

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
8th Sunday after Pentecost July 14, 2024

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!

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

**(Congregation please stand as able)*

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **C: Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

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

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. 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 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. 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.

***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: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15 (pg. 748 in pew Bible)

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13 (pg. 473 in pew Bible, next) (read responsively)

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Congregation: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

C: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

L: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg. 949 in pew Bible)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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 6:14-29 (pg. 817 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 717 *Let Justice Flow like Streams*

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

***APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Let us confess our faith together, using the words of the 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.

Note: the word "catholic" here means the church around the world.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(after hearing, "Lord in you 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 Holy 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

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.



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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #499 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
(LBW -green book) #238 *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*
#523 *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. Grant comfort to all in need of healing, and strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **C: Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

P: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 720 *We Are Called

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 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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***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 worshipping 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: Jax, Keith, Pastor Ted Hummel, and the people of war-torn countries.

This Week at Zions:

July 17, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Next Week at Zions:

July 22, Monday @ 6:30 Mission Ministry Committee meeting

July 24, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

July 24, Wednesday @ 6:00 pm Rejoicing Spirits Summer gathering

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 favorite 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.*

Did you know? Zion's could use a few more GREETERS to welcome people to worship. This is someone who stands at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the sanctuary on a Sunday morning and greets worshipers on their way upstairs. The skills needed for this position are the ability to shake a hand and say "Hello," "Good Morning," "Welcome," or another similar friendly greeting. Rotation is based on your willingness to serve and your availability. If you find this interesting and would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Noël Strattan at (717) 865-7747.

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.

An USHER sign-up sheet has been posted on the large bulletin board in the gathering area. If you can share your gifts as an usher, please sign-up! Positions are still available!!

***** GREETERS ARE NEEDED FOR JULY AND AUGUST! ***** a **New Greeter sign-up** is available online, if you are able to serve in this way, please contact Noel Strattan, dns@telecommute.net.

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) 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!

LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available with the elevelte bulletins and the ushers. For now, we are printing a limited number and will adapt according to need. If this would be helpful for you, or a family member, PLEASE take one, and share feedback with Pastor Caitlin.

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Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Matt Wolfe	Linda Wenrich
Prayer	Sharon Houser	Tracy Hoy
Children's sermon	Terry Ludwig	Stephanie Livingston
Comm. Assts.	Ed Ludwig Linda Wenrich	Kelly Rittle Linda Wenrich
Greeter	Michele McQuaide	Elaine Ludwig
Acolyte	Derek Wolfe	Madelyn Rittle
Crucifer	Xander McQuaide	Rob McQuaide
Altar Guild	Merkel family	Bucks family
Elevette	Steve Bucks	Tom Frey
Ushers	July: Luke Hiester	

Council Highlights are available. You can pick up a copy from the large bulletin board in the gathering area.

**July Summer Clearance Northern Lebanon Clothing Closet
Gives Back to the Community**

ALL residents of the NL School District are invited to shop at the Clothing Closet during the month of July for our summer clearance event. Come shop and dive into a treasure trove of fashion finds where you're sure to find something for everyone. And the price? It's all by donation!

Refresh your wardrobe, help us clear out our excess summer clothing, and support the NL Clothing Closet as you shop for men's, women's, and children's clothing. From tiny tots to grown-ups, we've got an array of styles to suit everyone in the family. Don't miss this chance to snag amazing deals on apparel and make a difference with your freewill contribution.

Come one, come all, and let's make this event a spectacular celebration of community and giving back!

****If you are a Clothing Closet client, you are still welcome to shop for free****

The NL Clothing Closet is in the former Jonestown Elementary Building "Door 13" at 135 S. Lancaster St., Jonestown. Check out "Northern Lebanon Clothing Closet" on Facebook

July 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Happy 4th of July - Enjoy your holiday week					
7	8	9 10:00 – 12:00	10	11 4:00 – 7:00	12	13
14	15 10:00 – 12:00	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 10:00 – 12:00	24	25 4:00 – 7:00	26	27 10:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 3:00
28	29	30	31			