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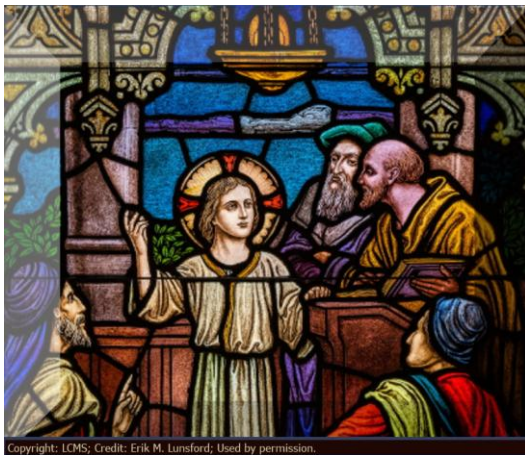
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Newsletter August 2025

Keeping you informed and
staying connected

Luke 2:41-49



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1. Devotional for August: Rest for the Weary

Matthew 11:28–30

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Are you tired? Worn down? Burdened? You're not alone. Life constantly presses in—responsibilities, frustrations, failures, guilt. Sometimes, we feel like a looping image of someone collapsing under the weight of it all, again and again.

Jesus sees this. And His words cut through the chaos: *"Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

He doesn't say, "Try harder" or "Pull yourself together." He says, *Come*. Come not with your strength, but with your weakness. Come not when you've cleaned yourself up, but now—when you're burdened, broken, and spent.

The burdens we carry are many: the pressure to perform, to be enough, to make everything work. And worst of all is the weight of our sin—the guilt, the shame, the constant failing to live up to who we should be before God and others.

But Jesus lifts that burden. He carried it to the cross. In His gentleness and humility, He invites us to take His yoke—the yoke of discipleship, of learning from Him—and in doing so, we find real, lasting rest. Not escape, but rest. A rest that holds fast even when everything else is falling apart.

Rest for the soul is found in Jesus alone. He has done everything for you. He is your peace.


Come to Him. He is gentle. He is humble. And He will give you rest.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, Amen.

--Pastor Kyle Eddy.

2. Services and Events:

- **Sunday, August 3rd, 10:30 a.m.**
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service, Holy Communion.
- **Sunday, August 10th, 10:30 a.m.**
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service.
- **Sunday, August 17th, 10:30 a.m.**
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service, Holy Communion.
- **Sunday, August 24th, 10:30 a.m.**
St. Bartholomew Worship Service.



St. Bartholomew
August 24

Time Period 1st century AD

Who was he?
One of the first of Jesus' twelve disciples and a martyr.

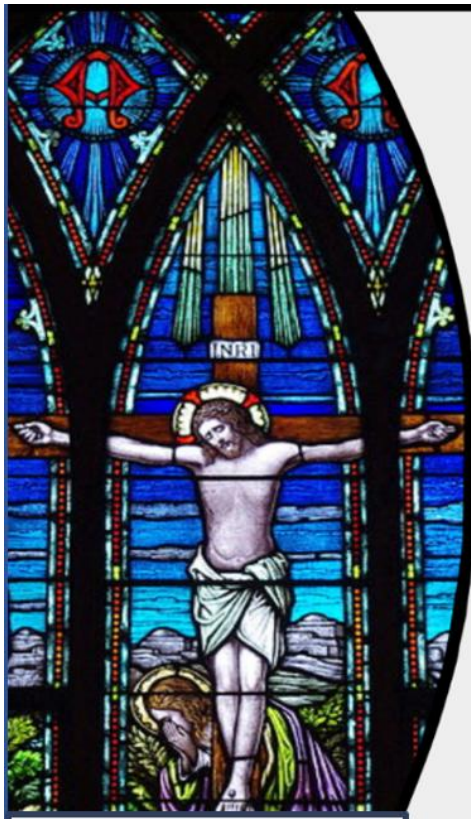
Did you know?

- St. Bartholomew is also called Nathanael in St. John's Gospel.
- He was invited to become a disciple by Philip, who told him that the Messiah was Jesus of Nazareth (John 1:45).
- His hesitation to believe because of Jesus' background was quickly replaced by a clear declaration of faith (John 1:49).

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- **Sunday, August 31st, 10:30 a.m.**
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service, Holy Communion.
Potluck after the Service

- **Sunday, September 7th, 10:30 a.m.**
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service.
- **Sunday, September 14th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study, everybody welcome!
- **Sunday, September 14th, 10:30 a.m.**
Holy Cross Worship Service, Holy Communion.



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Holy Cross Day September 14

Suggested hymn LSB 454:4

What do we celebrate?

- Lutherans celebrate the Holy Cross not as a relic, but as the instrument of our Salvation.
- We remember our Lord's triumph on the cross at Golgotha and celebrate the way God brings blessings and salvation out of death and suffering.
- The fruit and benefit of the cross is poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the Holy Absolution, and delivered in His Body and Blood given and shed there for us.

Note:

All Sunday Services are livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@zion-vanderhoof-lutheran/streams>

3. Notices:

- **Food Drive**

Some families of our congregation have fallen on hard times and need our help to put food on their table. If you are able, please place some non-perishable food items into the box in the narthex. Grocery gift cards can be handed to Pastor Eddy or Penny.

- **Advokate Life & Education Services is thanking the ZLCS congregation for supporting the 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign!**

This year, Advokate has already helped to save 12 lives so far, and our support will help save many more lives and change many more hearts.

- **Please prayerfully consider serving Our Lord by serving His Church.**

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.’ (1 Peter 4:10)



A church has many little jobs that need doing to stay alive and active.

Find out how you can help by talking to Gail or Penny, or email zion@zlcs.com.

We are also looking for volunteers for Sundays as Altar Guild, Greeter, Reader, Offering Counter, and/or Snack Provider. Training will be provided as needed.

- **Bible Study will resume on September 14th, 2025.**

- Enjoy good food in good company at our **Fellowship Potluck**

every last Sunday of the month after the worship service.

Please bring a dish to share if you can.

- Find us on **You-Tube:** <https://www.youtube.com/@zion-vanderhoof-lutheran>

if you are unable to attend in person and want to watch our **live-streamed worship services**, or if you want to rewatch a previously recorded service.

- **We have recently added some content to our New Website:**

<https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/>

Please check in occasionally and let us know how we are doing.

4. Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

Please continue to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

**O God of mercy and comfort, You are our help in every need.
Look with kindness on those who have asked for our prayers.
Guard them from the evil one. Give them patience in sickness and in trouble.
If it pleases You, grant them healing and relief.
At all times, give them grace to endure with faith and hope.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

If you are in need of prayers, please don't hesitate to call our church's **Prayer Chain** at 250-562-2777 or send an email to zion@zlcs.com.

The prayer chain is a line of communication among Christians who are willing to be 'On Call' and will pray for any specific need for anyone who requests their prayers.

The members of the prayer chain will keep your prayer requests **strictly confidential**, unless you explicitly allow us to share them with the congregation!

We don't want anyone to be in need or suffering, so, please let us know if we can help in any way.

5. Did You Know: The season after Pentecost

Why so Green?

The Season after Pentecost—also known as the Time of the Church—is the longest season of the liturgical year, beginning the day after Pentecost Sunday and extending until the start of Advent.

This season focuses on the growth and life of the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



The colour green symbolizes this growth and life in the spirit. Therefore, people have nicknamed this time as "the season of the green meadow." Green represents healthy, thriving plants, emphasizing the importance of an active and growing faith. This long season encourages Christians to mature as disciples of Jesus Christ and to sustain their living faith through God's Means of Grace.

Why so "Ordinary"?

The season after Pentecost is also referred to as "ordinary time." This is because the Sundays are numbered in sequential order (e.g., "The Second Sunday after Pentecost").

Rather than emphasizing specific events in the life of Christ, as the other liturgical seasons do, the Season after Pentecost highlights the teachings of Jesus, the spread of the Gospel, and the Christian life of faith and sanctification.

Each Sunday features Gospel readings that underscore Christ's parables, miracles, and instructions to His followers.

This focus on Christ's teaching makes this "ordinary time" anything but ordinary. The season of "ordinary time" is a dynamic and spiritually rich period focused on the Church's mission and the believer's daily walk in faith.

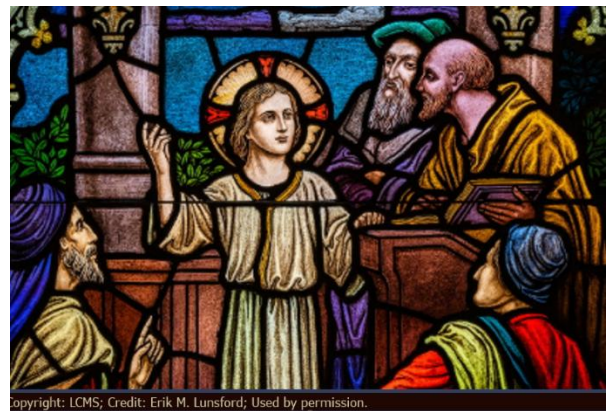
Why so Long?

Jesus told His Disciples, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*
(Matthew 28:18–20, ESV)

We need time to learn all that Jesus has taught us!

This season is long because it is dedicated to deepening our faith and living out the teachings of Jesus.

This season is a time for spiritual growth and maturity, encouraging us to reflect on Jesus' teachings and how to apply them in our daily lives with saving faith and grateful obedience.



6. ZLCS Contact Information:

Office hours are 8:30 – 12:30 Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays.

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