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Trinity 8 -Sat., July 25th, 5 pm & Sun., July 26th, 9 am
Divine Service, Setting One, p. 151
Hymns: 583, 585, 655, 636, 865, 582
Sermon: "Two Paths"
Text: Matthew 7:13-23

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Welcome guests! We are glad that you are here and pray that you will be blessed through the hearing of Christ's Word. We invite you to sign the guest register in the narthex before you leave and to worship with us again!

Guests and the Lord's Supper - Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. **If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, please speak to Pastor Koch before approaching the altar.**

Saturday Attendance: 20 Communed: 19
Sunday Attendance: 47 Communed: 37

Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: \$4,893.27
Amount Received Last Week: \$3,369.51

THIS WEEK AT MT. ZION

PRIVATE ABSOLUTION	SATURDAY	4:15-4:45 PM
	SUNDAY	8:15-8:45 AM
DIVINE SERVICE	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
	SUNDAY	9:00 AM
BIBLE CLASS	SUNDAY	10:20 AM

Holy Baptism – Taylor Madson will be baptized into Christ during Divine Service on Sunday. We thank God for her rebirth through the washing of water and the Word and pray that God would keep her in her baptismal faith throughout her life.

The flowers at the foot of the cross are given to the glory of God by Jean Jordan in thanksgiving for her birthday. Happy Birthday, Jean, and thank you!

Vacation Bible School will be held each morning this week at Our Father's from 9:00-11:30 a.m. May God bless the students and volunteers!

The August calendar and Daily Bible Readings are available on the narthex table.

Window Replacement Fund – We still have several windows that need to be replaced. Gifts for this fund are welcome and appreciated.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Are Needed! - We are looking for volunteers for Coffee Hour! The sign-up sheet for the summer is in the hallway. We look forward to seeing many volunteers help again.

Bulletins and Flowers – There are many opportunities left in this calendar year to sponsor our bulletins or flowers. Please sign up on the forms in the hallway if you can help with either. Bulletins are \$20 and flowers are \$30.

Educating a New Generation of Lutherans - Recent show topics include the following: Pope Leo's Encyclical on Artificial Intelligence, The Lord's Prayer in Lutheran Worship, A Lutheran View of the Scholastics, The Population Bust, and more. You can listen on-demand at Issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

Focus on Stewardship - *Jeremiah 23:17* – “*They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’*” Jeremiah’s day sounds a lot like our own, with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes-difficult favor of telling us what is actually true. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins and calls us to repentance.

If you are going to be out of town yet this summer, be sure to include the worship of God in your plans. You can go to LutheranLiturgy.org to find a church that uses our historic Lutheran liturgy. Our Father’s Lutheran Church has a service on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Luther Memorial in Shorewood has a service on Mondays at 7 p.m., and Peace in Sussex has a Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. God grant you all a blessed summer in which you find your Sabbath rest in the gifts of Christ in His Word and Supper!

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About Today’s Readings

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves” (Matthew 7:15-23). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jeremiah 23:16-29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. “You will know them by their fruits.” The “fruits” of a prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in teaching and proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, warning them against the wolves and their lies, shepherding the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:27-38) For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit, namely the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.