

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
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Trinity 11 - Saturday, August 15th, 5 pm & Sunday, August 16th, 9 am
Divine Service, Setting One, p. 151
Hymns: 579, 580, 613, 640 (*tune of 637*), 433
Sermon: "Bragging and Complaining, Repenting and Believing"
Text: Luke 18:9-14

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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 fill out the card in the pew before you leave and place it in the offering plate. Please return 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: 21 Communed: 17
Sunday Attendance: 41 Communed: 37

Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: \$4,893.27
Amount Received Last Week: \$6,545.26

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Scott McIntosh and in thanksgiving for Wendy Prostek's birthday and her faithful service as our organist. God's blessings, Wendy!

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
SPECIAL VOTER'S MTG	SUNDAY	10:15 AM

The Buck of the Month Door Collection aids students who are studying for full-time church work. You may put your gift in the plate in the narthex.

Newsletter Deadline - Please have any articles or information for the September newsletter to Sara by tomorrow at noon. Thank you!

A Special Voters' Meeting will be held next **Sunday, August 23rd**, after divine service for the purpose of electing a new congregational president. Please plan to attend.

Dear members of Mt. Zion, Thank you for providing many supplies for our Congolese students once again! The tables are full at Our Father's Lutheran School and ready for children to receive what they need to help them be successful in school. We would not be able to provide for them without your help. Thank you so much!
In Christ, Laura Koch

Wedding Shower – We are gathering gifts and gift cards for Jordan Halverson and Taylor Madson to help them prepare for married life. They are registered at Amazon and Target. Please drop off gifts in the office by September 1st. Thank you!

New Directory – We will be publishing a new congregational directory in September. Please send any informational updates to mountziongreenfield@gmail.com or place them in Sara's mailbox as soon as possible. Thank you.

Care Team - The Mount Zion Care Team is looking for new members! Hannah Wieting emails these members looking for volunteers to help when there is a need in the congregation. Care Team sends cards, makes meals, or drops off care packages depending upon the situation. If you are interested in being added to the email list and helping when you are able, contact Hannah Wieting (414-795-5912).

Coffee Hour – The sign-up sheet for volunteering to provide and serve snacks for Coffee Hour this Fall is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thanks to everyone who continues to help in this way!

Life Walk will be held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Mequon, on September 12th, 2026. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. [Aplacerefuge.org/life-walk-registration](https://aplacerefuge.org/life-walk-registration)



Focus on Stewardship - Luke 18:11–12 – *“The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’”* The Pharisees got so much right, and so much wrong. It’s a good thing for this Pharisee to be faithful to his wife and faithful in his giving to the Lord’s work, but these things are worthless if they proceed from a prideful heart! After all, what do we have to be proud of? If we have followed the Lord’s ways, we have only done our duty. Better to be thankful (and amazed!) that the Lord has blessed us by making our giving part of His work!

Online Giving - Give Your Offering or special donation online by scanning this QR code or by going to MountZionGreenfield.org and clicking on the “Offerings” link. Thank you!



About Today’s Readings

“The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering.” (Genesis 4:1-15) For unlike Abel, Cain’s offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. In the same way, the lowly tax collector who prayed, “God be merciful to me, sinner!” was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living. (Luke 18:9-14) “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ephesians 2:1-10) The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day. Therefore, “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”