

Two weeks from today, July 26, will be our next Quarterly Prayer Service at 9:30 AM. There will be no Bible Study that morning also. The theme for this service will be Community, State, Nation and World.

“An excellent wife who can find?” (Prov. 31:10). The Lord’s love does not search out what is lovely. Instead, His love seeks out sinners and dies for them, washes them clean, and presents them to Himself as a spotless bride (Ephesians 5). Christ had no wife on earth; His bride is the Church — the assembly of forgiven sinners rescued by His death and resurrection. Among them is St. Mary Magdalene, one *“who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem”* (Acts 13:31). The Lord rescued her from the power of seven demons, and she provided for Him out of her means (Luke 8:2–3). Christians have traditionally connected her with the unnamed penitent woman who was forgiven much by faith and thus *“loved much”* by anointing Jesus’ feet (Luke 7:36–50). She would have clung to Him there in the garden, but the Lord had *“not yet ascended”* to His Father and our Father (John 20:16–18) to *“fill all things”* (Eph. 4:10). For now He is heard in the Word of His witnesses and is here bodily in His Supper, not just for Mary, but for all penitents *“who [fear] the LORD”* (Prov. 31:30), so that grace may abound *“all the more”* (Rom. 5:20).

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WORSHIP PREPARATION

Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the Body and Blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of our sins. Because Holy Communion is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we invite those who are members of this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to commune. Other guests wishing to receive the Sacrament should speak with the pastor before the service.

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Today's Hymns:

Opening: 901, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Sermon: 594, "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Communion: 618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"
686, "Come, Thou Fount of Every..."

Closing: 923, "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

Today's Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Today's Sermon: "Adopted into God's Family"

Prayer List: Lennis Walker, Deborah Perleberg, Tyler, Jeanne, DJ, Macie, Lisa, Thompson Family, Kerry, Roy and Dale Esau, David Lukow, Carol Unger, Deborah Unger, Shanda Unger, Shea and Jessica, Debra Mobley, Jack McKeever, Annette Lewis, Jason Hobbs

CALENDAR for THE WEEK

Tuesday- Elders' Meeting.....6:30
PM

Tuesday- Church Council Meeting.....7 PM

Thursday- Zion's Angels at the Bridge.....11:30 AM

Thursday- No Worship Service

Next Sunday- No Bible Study

Next Sunday- Worship Service w/HC.....10:15 AM

Last Week's Attendance

July 2- 7

July 5- 46

Prayer ministers will be available after the service today to pray with you.

Zion is in need of people to help with the powerpoint and the music. If you would like to help out or want more info, please see Candace, Lorna or pastor. Thank you for your help and consideration.

Pastor Biberdorf will be gone next Sunday. Pastor John Widmer will lead the service next week. Pastor will be gone starting Wednesday and will return on Monday, July 20.