

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

10:15 a.m.

(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP *He Has Made Me Glad*

OPENING SENTENCES

L: Wherever two or three are gathered in his name,

P: **Christ has promised to be with us.**

L: So Christ is in the midst of us now.

P: **This is indeed sacred time and space!**

*HYMNS *His Name Is Wonderful*
Fairest Lord Jesus

*OPENING PRAYER **Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. Amen.**

ANTHEM *In the Name of the Lord*

BAPTISM OF KENNETH CLAYTON LINDENMIER

Affirmation of Faith
The Meaning of Baptism
The Parent's Promises
The Promises of the Godparents
The Rite of Baptism

Response of the Congregation: **We welcome Kenny into the Body of Christ. As members of Christ's body we offer him our love and support as he grows and explores life. We promise as a congregation to join with his parents in proclaiming the gospel, so that he may grow and mature in grace and faith, and live with us, in and for, Christ, showing forth the love of God to all people.**

Prayer

Presentation of Baptismal Certificate & Gifts

*HYMN *I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry*

GOD'S WORD FOR US

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:3-8

MESSAGE *What To Do With Our Spiritual Gifts*

*HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The family of Steve Fassett, The family of Richard Burriss, The family of Sandra (Wellner) Becker, The family of Gary Huetteman, Hurricane victims, Pastor Ted Engelsdorfer, Jean Spayer, Baby Rocky, Norma Nevicosi, Bonnie Bird, Andy, Students and staff, Haiti earthquake victims, Situation in Afghanistan, Savanna, Alton, Richard Greening, Tammy, Tanya, The Family of Billy Schmitz, Kate, Ann, Elecia's co-worker, The family of Bob Haslam, The Peterson family, The Cooper family, Nancy Maggi, Lori Rynke's mother and brother, Kelly, Tom Harzheim, Marian Benedict, Tom Bjerke, John Watkins, Ethan Harzheim, Renee, Cindy Harzheim, Ed Ferrari, Family of Matt Henkel, Mike, Kent Zeller, Sherry, Paul Lewis, Nancy DeWalt, Steve Martin, Don McGuire, Kailey, Terri Jacobson, Ed Lopeman, Carol Dean, Susan Zimmer, Mark, Mike Ribas, Leslie, Megan, Mitch Kruger, Marty Johnson, Mary Armon, Steve McCagni, Dixie Tonozzi, Armetta, Belinda Klein, Mary Fiedler, Renee Kerr, Luke & Theresa, Bill & Melissa, Leslie, Joe Rogel, Carrie White, Mrs. Friedle, Joanna, Ron Hudkins, Pat Nickel, Clint, Austin Zimmer, Joe Boelens, Marian Cichy, Dotty, Jennifer S., Brent Becker, Steve Kerr, Lisa K., Wendy & Lori Zach, Selah Crossman, Dave & Arlene Greening, Ed Burash, Mrs. Lucas, Linda Washkowiak, Kathy L., Susie & Terry Lindenmeyer

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves—our words, our thoughts, our actions—be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. Amen.**

*HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- The family of Steve Fassett.
- The family of Richard Burriss.
- The family of Sandra (Wellner) Becker.
- The family of Gary Huettemann.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Steve Fassett.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Sandra (Wellner) Becker. Sandra passed away September 3.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Gary Huettemann. Gary passed away September 5.

The Altar Flowers today are in Memory of Shirley Hamilton and Jean Greening, given by Jack Hamilton and Jim Greening.

Memorials for Bob Haslam were given by Sue & Bill Johnson, Dona Ostermeyer, Jim Greening, Erin Lewis, Lois Wilmot, Jack Hamilton, Bill & Phyllis Bender, and Alice & Dick Tostovarsnik.

The Church is open for Sunday morning worship. Please follow all safety guidelines when in attendance. We understand if you are not comfortable coming in person and invite you to watch services on YouTube.

Today we are celebrating the baptism of Kenneth Clayton Lindenmier. Kenny is the son of Ryan & Elecia Lindenmier. He was born April 6, 2021 at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley. We are very excited to welcome Kenny into the Zion church family.

Zion Diners will meet at 6:00pm this Thursday, September 16th at Liberty Restaurant with Pastor Alex and Shelly as hosts. Please contact Shelly if you are planning to attend. This is such a nice way to get reacquainted after a long shut down. Come join us and bring a friend

CREW will be resuming in person learning on Sunday mornings, with the date to be announced. If you would like to participate as a volunteer, please contact Pastor Alex.

The Board of Christian Education is in need of volunteers. If you would like to become a member, please contact the church office.

Choir Announcement: Due to current conditions surrounding Covid, choir is delayed with the possibility of starting later this month. Jim will contact members and make an announcements. We need new members! If you like to sing and have fun please contact the office or Jim Greening with questions, or come to practice when it begins.

Sunday morning worship will take place at **Pilgrim Park** September 26th. Meet at the church at 9:00 if you would like to carpool. There is a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex for lunch following the service or you may contact the church office.

The Annual **CROP Walk** date has been changed to Sep. 26th. Since this is the same day we will be at Pilgrim Park for worship and lunch together, we're going to do it a little differently this year. Walkers from Zion will take pledges and money, then walk anytime that is convenient for them. Walkers & sponsors are needed! Envelopes to participate are on the office desk.

We have begun a new season of meal ministry for **PADS**. Zion will donate a meal each month to help feed the homeless. If you

would like to help with a donation, please mail a check to the church office indicating that it's for PADS or choose "PADS Meals" on our online giving site. Thank you for doing your part to care for people that are facing hardships.

A local **Grief Support Group** for adults meets each 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at St. Margaret's Health, 1305 6th St. Peru. The meetings are at 6:00pm and all are welcome to attend. Please call 815/780-4618 or email joan.fernandez@ivch.org for more information.

You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

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This Week:

Thursday, September 16th

6:00pm Zion Diners

Sunday, September 19th

10:15am Worship in person or on YouTube

Office Hours for the week of September 13th

Hours are subject to change- please call ahead

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Romans 12:3-8 (NIV)

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; **7** if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; **8** if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.