Divine Service



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17th, 2023 Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

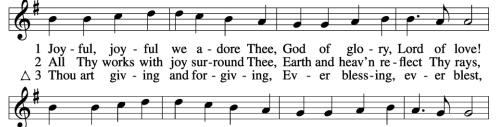
H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we can know how we can best of serve. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have "mercy on your fellow servant" and "forgive your brother from your heart" (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord's forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we "are the Lord's" (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will "stand before the judgment seat of God," we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also "will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand" (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends "to bring it about that many people should be kept alive" (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: "I will provide for you and your little ones" (Gen. 50:21).

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Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove. Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un-bro-ken praise. Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir - it, Foun-tain-head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day. Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.

Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Kyrie LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

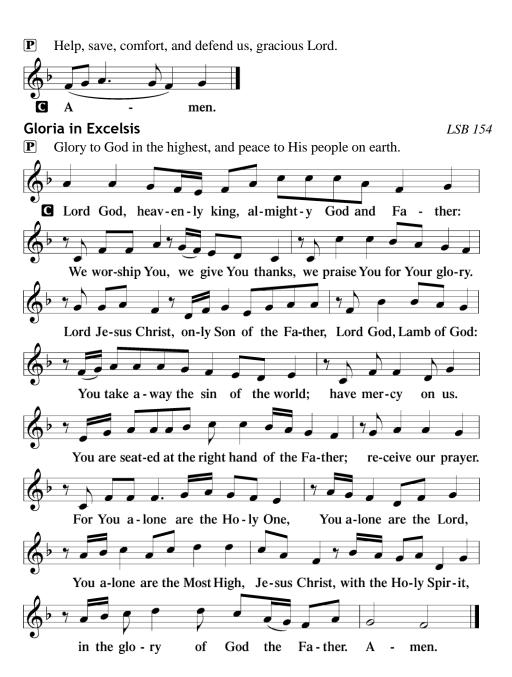


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

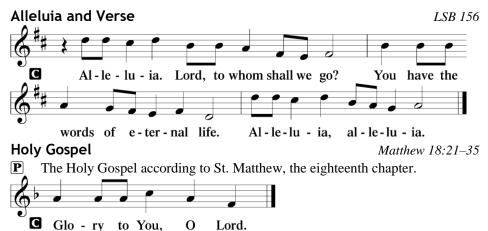
⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

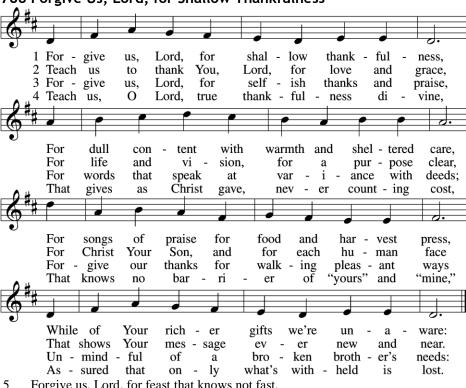
²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed,

and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."





788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness



5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,

For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,

For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast

And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:

Open our eyes to see Your love's intent, 6

To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;

May thankfulness be days in service spent,

Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

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Stand

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 holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

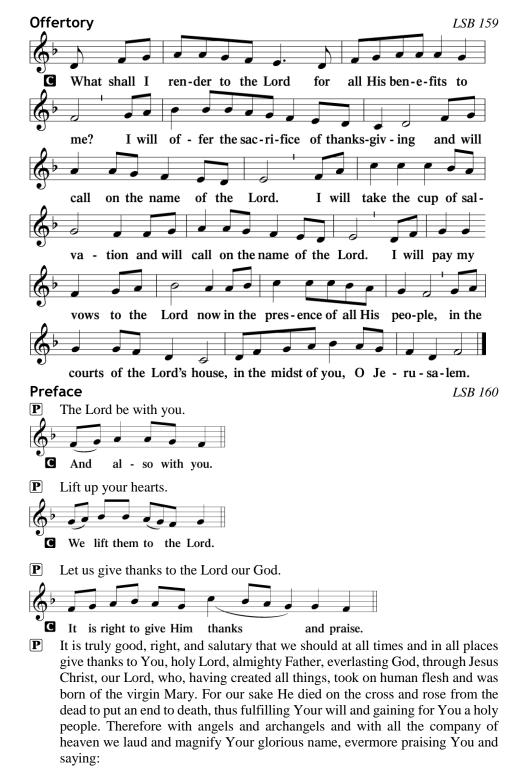
Sharing the Peace

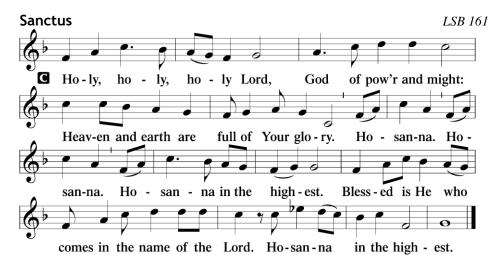
Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,".

Consecration of The Offering

Please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper as the offering is gathered. You may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn as you prepare to receive the sacrament.

Stand





Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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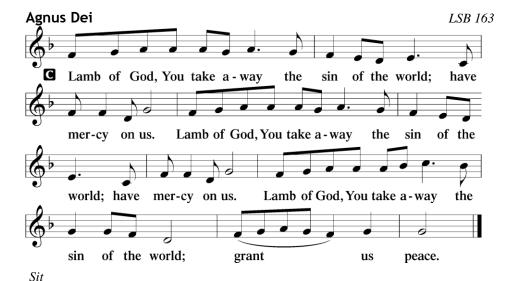
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

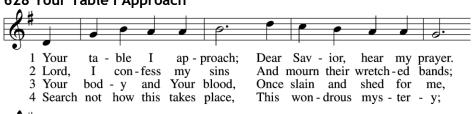
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

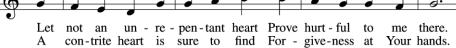




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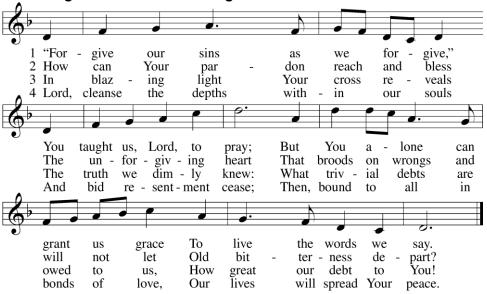


A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands. Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

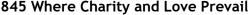
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

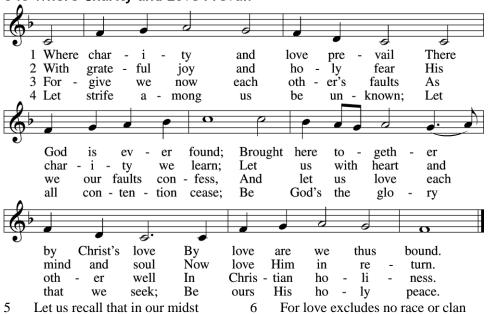
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Dwells Christ, His only Son; As members of His body joined

We are in Him made one.

That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all

Whose Father is the same.

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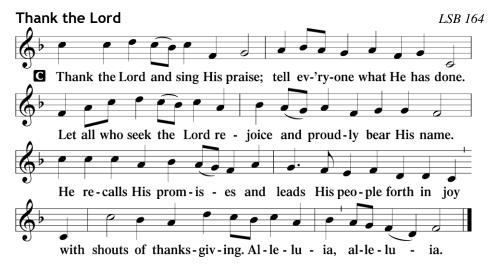


The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

C Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.





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Prayers for Our Members		
Family and Friends of Viola Fox	Grief	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Jade Florang	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Debra Schinkel	Healing	
Don Trampe	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Recovery	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends	
Makenzie Brooks (Bruce and Joni's daughter-in-law)	Expecting
Jordyn Harms (the Bartels' niece)	Expecting
Nicole Teten (Chris and Sarah Hoehner's daughter)	Expecting
Andrew Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Deployed
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Don Axeman (Friend of the Bartels')	Healing
Joan Bentley (Family friend of the Kreutzer's)	Healing
Elaine de la Motte (Carol Herron's sister-in-law)	Healing
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Sarah Forinash (<i>Richmond's daughter</i>)	Healing
Robert Haubold (Don Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Virginia Vest (Sue Bartels' cousin)	Healing
David Shiers (Jessica's father)	Surgery
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer
Diane Brandt (Friend of Junge's and Helmbrecht's)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Gay Koopman (Todd Koopman's sister)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer
Helen Lange (Friend of the Bartels')	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Lindsey Muniz (Steve & Fran's niece)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 9/10/2023 Offering: \$5,431.30 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by the Lee Wells Family, in his memory.

Last Sunday's Altar Flowers were sponsored by Keith Nuttelman, In memory of Beverly.

Sunday, September 17th - 9:00a

Elder: Nathan Gaunt

Acolyte: Miriam Gaunt

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Liz Gaunt

Usher: Andy Wollberg

Engineer: Eric Rosenthal

Altar Guild: Carol Gaunt & Liz Gaunt

Sunday, September 24th - 9:00a

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Acolyte: Rachel Barefoot

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Usher: Mike Wilkens

Engineer: Jamie Nikodym

Altar Guild: Carol Gaunt & Liz Gaunt

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This Week at Zion

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Sun 9/17	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
		NO Adult Instruction Class
	Birthdays	Masie Dulitz
Mon 9/18		
Tues 9/19	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
	Birthdays	Trevor Hoehner
	_	Bertha Marienau
Wed 9/20	8:30a	Chapel
	5:30p	Midweek
	7:00p	Adult Choir
	Anniversaries	John & Juanita Musfelt
Thurs 9/21		No School - PT Conferences
	Birthdays	Amy Tonniges
Fri 9/22		No School - Office Closed
	Birthdays	Beth Rosenthal
Sat 9/23		UNK Band Day - Parking Area
Sun 9/24	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	1:00p	Zion Golf Tournament @ Elks
	5:00p	Divine Service

Announcements for September 17th, 2023

<u>Sharing the Peace:</u> The Board of Elders has decided to reinstitute the "Sharing of the Peace" and "The Offering" beginning today. The bulletin will state where to do so.

<u>Education Conference:</u> Pr. DeLoach and Mr. Splittgerber will be in Norfolk, NE this evening through Tuesday to attend the annual Georg Williams Education Conference.

<u>RESCHEDULED - Men's Bible Study:</u> The Men's Bible Study has been rescheduled for <u>September 28th</u>, instead of the 21st.

Adult Instruction Class: An Adult Instruction Class will begin on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. We will NOT meet tonight, but will resume next Sunday, September 24th. We will meet in the church fellowship hall five more times to study the basic teachings of the Christian faith. If you are unable to attend all the sessions when they are offered, then Pr. DeLoach can meet with you individually to cover the material.

Why might someone attend this class?

- 1. To learn or review the basic teachings of the Christian religion.
- 2. To learn what your children are being taught at Zion Lutheran School
- 3. To join Zion Lutheran Church as a member if you wish. Please contact Pastor DeLoach (<u>james.deloach@zionkearney.org</u> or 308-627-5260) with any questions.

<u>Sunday School:</u> Sunday School is provided for any child age 3-12th grade. We are still in need of someone to teach Sunday School or willing to fill in some days. If you are interested, contact Matt Hodgson - (308) 627-7732 or matthodgson1@hotmail.com.

<u>3rd Quarter Missions:</u> All mission offering from July-September will help Rev. Jonathan Clausing and his family, who are serving in Tanzania. To access more information about the Clausing family and their mission, go to: www.lcms.org/clausing.

SCHOOL NEWS

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences will be this week. The official schedule went home last week. There will be no school the 21st & 22nd.

No School: There will be no school on Friday, September 29th for a teacher in-service.

Receipts: Remember to save your grocery receipts, UPC codes and Coke rewards codes. Apple Market receipts (dated September 1 through March 31 of each year) Best Choice UPC (Apple Market & Boogaarts private label) and Our Family UPC (Family Fresh private label) Coke Rewards codes from 20 oz, .5 L, 1.25 L, 2 L, Fridge packs and 24 packs. Just drop them in the small container by the south parking lot door.

*Family Fresh is no longer participating in their receipt program.