

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
3820 West Layton Avenue
Greenfield, Wisconsin 53221
The Rev. Aaron A. Koch, Pastor
Wendy Prostek and Ruth Young, Organists
Sara Kohlmeier, Secretary
Church Office: 414-282-4900
Pastor's Cell: 414-795-9005
Website: www.MountZionGreenfield.org

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠

Trinity 12 - Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 5 p.m. & Sunday, Aug. 23rd, 9 a.m.
Divine Service, Setting Three, p. 184
Hymns: 545, 841, 620, 618, 528 (*tune of Beatitudo, LW 276*), 805
Sermon: "Hearing and Speaking Rightly"
Text: Mark 7:31-37

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠

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: 18
Sunday Attendance: 48 Communed: 38

Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: \$4,893.27
Amount Received Last Week: \$1,837.80

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

A Special Church Council Meeting will take place after church today (Sunday) in order to fill the vacant office of Congregational President.

The flowers at the foot of the cross are given with thanksgiving to God for Pastor Koch's continued ministry here at Mt. Zion.

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 Volunteers – We are in need of people to sponsor and serve for Coffee Hour this Fall. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help. Thank you!

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!

Issues, Etc. - Recent topics include Freedom from Shame; Christians & Anxiety; Encouraging Early Marriage & Childrearing; Mission Outreach to Indigenous Communities in Canada and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

Life Walk - Walkers and non-walkers! You are invited to the annual A Place of Refuge Life Walk at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Mequon, on September 12th, 2026. Invite your friends and family to sponsor your walk or bid on a silent auction item. All are welcome. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. [Aplaceofrefuge.org/life-walk-registration](https://aplaceofrefuge.org/life-walk-registration)



Focus on Stewardship - *2 Corinthians 3:5* – “*Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.*” We are not sufficient, not enough, not capable in and of ourselves. But God gives us what is enough and makes us capable. This is the beginning of wisdom: we are utterly dependent on God’s mercy. Our whole Christian life flows forth from this dependence, for if we are dependent upon the Lord, how can we not follow His commandments and walk in His way?

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

A man was brought to Jesus who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:9-17) Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism water sanctified by the words of Jesus’ mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus’ sighing “Ephphatha” opened the man’s ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly, as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, “In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book.” (Isaiah 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.