historic liturgy. This may be new and strange to you, or this may be comfortable and familiar. We invite you to sit next to one of our members who will be happy to assist you as you receive God's gifts of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation alongside us.

✠ Service of Prayer and Preaching ✠

Hymn: 906 O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
 △ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
 This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
 And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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Stand

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

☞ Your Word is truth.

ℒ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
☞ the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**☞ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle *LSB 261*

☞ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted."

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 22:26–34

²⁶"With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
²⁷with the purified you deal purely,

and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
²⁸You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
³⁰For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³¹This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
³²“For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?
³³This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.
³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

LA reading from 1st Corinthians, the tenth chapter.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 16:1–13

L A reading from Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Stand

Ten Commandments

☞ You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

**☞ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**☞ 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.**

Sit

Sermon

Hymn: 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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Stand

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Gary and Kay Drevlow.

C Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Gary and Kay from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep them in the certainty of their salvation that they have by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Gary and Kay in our prayers this week and let them know that we love them in Jesus Christ.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Amen.

New Testament Canticle *LSB 266*

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.
Death has no more dominion over Him.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.
Living, He lives to God.
Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

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Mission of the Month-August

North Dakota District Fund For Struggling Congregations

The North Dakota District of the LCMS has established a fund for congregations in the district that are struggling financially. This fund can be used to support congregations that have unexpected large expenses come due to such things as storm damage, as one example. It could possibly be used to help congregations facing unexpected budget deficits. Zion's mission of the month dollars for the month of August will be used to help bolster this fund for the purpose of serving congregations with temporal needs in the church.

Prayer Family

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Cleaners

Aug. 2-8: Brian & Lindy Orn, Greg & Janet Nelson

FB Live for the Month of August

2nd Brian **9th** Evan **16th** Cindy **23rd** Andrew **30th** Greg

Ushers for the Month of August

2nd Ron **9th** Brian **16th** Andrew **23rd** Greg **30th** Grover

Pastor's Study Hours:

***Pastor and Family on Vacation returning Saturday**

This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today **10:00 am** Service (Elders)
 11:15 am Coffee Hour

Sun. 9th : **10:00 am** Divine Service with Holy Communion
 11:15 am Coffee Hour
 11:30 am Bible Study

Giving at Zion

Sunday, Aug.2

Category	Received Last Week	Received for July	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 6,020.00	\$ 13,124.83	\$ 68,248.87	\$ 87,835.42	\$ (19,586.55)
Misc. Income	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.75		\$ 7.25		
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00		\$ 3,630.00		
Cemetery Fund		\$ 100.00		\$ 1,800.00		
Memorial Fund						
Vehicle Fund						
ND Missions	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 12,493.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ (2,007.00)
Mission of Month	\$ 245.00	\$ 486.38		\$ 6,119.66		
Parking Lot						

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 157,498.00

ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

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Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.zionwinner.org
- 2) Click on the **Online Giving** tab at the top of the page,
- 3) Click on the Sign In/Sign Up button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Prayer and Petitions

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Please let Pastor know if you want a request added or removed



Remembering Our Shut-Ins

Donna Olson and Martha Asche at Beverly Ann, Lisbon

Iris Meyer at Forman Villas

Teresa Rodahl and Corrine Haussler at Four Seasons Manor, Forman

Remembering Those Who Serve

Rick Gaden: National Guard

Nate Utecht: US Navy in Washington DC

Chris Mathias, Bob Orn, Sam Helm: Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Mother with child

Alexys McFarland

From the ND District President: A few weeks ago, I noted that several pastors in the ND District became published authors in the last few years. This week I recommend to you a book written by Pastor Daniel Voth, Senior Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran – Grand Forks: Clarifying the Great Commission: Jesus' Parting Gifts to His Church. In this book, Rev. Voth takes the reader from hearing Matthew 28:19-20 as "marching orders for the church" to receiving them as comforting Gospel. In His farewell discourse in Matthew 28, the Lord Jesus leaves His Church with gifts that flow from His death and resurrection. To purchase a copy of this wonderful little book, please go to the Concordia Publishing House website: cph.org.—Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

While Pastor is away from today through Saturday, Aug. 8, Pastor Filipek (701-680-3130) of Holy Cross and Immanuel Lutheran Churches in Lidgerwood, will be on-call in the event of any pastoral care needs.

The joint Redeemer/Zion family night is rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Redeemer. If you are planning to come, sign your name on the sheet provided, by **Monday, Aug. 10**, and indicate if you are willing to bring a food item. We'll have God's word, food, and games. Bring your favorite game to enjoy with your fellow Christians. Bring a friend too!

The joint Zion/Redeemer Book of Concord study will meet Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at Redeemer. In preparation, read Articles VI through XII of the Augsburg Confession, for our next discussion.

"The Dying Well Conference" is Friday and Saturday, Aug. 7 and 8, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Willow Creed, ND. The Rev. Dr. Kent Burreson will be the presenter. Details are on the fliers in the narthex.

The annual Calov Conference is Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14 and 15, at Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale, ND. The theme is: "The Response of the Church in a Time of Disease." This conference is for both pastors and laity, and is an excellent opportunity to discuss issues in our own synod and fellowship. Details are on the fliers in the narthex and church hall. Register at <http://www.calovconference.org>, or speak with pastor.

Save the date! The 4th annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat will be Friday, Sept. 25 through Sunday, Sept. 27, at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads Camp, St. John ND.