

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

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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

*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: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8 (*pg. 284 in pew Bible*)

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8 (*pg. 441 in pew Bible, next*) (*read responsively*)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

L: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

C: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

L: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

C: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

L: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

C: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (*pg. 951 in pew Bible*)

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to

have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

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

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty! There’s nothing my God cannot do! (clap, clap)
 My God is so great, so strong and so mighty! There’s nothing my God cannot do! (clap, clap)
 The mountains are His, the rivers are His, the stars are His handiwork too, My God is so
 great, so strong and so mighty! There’s nothing my God cannot do! for you!

***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:** John 6:35, 41-51 (pg. 868 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 6th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
 Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 522 *As We Gather at Your Table*

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,

teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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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, "We lift these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping." respond: **Amen**)

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

MINISTRY MOMENT: Summer camp

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)

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. Each staff is in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.' The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.' The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.'

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #197 *O Living Bread from Heaven*
 (LBW-green book) #356 *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*
 #205 *Now the Silence*

***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: 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 880 *O God beyond All Praising

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 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,
 and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;
 for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,
 at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:
 we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,
 we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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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: Lindsay, Traci, Pastor Ted Hummel, and the people of war-torn countries.

This Sunday is CAMP SUNDAY! Zion's had thirteen people attend Lutheran summer camp this year, and one work at Kirchenwald as a counselor! This Sunday, campers will say THANK YOU for your support (we provide 50% scholarships for all who want them), and will get to hear about all that they learned and experienced.

This Week at Zions:

August 12, Monday @ 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting
August 14, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Next Week at Zions:

August 20, Tuesday @ 6:30 pm Church Council meeting
August 21, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting
August 24, Saturday Back to School Blessings

Other News from Zions:

Check out "August's Member to Remember" on the bulletin board! Philip Mohn is this month's star! You can read about his faith and favorite experiences at Zion's in the weekly e-mail, or on the bulletin board by the Church Office.

Save the Date: God's Work, Our Hands Afternoon of Service Sunday, September 8. Got a few hours to share? Want to make a difference in our local and global communities? Plan to stay for a quick lunch after worship on Sunday, September 8, then join with others from our congregation in a variety of service projects as part of the ELCA's annual day of service wherein we do "God's work [with] our hands". We'll be packing college care packages, finishing up quilts for Lutheran World Relief, doing yard work for a local senior, and possibly making some freezer meals to have on hand when needed. Jobs for every age and ability!

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.

It's that time of year! We are less than one month out from our annual Back to School Blessings event, which will be held on Saturday, August 24! Please note this date CHANGE; the event will be held at the Northern Education Center / former Jonestown Elementary building. 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) or use this QR code: 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!



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 ***** a New Greeter sign-up is available online, if you are able to serve in this way, please contact Noel Strattan, dns@telecommute.net.

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

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Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	John Mohn	Tracy Hoy
Prayer	Seth Kurtz	Kelly Rittle
Children's sermon	Joanna Guldin-Noll	Terry Ludwig
Comm. Assts.	Kelly Rittle Judy Merkel	Linda Wenrich
Greeter		
Acolyte	Izaac McQuaide	Annabella Hess
Crucifer	Xander McQuaide	Logan Livingston
Altar Guild	Bucks family	Merkel family
Elevette	Noel Strattan	Tom Frey
Ushers	August- Rick Herr, Georgetta Wolfe, Jim Fowler	