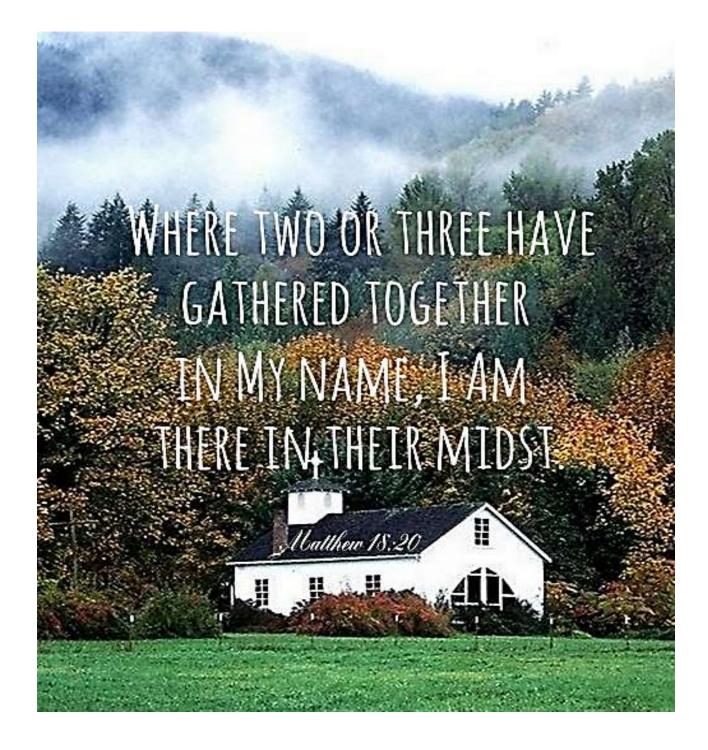
Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church



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8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 4th, 2019

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Welcome to our family of faith! Large Print Editions of our bulletin and hymnal, as well as assistive listening devices are available by asking an usher. Please feel free to ask for help or if you have any questions. We are glad you are here!

IF YOUR CHILDREN BECOME RESTLESS: our church basement (ask an usher how to get downstairs to it) is equipped with an *audio feed* of the worship service. Please feel free to make use of that service if you need a place to settle your children down before returning upstairs.

A FAVOR PLEASE: Please take a moment to fill out the ivory colored attendance card found in each pew or chair for our church records (guests and members alike). The cards will be collected around the time that the offering is taken after the sermon. Thank you for your help!

BIBLE TEXT: While our lessons are printed in the bulletin, you may appreciate reading them in their context from our pew Bibles; if so, note that the page number for each lesson is included.

THE ALTAR PARAMENTS are are GREEN (symbolizing health and growth in a plant) during the Pentecost season reminding us that the Spirit, through His tools of God's Word and the Sacraments, gives us Jesus' saving work and connects us to God for a life of real purpose; for real life and health are in Him! By faith, we have this life in Him. SO we now bear fruit for Him!

THEME OF THE DAY

The believer in Christ has a right relationship with worldly wealth; so, faithful service to the Master is marked by faithful use of the Master's possessions!

Opening Hymn 354 Lamb of God, We Fall before You

Order of Service: We follow '*Morning Praise'* found on page 45 in the front of your red hymnal, Christian Worship (*C.W.*) found in the pew in front of you, or under your chair.

THE WORD OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 24:17-22 (on p. 159 of your pew Bibles)

Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this. When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless

you in all the work of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this. (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: We join to sing **Psalm 32** found on page 78 of the CW. [NOTE: The Psalm Cantor will sing the 1st phrase & the Congregation will sing the 2nd phrase in each couplet. We <u>ALL join together to sing the 'Glory be to the Father' and the Refrains</u>.]

(Refrain) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger* or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,* and your hand has come down upon me.

> My quilt has overwhelmed me* like a burden too heavy to bear.

(Refrain) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;* my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;* you will answer, O Lord my God.

> Come quickly to help me,* O Lord my Savior.

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.

(Refrain) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
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EPISTLE LESSON: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (found on page 953 of your pew Bibles)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people — the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you.

In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (NIV2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 10:25-37 (found on page 843 of your pew Bibles)

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when

he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (NIV2011)

Our Response of Joy: We join to say together: "Give thanks to the Lord – call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done."

Hymn of the Day: 230..... Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 18:15-20 (found on page 799 of your pew Bibles)

Jesus said: "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church.

And if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (NIV2011)

Sermon by Pastor Steven L. Neumann on MATTHEW 18:15-20

"Come Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest!"

Sermon Response: We join to <u>sing</u> 'We Praise You O God', an ancient Christian creed (Confession of Christian Faith) set to music, as it is found on page 48 in our red hymnal, *C.W.*

Our Offerings: The offering is a chance for God's people to respond to God's love by giving to carry on the ministry He has entrusted to us. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We are truly pleased that you have joined us for worship, so we could share the gospel with you! Please come again!

Attendance Card Collection: Please take a moment to fill out the attendance card found in each pew (guests & members alike). The cards will be collected right after the offering baskets have been passed through in the 2nd basket that comes around after the offering. Thank you!

Lord, Have Mercy: We continue on p. 50 in **C.W**., to be followed by the spoken Lord's Prayer:

THE 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.

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (special prayers may follow)

Closing Liturgy: Found on pages 50-51 in C.W.

Closing Hymn: 491 O Master of the Loving Heart

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Thank you for worshiping with us. Go with God's Word in your hearts and minds!

Our Mission Here at Mt. Zion:

- † Grow in God's Word
- † Gather around His Word and Sacrament
- **† Go** into our community and the world with the good news of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.



Please feel free to <u>return this Worship Folder</u> to the Ushers at the door as you leave today for use in the next service, <u>unless you want to take it home for devotional purposes</u>. Thank you!

Altar Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are placed by Evelyn Delcorps in thanks to God for blessings received.

Attendance Information Our Growth in God's Word . . .

Attendance: Sunday Attendance 111

Monday Attendance 35

Bible Study Attendance 82

Sunday School Attendance 2

Please check out our "News & Notes" handout <u>found in your</u> <u>member box</u> for announcements & the *updated* calendar. There are extra copies on the table in the church entryway.

Special Thanks Today to Our...

- † **Organist:** Kendra Neumann
- † Cantor: Ken Jeske
- † **Pianist (during the offering)**: Emme Walrath
- † Ushers:
 - 8:00am Team 01 Les & Deb Bailey, Mike DeRose & Jerad Whitefoot
 - 10:45am Team 08 Bill Fink, Scott Dankert, Ben Jeske & Alex Spurlock
- † Bible Study Goodies: Don Giammarrusco & Dan Krueger
- † Landscaping Team: Team 03 Rick Kopp and Todd Willer

Up Coming Servants...

- † Organist: Cindy Willer
- † Elders: Dan Krueger & Bill Demo
- † Cantor: Jonathon Becker
- † Ushers:
 - 8:00am Team 03 Dick Gentz, Pete Behrens, Leon Keune, Aaron Kopp & Brent Artus
 - 10:45am Team 09 Keith Mentink, Kyle Carson, Fred Harmeyer, Arnold Zillmer & Mark Zillmer
- † Bible Study Goodies: Behrens & Y. Jeske
- † Landscaping Team: Team 04 Les Bailey & Casey Haun



What is Worship?



#4 Come Lord Jesus, be our guest!

•	We will want to be at <i>every</i> worship opportunity, because there we are with!	
•	Jesus is committed to each of His children; & He calls <u>us</u> to be <i>as committed</i> as	
•	One of the reasons we need church cleaners so badly is because of our 'stains, which shows that we are <u>not</u> as committed to each other as Jesus calls on all of us to be	
•		ad of stewing in anger at a fellow Christian who has wronged us (or who is living in sin), gives us steps to follow to show our committed love to them by calling them to repent:
	0	1st (who?) who they wronged or who know 1st hand about a sin go to them <i>privately</i>
		<u>NOTE 1</u> : The goal is to show love for their soul by showing them from God's Word that they are defying God's will, which puts their soul in grave eternal danger so they repent
		NOTE 2: If they repent at any stage, you forgive them & it ends; you saved their soul!
	0	If they don't repent, the 2^{nd} step is I take along who they respect so we can impress on them the seriousness & danger of the situation so faith leads them to repent
	0	If they won't repent, the 3 rd step is I report it to the so the leaders Christ has called in His family can follow up with them out of love & concern for their soul
	0	If they still won't repent, the last step is called which means that the church acknowledges that <i>they have removed themselves from the body of Christ</i> by persistent refusal to repent as God calls His faith-filled children to do; & this is serious, because if they die in that unrepentant state, God says they will
		<u>NOTE 3</u> : This is sometimes called 'church <u>discipline</u> ' (for it is done to help make someone a <u>disciple</u> of Jesus). It is a use of the Keys Christ gives His church of priests (all of us), & He says it's as valid & certain as if He our Lord dealt with us
•	When	we come together for worship, Jesus also wants us to for those stuck in sin
•	When we use the keys & pray as Jesus calls us to, we help keep each other close to; & in this godless world, this help is desperately needed! We must to each other!	
•	As we gather for public worship, <u>Jesus is with us</u> to forgive, guide, & strengthen us. We see that best in the where we take Him into ourselves; why would we miss this?	
†	Have you always showed such committed love with those stuck in sin or who sin against you? What do you deserve for such failures? (the <i>law</i>)	
†	Thankfully, Jesus showed total commitment to us by paying for all our sins. List the ways that Jesus makes His presence & forgiving love known to you at public worship. (the <i>gospel</i>)	
†	From	this sermon, what does God want <i>you</i> to <u>do differently</u> in your life now? (<i>applications</i>)



THIS WEEK AT MT. ZION

Sunday Summer Sun. School / Bible class – 9:15am

Worship Service - 10:45am

Voter's Meeting & Potluck - 12:00pm

Monday Pastoral Circuit Meeting – 8:00am

Worship Service – 6:30pm

Worship Committee Meeting – 7:30pm

Tuesday Bible Class – 10:00am

Preschool Committee Meeting – 5:30pm

Wednesday CAP Class – 7:00pm

Thursday Woodstock Worship – 1:30pm

Wynwood Worship – 2:30pm

Sunday Communion Service – 8:00am

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<u>Communion Service</u> – 10:45am

Monday <u>Communion</u> Service – 6:30pm

ZZZ Bible Study Topics This Week

- † **Sunday** Ministry: Do you know what *yours* is?
- † **Tuesday AM** *Drive Through History The Gospels*
- † **Wednesday CAP** His Hand Among the Nations

ALL ARE WELCOME - join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Altar Flowers — Altar flowers can be a simple bouquet from a grocery store, a local florist, or out of your own garden! If you'd like to provide flowers for church some Sunday/Monday, for a special occasion or simply for blessings received, please feel free to sign up on the chart (near the mailboxes in the entryway) by the corresponding date. If you are bringing flowers to church, please have them on the altar prior to the 8am Sunday Service. If you need assistance, please contact Chris Demo (cell) 847-224-2625. Thanks!

Our ANNUAL Voter's Meeting and Potluck – is *TODAY* Sunday, August 4th at noon in our fellowship hall; if possible, please bring <u>a dish to pass for the potluck</u> lunch. Annual Reports (complete with ministry plans for the new fiscal year) were in your member box a few weeks back; please bring them along to the meeting, if possible. Join us as we do God's work together!

Scrip Schedule – Shoreland Scrip will be available TODAY between services in the narthex. Please see the person at the table in back of church to purchase your Scrip. Remember, you can always purchase Scrip at the SLHS office on Mondays from 8-9am, and Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am. You can also fill out a form and give it to Niki Neumann, who works at Shoreland; she will fill it during the week and get your cards to you. Thanks for your support!

WELS Kenosha Discussions - Leaders of Bethany, Friedens, Mt. Zion, and St. Luke's have met twice so far this summer to see how we might be able to work together to better serve our members and the community with the good news of Jesus. Each meeting began with introductions, followed by a Bible study on the blessing of unity through our common faith (based on the book of Ephesians). We discussed the potential advantages and difficulties of expanding our congregational partnership. We shared congregational snapshots, including things we see as strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis). Up-coming meetings in August and September will focus our attention on our core ministries - what they are, and if we did them together, who would take the lead (a job description), where they would best happen (a facilities assessment), and how we would support them (how finances could work). Meetings have been constructive and positive, and we ask for the prayer support of all the members of our church family for the groundwork in progress.

Golf Outing — On Sunday, August 25th at 1pm at Kenosha Muni Golf Course, all are invited to play in our season ending Mt Zion golf outing; it will be a best ball format, so all skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$17.50 for 9 holes and a cart; sign-up by NEXT Monday, August 12th. Golfers are asked to bring a raffle prize valued at c.\$20 for drawings. Contest prizes and fellowship will follow at Union



Park Tavern, with a delicious chicken/burger dinner for purchase; spouses or family members are welcome to sign-up for just the dinner. Questions? Contact Tracy Kopp at 262-496-9292.

Will YOU *Train for Ministry?* — We are looking to offer (starting this fall) a series of classes (from our called worker training college in MN) to help people meet God's qualifications for leadership in His Kingdom — *a church leadership program*, if you will. This series of classes, in addition to helping you grow in faith and knowledge of God's Word, would prepare you to serve as a future elder, deaconess, member of our church council, or officer in our women's ministry organization (WICS) right here at Mt Zion. OR if you've ever thought about serving God more fulltime in His church (as a pastor, staff minister, parochial school teacher, etc.), which is a HUGE need right now, this curricula prepares for that step too (although you don't have to want to enter fulltime ministry to take this class — it also serves as an effective leadership training course for our work right here). These classes will meet once/wk for 90 minutes, on a day and time that works best for those who enroll; there is homework between classes. **Would you be interested in training to help serve in leadership in God's church and Kingdom in the future**? If so, speak with Pastor Neumann by August 20th. For by then, we'll be scheduling the 1st class in the curricula. Please pray about and for this endeavor!

Healthy Marriage Seminar — Pick up a brochure on the table in our church entryway for more information on this WELS workshop coming to our area in September. Marriage maintenance matters!

NEW Fall Women's Bible Study – Starting on Thursday, September 5th at 6:30pm, we will be offering a NEW study as part of our Women's Bible study and prayer group. The new study is called: *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. Based on the familiar Bible account, the author wrote this book for every women who's ever felt that she isn't godly enough, loving enough, or doing enough; she points us to Scripture to teach us how to walk closer to Jesus, so our faith grows and we are strengthened for serving His way with less stress and greater joy. The cost is c.\$10/study (actual cost based on number of participants), and payment should be brought to the 1st class in the conference room (upstairs in the education wing, next to the church library) on September 5th. Sign up by Sunday, August 25th on the table in the church entryway. Questions? Contact the group leader, Niki Neumann at nichole.neumann@gmail.com or 262-652-7215.

Fall CAP Class – If I mention a great humanitarian, who comes to your mind? Do you think of more recent charity supporters like Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, or Oprah Winfrey, or do you think of those of old who spent their lives serving others, like Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr., or Mahatma Gandhi? The dictionary defines a humanitarian as 'someone who has concern for or helps to improve the welfare and happiness of others, especially to alleviate suffering.' Well, that makes the title of the book we will study this fall so appropriate: GOD – The Ultimate Humanitarian (by Rev. Mark Cares of Truth in Love Ministries). Join us on Wednesday nights this fall starting September 11th (at 7pm) as we begin a 10-week course which will work through this new book and Bible study which focusses us on the ways that God blesses us each day of our life. What a perfect preparation for Thanksgiving this year! The cost for the materials (a textbook and workbook) is \$15/attendee (family members can share a textbook, but each attendee needs a workbook which is \$2). Sign up by August 26th.

Sunday School Set to Begin w/ Something NEW – Starting September 8th as Sunday school starts up again, we will be offering the kids a healthy snack and water or juice in the church basement. Many schools now do this to 'kick start' the brain for optimal performance; & it works to help them concentrate on the task at hand (the adults know this from having their goodies during bible study)! So right after 1st service ends (or at 9am if you plan to stay for 2nd service), your children should meet downstairs in the church basement; there a SS teacher will hand out the snack. After it is consumed, the kids will go into the church for a devotion. *Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or at our website to ensure we know about any allergies*. Any questions? Please contact Amanda in the office.

Nursery Care during Sunday School and Bible Study – To help our parents with little ones attend Sunday morning Bible class or teach Sunday school, we will once again be offering nursery care from 9:15-10:15am in the church basement for those who attend bible study or teach Sunday school, starting September 8th. Volunteers are being sought out. If you would like to help for 1 week, please let Pastor Neumann know (<u>PastorN@mtzionwi.org</u>). Thanks for supporting our parents growth!



Bus Drivers Wanted - SLHS is in need of bus drivers for before/after school routes, and to and from extra-curricular activities. For more information UTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL about bus drivers, please contact Scott Zondag at zondags@slhs.us.

SLHS Maintenance Position - Shoreland Lutheran High School is looking for a part-time grounds keeper and field prep position. The work includes: grass cutting, lining, field dragging, seeding, etc... Training will be provided; 20 hrs per week from August 15 - November 15, and then again March 15 – May 31. Contact SLHS Office at 262-859-2595 for more info/application.

Pacer Patron Fair Booth - During the August 14th-18th festivities at the Kenosha County Fair, Shoreland will be operating a food booth to benefit the Pacer Patrons. If you would like to help in the booth please contact Joy Strutz at home 262-898-3244, cell 262-989-7772 or pacers@slhs.us.

Pacer Open Recap - Thanks and praise to our Creator for blessing us with such a beautiful day! 142 golfers enjoyed a wonderful day on the course and some great fellowship. Thanks to our many alumni and friends of Shoreland, the Pacer Patrons were able to raise \$22,500 for athletic items at Shoreland. Thank you to all who attended! Next year's Pacer Open is Friday, July 10; save the date!

OYC Treasurer Needed – Oasis Youth Center, our WELS urban outreach to youth, is looking for a new Treasurer. The Treasurer sits on the OYC Board (therefore a confirmed male, 18 or older is required), attends the monthly meetings, and oversee the OYC Bookkeeper. A detailed description will be provided, upon request. If this is something you're interested in, please contact Russ Pearson (262-496-3757 / RLPearson67@gmail.com) or Amy Haun (262-909-7579 / OYCKenosha@gmail.com).





WINE & DINE - New Beginnings, a WELS-based home for single New Beginnings mothers, invites you to its 2nd annual Wine & Dine on Thursday, September 12th, from 6-8pm at Davian's in Menomonee Falls. This A Home for Mothers evening of premium wine, craft beer, an assortment of delicious appetizers, as well as a silent auction will benefit the mothers and babies

served through the New Beginnings ministry. The cost is \$40 per person. homeformothers.com/events to register.

