



THE WORTH OF A SPARROW

JUNE 21, 2026 • 9:30 AM DIVINE SERVICE II

ZION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

PROCLAIMING CHRIST THROUGH FAITH, WORSHIP, AND EDUCATION.

WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today.

Do come and worship the Lord again with us. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church. —Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor



ZION'S NURSERY — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

9:30 AM
✠ DIVINE SERVICE II ✠
LSB 167

The Service portions that vary from week to week (Propers) are printed below.
**The Service itself including the Responses may be found
in Lutheran Service Book (LSB), beginning on page 167**

PRELUDE

Please stand and face the Processional Cross, turning as it passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* LSB 811

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
LSB 167

INVOCATION

LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

(Sit)

P The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is the means by which the Father creates new sons and daughters. In the waters of Baptism we are joined to the death and resurrection of our Lord. Born again by water and the Spirit, we are made members of the Body of Christ. Living in fellowship with him and his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P Who is here presented to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

R We present **Layla Grace Stelk and Palmer Joyce Stelk**.

ADDRESS TO SPONSORS

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve **Layla** and **Palmer**, as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R Yes, with the help of God.

P God enable you to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

R Amen.

The Pastor asks the following questions of the Parents and Sponsors who speak for the Baptizands:

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works, and all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce him, and all his works, and all his evil ways.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R Yes, I believe 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.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting.

BAPTISM

P **Layla Grace**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝, and of the Holy Spirit.

P **Palmer Joyce**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝, and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen.**

ANOINTING WITH OIL

P **Layla Grace**, child of God, you are anointed and sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ ✝ forever.

P **Palmer Joyce**, child of God, you are anointed and sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ ✝ forever.

VESTING WITH THE BAPTISMAL GARMENT

- P** Receive this white garment and remember that you are clothed in the righteousness of Christ who calls you to His great feast.

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

- P** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION TO THE FAITHFUL *(Stand)*

- P** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

- C** **We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and heirs with us of the kingdom of God.**

HYMN *(Sung a capella)* *Children of the Heav’nly Father*

**Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD LSB 168

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 172

- P** Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(Sit)*

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many

whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

King of Glory, King of Peace

K. Lee Scott

EPISTLE

Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . . “Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Sit)*

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

LSB 663

HOMILY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Stand)*

LSB 175

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY *(Sit)*

So Art Thou to Me

K. Lee Scott

OFFERTORY *(Stand)*

LSB 176

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
LSB 177-181

PREFACE

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION (*Sit*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	<i>Just as I Am, without One Plea</i>	LSB 570
	<i>Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways</i>	LSB 707

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (<i>Stand</i>)	<i>Thank the Lord</i>	LSB 181
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND BENEDICTION		LSB 183
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RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus</i>	LSB 685
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SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Celebrant/Homilist	Rev. James Ebersole
Lector	Amy Dott
Organist	Dr. Scott Hyslop
Soloist	Patrick McClendon
Sacristan	Valerie R. Green
Ushers	Board of Elders
Audio and Facilities Arrangements	Larry Wagner, Caleb Jeffcoat