

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
7th Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024

Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz  
**Every Week at Zions: @ 10:30 Worship**  
*Sunday School and Wednesday night activities will resume in fall.*

*Zion's worship services are live-streamed and archived on YouTube. While the focus is always on the worship leaders and the sanctuary at large, your voice and image may be included as part of the recording. If you do not wish to appear on film, please sit in, or under, the balcony and ask an usher for communion to be brought to your seat. If you have any other questions, please speak with Pastor Caitlin. Thank you for your understanding and support in spreading the Gospel message!*

*\*(Congregation please stand as able)*

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

**\*OPENING HYMN:** WOV 693 *Baptized in Water*

*You are invited to face the rear of the sanctuary and turn towards the cross as it passes.*

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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**BAPTISM OF COLTON ALEXANDER HESS**

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Travis and Traci, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Parents: We do, we present Colton Alexander Hess for Baptism.*

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents: We do.*

### **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you, together with the whole gathered assembly, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **BAPTISM**

P: Colton, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P: Sustain Colton with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.*

P: Colton, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## WELCOME

*A lighted candle is given to each of the newly baptized.*

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

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

## \*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 2:1-5 (*pg. 673 in pew Bible*)

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

*After the Reading:* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 123 (*pg. 498 in pew Bible, next*) (*read responsively*)

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**Congregation: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.**

L: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**C: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (*pg. 943 in pew Bible*)

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*After the Reading:* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** *as the children come forward, please join in singing:*

What a mighty God we serve, What a mighty God we serve, Angels bow before Him  
Heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve.

**\*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:** Mark 6:1-13 (pg. 817 in pew Bible)

**Before reading:** P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
 He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**After the reading:** P: The Gospel of our Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** WOV 756 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you  
 preach the Word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

*Refrain*  
 With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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## OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

### \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(after hearing, “Lord in your mercy,” respond: **Hear our Prayer**)

(after hearing the final prayer petition, “Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.” respond: **Amen**)

### \*SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.      C: **And also with you.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC: Zion’s Men

### OFFERING AND OFFERTORY


During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic options.



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**\*OFFERTORY HYMN**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.  
Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now.  
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. C: Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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 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.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for creating us to live together in unity and for forgiving our failures in following your call.

Blessed are you, Abba Father, for sending your beloved Son and for adopting us to be your family of sisters and brothers. Lord we receive this good news.

C: Lord, we receive this good news.

P: Blessed are you, Sovereign of mercy, for establishing your kingdom in Jesus the Messiah. He healed the sick and welcomed women and men, and taught the commandments.

Blessed is he, the Son of Man, who became a servant to all, and who overcomes the might of Satan until the end of time. Lord, we believe this good news.

C: Lord, we believe this good news.

P: On the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

We remember the good news of his life given for us, his death on the cross, and his rising from the tomb, and together we say:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: By the power of your Spirit, hidden in the ministry of Jesus, reveal yourself to us here, hidden in this bread and cup. Do not forsake us, but save us in the time of trial. By this mystery of Christ's body and blood, cast out our demons, cleanse our hearts, and strengthen our service toward all in need. Lord, do not ever forsake us.

**C: Lord, do not ever forsake us.**

P: To you, Lord God, the Blessed One, and to your Son, coming at the end in glory, and to the Holy Spirit, descending on us now like a dove, be all our praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen. **C: Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P: 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**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*This is the Lord's table where all are welcome. At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that , please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.*

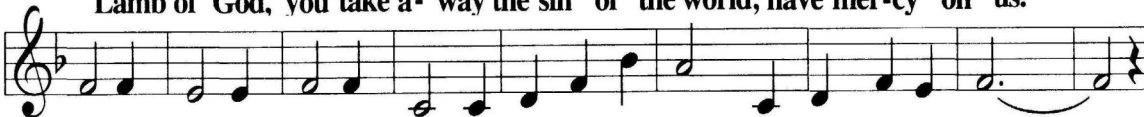
*Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.*

“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen.”

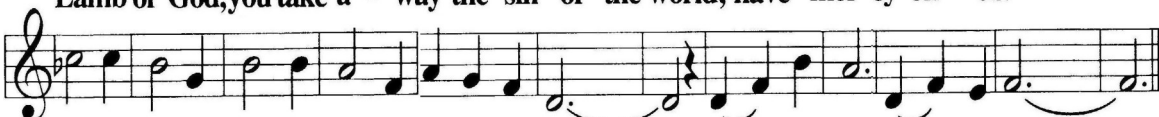
**LAMB OF GOD** (Based on Gospel of John 1:29)



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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** #439 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
(green book) #327 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*  
#390 *I Love to Tell the Story*

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND SENDING OF COMMUNION**

P: Generous God, in this bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

P: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**C: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: ELW 546 *To Be Your Presence***

*As the cross is recessed, you are invited to turn your body towards the rear, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.*

1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-  
2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your  
pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy  
poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,  
all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the  
ev-er near,  
right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!  
love ex-pressed,  
church, re-joice,

**\*DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**We're glad you're here!** Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshiping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

**This week we especially remember in our prayers:** Keith, Daniel Bowers, Leah Eichenberg, Pastor Ted Hummel, and the people of war-torn countries.

**Today we Celebrate the Baptism of Colton Hess!**

**This Week at Zions:**

July 10, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

July 13, Saturday @ 9:00 am Babies & Bibles



**Next Week at Zions:**

July 17, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

**Other News from Zions:**

**Check out “July’s Member to Remember”** on the bulletin board. Ingrid Erb is this month’s star! You can read about her faith and experiences at Zion’s in the weekly e-mail or on the bulletin board by the church office.

**Thanks be to God...and, let's celebrate!** On Sunday, July 28, Pastor John Merkel celebrates 50 years of ordained ministry...that's fifty years of weddings, funerals, baptisms, sermons, Council and committee meetings, counseling, worship, teaching, and more in several different congregations! Through worship and a celebratory luncheon, we will give God thanks for Pastor Merkel's ministry, for God's faithfulness to him, and for the blessing he is in our congregation. *Luncheon sign-ups on the bulletin board by the Church Office are greatly appreciated.*

**You are invited to an INDOOR Campfire with stories, songs, and s'mores** on Wednesday, July 24 at 6 PM in the Social Hall. Spend a mid-summer's eve at a \*cool\* campfire with friends--worshiping, spending time together, and enjoying the tastes of the season! All are welcome.

**It's that time of year! We are less than two months out from our annual Back to School Blessings event, which will be held on Saturday August 17!** This event, started by Zion's but now sponsored by the NL Ministerium, provides new sneakers, jeans, socks, underwear, school supplies, and a back to school outfit to children in our community who are in need. We anticipate serving at least 175 students. YOU can help by volunteering prior to, or the day of the event (email [adreiner74@gmail.com](mailto:adreiner74@gmail.com)) and/or by providing a financial contribution towards the event. Contributions of any amount are welcome, and can be made payable to the NL Ministerium or Zion's, marked for "Back to School". For reference, \$125 will fully sponsor an older student, \$100 will sponsor a younger student, \$30 will sponsor a filled backpack and \$10 will sponsor socks/underwear. THANK YOU!

**Babies & Bibles** will meet on Saturday, July 13 at 9:00 am. at Levitz Park, in Grantville! Children, birth through age 4 (plus adults and older siblings) are invited!

**Zion's could use a few more CRUCIFERS to help lead worship.** A crucifer is someone who carries a cross. For us, this involves leading the procession at the beginning and end of the service. Symbolically, the procession indicates the Christian life, following Christ wherever he leads – into the sanctuary to worship and out into the world to serve. Our crucifer also helps serve communion by refilling the chalices (the wine cups) from the flagon (the large pitcher of wine) as needed. Any adult or confirmed youth who can carry the cross is eligible to be a crucifer. Crucifers serve one week at a time. If you find this interesting and want to volunteer, contact Michelle McQuaide at (330) 958-3399.

Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Betty Kleinfelter	Matt Wolfe
Prayer	Larry Houser	Sharon Houser
Children's sermon	Christine Techky	Terry Ludwig
Comm. Assts.	Linda Wenrich Elaine Ludwig	Ed Ludwig
Greeter	Linda Wenrich	Michele McQuaide
Acolyte	Gracie Bucks	Derek Wolfe
Crucifer	Madison Hess	Xander McQuaide
Usher	Luke Heister	Luke Heister
Altar Guild	Merkel family	Merkel family
Elevette	Ann Kulp	Steve Bucks

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