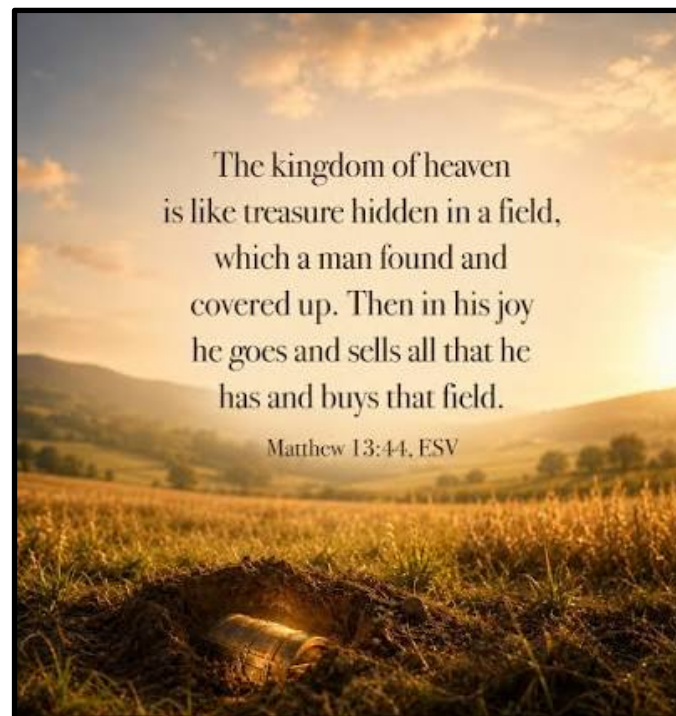


Also, starting on August 2 will be a sermon series based on the five banners that are above the choir loft. The sermon series is titled, “The Crown: The Kingship of Christ.” Each week we’ll look at a different crown of Christ that is depicted in each of the banners.

The sons of Zebedee ask for seats at Jesus’ “*right hand and ... left, in your glory*” (Mark 10:37). But they do not know what they are asking (Matt. 20:22), for God’s kingdom is not of glory and power but the cross. We will bear ours after Him. “*For [His] sake we are being killed*” and “*regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.*” But “*in all these things we are more than conquerors through him*” (Rom. 8:36–37), for Jesus’ death is unique. We live in service to our neighbors after His example; He alone is “*the Son of Man,*” who came “*to give his life as a ransom for many*” (Mark 10:45). Today the Church commemorates the fulfillment of Christ’s prophecy about James, killed with Herod’s sword (Acts 12:2). He is honored as the first apostle to be “*conformed to the image of [God’s] Son*” (Rom. 8:29). But what is that when “*Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God ... interceding for us*”? Nothing (not even a sword) can “*separate*” James and “*us from the love of Christ*” (Rom. 8:34–35).

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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: 907, "God Himself is Present"

Sermon: 554, "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

Communion: 620, "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"
621, "All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Closing: 732, "All Depends On Our Possessing"

Today's Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Epistle: Romans 8:28-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Today's Sermon: "Treasured Possession"

Prayer List: Ike Gonzales, 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

Thursday- Worship Service w/HC..... 3 PM

Next Sunday- Bible Study.....9 AM

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

Last Week's Attendance

July 16- No service

July 19- 40

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.

Zion's Sunday morning Bible Study returns on August 2 with a new study on Apologetics. Apologia is a Greek word meaning, "a speech in defense." The study of Apologetics then defends the Christian faith using historical evidence and scientific reasoning, archaeology and other methods to prove the existence of God, the resurrection of Jesus and other things that we hold dear and cling to by faith. It is an important study in today's age when we live in a post-Christian and post-truth age.