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Trinity 19 – Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 5 p.m. & Sunday, Oct. 4th, 9 a.m.
Divine Service, Setting Two, p. 167
Hymns: 916, 531, 622, 726, 805
Sermon: “Be of Good Cheer; Your Sins are Forgiven”
Text: Matthew 9:1-8

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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: 18 Communed: 17
Sunday Attendance: 48 Communed: 39

Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: \$4,893.27
Amount Received Last Week: \$2,624.15

THIS WEEK AT MT. ZION

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION	TUESDAY	2:00 PM
FIRST COMMUNION INSTR.	THURSDAY	6:30 PM
GROUPS CLEAN-UP	SATURDAY	9:00 PM
PRIVATE ABSOLUTION	SATURDAY	4:15-4:45 PM
	SUNDAY	8:15-8:45 AM
DIVINE SERVICE	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
	SUNDAY	9:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS	SUNDAY	10:20 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class are back in session. We will be meditating for a few weeks on Paul's marvelous Epistle to the Colossians. There is both rich theological teaching and abundant practical life application in this letter. Come and grow in God's Word!

Newsletter - The October/November edition of the Mt. Zion Herald is in your mailbox. Please pick up your copy today.

Fall Grounds Clean-up - Please bring your outdoor tools and help clean up our property before the new parking lot project is put in. We will meet on Saturday, October 10th, at 9:00 am.

A New Parking Lot and Back Sidewalks - The sidewalks were installed this past week, and the parking lot itself will be done October 12th-16th, weather permitting. Thanks be to God for providing for His church through His people!

Portals of Prayer - Copies of the October - December issue of Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

Issues, Etc. - The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Revelation. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and a podcast provider.

Focus on Stewardship - *Ephesians 4:24* – “*Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*” We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam; we were sinners, enemies of God, destined for death and destruction. But in Christ, we have a new identity: we are forgiven, the children of God, cleansed, destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. So, St. Paul encourages us to “put on the new self” — to consciously cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord’s House, faithfully supporting the ministry, praying and reading Scripture daily — these are the works of the new self.

Lost and Found – Several items have been left behind in the building. Please check the Lost and Found box in the parish hall to see if any of the items belong to you.

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 does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Genesis 28:10-17). The ladder in Jacob’s dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. “The Son of Man has power *on earth* to forgive sins” (Mark 2:1-12). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man’s body. “For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.” (Small Catechism) The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. For “God has given such power to men” (Matthew 9:8). In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Ephesians 4:17-32) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, “This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”