

Zion Lutheran Church

† Serving the Lord in Gladness †

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July 17, 2022: *Sixth Sunday of Pentecost*



Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

* = Please stand as you are able.

Congregational responses are in **bold**.

LBW = green hymnal

WOV = blue hymnal

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

We are so glad that you joined us for worship today. May today's worship strengthen your knowledge of God's love and the grace and forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ. If you are visiting our church today, please be certain to sign our guest book just outside the sanctuary – we would love to get to know you better.

Holy Communion is celebrated at today's service. All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Supper. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion and trust in the promise "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Children who have been instructed by their parents or their pastor are welcome to commune. You may also come forward for a blessing – simply indicate you prefer a blessing by placing your hands over your heart as you approach. White grape juice is available for those who prefer.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us together as people of God.

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....LBW 479
(Requested Anonymously)

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



Ⓞ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Ⓞ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



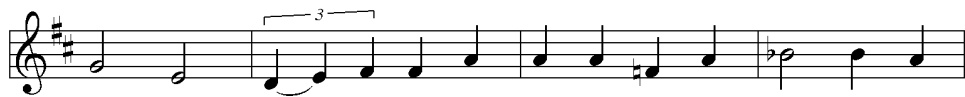
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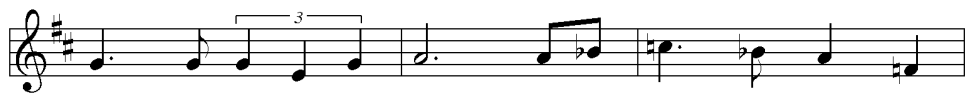
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



III Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir- it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.



Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had

prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15 (*read responsively*)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been

revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, the Very Thought of You.....LBW 316

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Ever-present God, in Christ you fulfill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to dismantle the systems that yield to division and promote systems that offer reconciliation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers especially Rita, Carolyn, Linda, Nancy, Carolyn, Sue, Max, Nyla, Elonda, Bill, Glenda, Betty, Iris, John, Ron, Gary and those we name either silently or aloud. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire all of us here at Zion Lutheran Church to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless our learning and growing in faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ we are all made one. Be with all the ministries in and around Hartford City. Support efforts to serve our neighbors and inspire collaboration. This week we pray especially for Hartford Wesleyan Church. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace with those around you.)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (OFFERINGS)**

(If you would like to give to the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, you may do so at the rear of the sanctuary.)



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



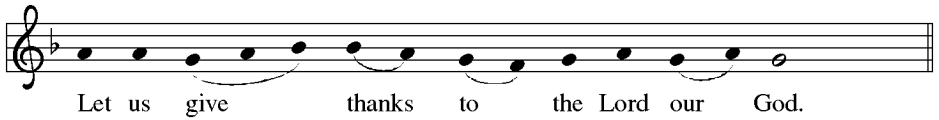
We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

*DIALOGUE



*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of our Lord is now set for all those who need grace, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom for ministry and mission to the world.

COMMUNION HYMN



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

How Great Thou Art.....LBW 523

(Requested by Matthew Clamme and Debbie Walker)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

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SERVING THE LORD TODAY

Acolytes: *Clamme Family*
Assisting Minister: *Mark Prout*
Lector: *Kathy Sharp*
Organist: *Margaret Hammond*
Usher: *Drew Walker*

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY Are given by Edi Tarter in honor and memory of Bob Tartar.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

MONDAY - Coffee and Jesus at Amazing Glaze (8:00am)
Council Meeting in Library (7:00pm)

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers. If you would like to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Rita Ferguson, Carolyn Hughes, Linda Rogers, Nancy Cortwright, Carolyn Ingle, Sue Rinker, Max Hile, Nyla Hile, Elonda Pethel, Bill Hartley, Glenda Hartley, Betty Rinker, Iris Johnson, John Brown, Ron Thomas, Gary Cole

Military Personnel: *Tyler Atkinson, Peyton Smith, Dakota Willmann*



SAVE THE DATES



Pastor Sharilyn's long-delayed service of installation is scheduled for July 31, 2022 at our regular worship service with Bishop Bill Gafkjen presiding. Please join us afterwards for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Second Sunday on the Square:
Three Trees Church will lead the community in worship on August 14 from 6-7pm in Weiler Plaza. Bring your lawn chair!



Let's work together to help those with food needs! The morning of August 6, we will come together to work at the warehouse for Second Harvest in their Muncie warehouse. More details to come!

SHARE YOUR FAITH STORY

On May 15, we gathered for a potluck and talked about Sharing our Faith Stories. Some of you even shared a few times when you'd had "God Sightings" or had recognized God working in your life. We are called as members of the Body of Christ to share these experiences with others – to inspire and encourage our own faith, to support the faith of believers, and to introduce and share the faith with those who are seekers or not yet believers. By doing this, we have the privilege to share God's love with our neighbor.

Would you be interested in sharing your faith story with others at Zion Lutheran Church? This could take many forms: writing a brief article for the newsletter, speaking briefly during the announcements at worship, or joining a group of other members to share your stories and pray together. Contact Pastor Sharilyn if you are interested in finding a way to share your faith story!

CONFIRMATION CLASS HOMECOMING

We will be having a confirmation class "homecoming" event this year on Reformation Sunday! One of the things that we will need is help in getting current addresses or contact information for people who were confirmed in 1972 (50 year confirmation reunion) or 1997 (25 year confirmation reunion). Here are the rosters for the classes from our records.

Confirmed in 1972

Tari Lee Clamme
Timothy Allen Ehlers
Deborah Joyce Goetz
Gregory Wayne Klink
Neal Edward Langdon
Thomas Kent Nottingham
Vicki Ann Peterson
Jeffery Dewain Rinker
Loretta Kay Rogers
Kelly Sue Stath
Randall Arthur Willmann
Vickki Jo Willmann

Confirmed in 1997

Jackie Clamme
Vickie Uggen
Betsy Suzanne Bergdoll
Brian Ernest Hile
Jeremy Joseph Johnson

If you have contact information for these individuals, please contact Pastor Sharilyn!



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Vice President & Elder: *Cindy Knot*
Secretary: *Paige Walker*
Treasurer: *Libby Stroble*
Trustee: *Neil Stroble*
Deacon: *Drew Walker*