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Newsletter

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1. Devotional for September: Peace Like a River

Grace to you and peace, Zion Lutheran Church and Christian School, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her... For thus says the Lord: 'Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river... and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees... As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.'" (Isaiah 66:10, 12, 13)

As the school year begins, holidays end, and the rhythm of church life resumes—Bible studies, youth group, and meetings—we're reminded of both joy and weariness. The summer may have left us refreshed, or perhaps still carrying hurts, conflicts, or discouragements. In a big world, the Church looks small. Sometimes, like Israel returning to the ruins of Jerusalem, we wonder: *What can God do with this?*

Into our doubts, God speaks a word of promise. His Church, though often appearing weak and scarred, is His chosen place of comfort. Like a mother gathering her children, the Lord draws us near through His Word and Sacraments. Here, He nurses us with forgiveness, strengthens us with His Spirit, and places us in the arms of our brothers and sisters in Christ.


The "*river of peace*" Isaiah describes flows from Christ's pierced side. In Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the preaching of Christ crucified, that peace sustains us. Even when the Church seems fragile, Christ's unwavering faithfulness remains. He builds us up, carries our burdens, and restores our joy.

So as we gather this fall, don't despair over what the Church looks like. Rejoice in what the Church truly is—the body of Christ, His Jerusalem, where your Lord is present to forgive, heal, and comfort. Lift up your heads, dear saints: God has not abandoned His people. In Christ, we who are broken can be made whole again, for His healing touch is always here.

—Pastor Kyle Eddy

2. Services and Events:

- **Sunday, September 7th, 10:30 a.m.**
There will be NO Service in Prince George!
Dual Parish Worship Service and Fellowship Picnic
at Vanderhoof Lutheran Church.
- **Thursday, September 11th, 7:00 p.m.**
Monthly Meeting of the LWMLC Prince George Society in the downstairs
meeting room at ZLCS; all ladies are welcome!
Find out more details about LWMLC-PGS on our [Ladies Group](#) page.
- **Sunday, September 14th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study resumes after the summer break, everybody is welcome!
- **Sunday, September 14th, 10:30 a.m.**
Holy Cross Worship Service, Holy Communion.
- **Sunday, September 21st, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study, everybody is welcome!
- **Sunday, September 21st, 10:30 a.m.**
St. Matthew Worship Service.



St. Matthew
September 21

Time Period 1st century AD

Who was he?
One of the twelve apostles called by Jesus and an evangelist.

Did you know?

- He was also known by the name of Levi in the Gospels.
- He was a former tax collector, and was therefore considered by the Jews to be a great sinner.
- His is the only Gospel to record the visit of the magi and contains the fullest version of the Lord's Prayer.
- He portrays Christ as the new and greater Moses, who fulfills the Old Testament Law and Prophets.

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- **Sunday, September 28th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study, everybody is welcome!
- **Sunday, September 28th, 10:30 a.m.**
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service, Holy Communion.
Fellowship Potluck after the Service
- **Sunday, October 5th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study, everybody is welcome!
- **Sunday, October 5th, 10:30 a.m.**
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service.
- **Sunday, October 12th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study, everybody is welcome!
- **Sunday, October 12th, 10:30 a.m.**
Thanksgiving Worship Service, Holy Communion.



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- **Sunday, October 17th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study, everybody is welcome!
- **Sunday, October 17th, 10:30 a.m.**
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service.
- **Sunday, October 26th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study, everybody is welcome!
- **Sunday, October 26th, 10:30 a.m.**
Reformation Day Worship Service, Holy Communion.
Fellowship Potluck after the Service

Note:

All Sunday Services are livestreamed at:

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

3. Notices:

- **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)

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and your talents to serve His Church.
Talk to Gail or Penny, or email zion@zlcs.com, to find out how you can help.
- **Bible Study: Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study will resume after the summer break on September 14th.
Everybody is welcome!
- 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.
- **Advokate is thanking the ZLCS Congregation** again for supporting the 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign! Every dollar is going directly toward providing essential support to women facing unplanned pregnancies as well as low-income families right here in the community.
- Advokate will be hosting a **Celebrate Life Gala** in Prince George on Thursday, October 2nd, 7 - 9 p.m., at the PG Conference & Civic Centre, 808 Canada Games Way. <https://celebratelifegala.ca/prince-george/>
If you are interested in sharing a table at the Gala, please contact Tasha
- 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 are continually updating Our 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.

Father in heaven, strengthen us by Your Spirit in life and in death, in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

Teach us to put aside our own wills and to trust in Your good and gracious will.

We commend to Your mercy all who have asked for our prayers.

Be with them and with all who are in need. Hear our prayer, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

If you are in need of prayers, please don't hesitate to call our church's **Prayer Chain** at 250-562-2777 or 250-964-3411, 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: Our Church has a Facebook page



<https://www.facebook.com/people/Zion-Lutheran-Church-and-Christian-School/100064320926931/>

6. 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.



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7. ZLCS Contact Information:

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