



*Sixth Sunday After Pentecost, July 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church & Remotely via Zoom*

**Welcome friends and guests:** 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.

**Worship Service:** In God's Boundless Diversity, we are all made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please fill out the guest card and put it in the offering plate so we have a record of your presence today. Come back and worship each Sunday. *We do continue to be mindful of the different ways people are health compromised that may not be known. So please continue to practice healthy habits such as: stay home when you are sick, wash hands regularly, observe social distancing. Masks are at the discretion of each individual.*

**Holy Communion:** The Sacrament is offered to all worshiping with us. Zoom congregants, have your bread/wafer and juice/wine ready. Those worshiping in person may come forward for the sacraments or, cross your arms across your chest for a blessing instead.

**Fellowship:** Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for conversation and friendship.

**Other Information:** Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary. Our ushers can direct you. For pastoral care, contact Pastor Kate at 619-916-9630 or via email at: [kateschlechter2005@gmail.com](mailto:kateschlechter2005@gmail.com) -- her office hours are scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please contact her to schedule an appointment.

*~We Prepare for Worship~*

## **Welcome and Gathering of Prayers**

*~Gathering~*

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Call to Worship**

Come, open our hearts, and listen for the voice of God,

**Come, open our hearts to love one another.**

Come, open our minds, and receive the Spirit of wisdom.

**Come, open our minds to new understanding and insight.**

Come, open our senses, and experience our Creator at work.

**Come, open ourselves to the work of God around us.**

Come, open our arms, awake & arise, for God is calling us:

**Come and join in the worship of our awesome God.**

**Amen.**

### **Opening Prayer**

*Let us Pray.* We gather here, not to establish our credentials but to learn our needs; not to justify ourselves but to admit we are sorry: not to cling to the familiar but to risk the unfamiliar, not to seek respite from reality but to meet pure Reality, not to enjoy our own decency but to worship a holy God, not to practice positive thinking but to be caught up in God's joy.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: #513 *Listen, God is Calling*



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

### 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.**

### Confession & Forgiveness

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

**In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs. Forgive us, Reconciling Love. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can stop licking at our hurts, to bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Seek first the beloved community of God, the reign of Christ on earth, and live rightly and justly, and everything will come unto you. God will see you through. God knows your wounds and binds them. God knows your mistakes and forgives them. God knows your sorrow and surrounds you with love. Live into the beloved community and God's love will be shared through the love of others. Go and seek the community, and invite others to participate as we live into Christ's reign on earth as it is in heaven. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**Kyrie** (next page)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## Prayer of the Day

*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** (Pew Bible Page 12)

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He 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. <sup>3</sup>He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let 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.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.”

<sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

The word of God, the word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10**

*Our Psalm is read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

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

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

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>They 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** (Pew Bible Page 956-957)

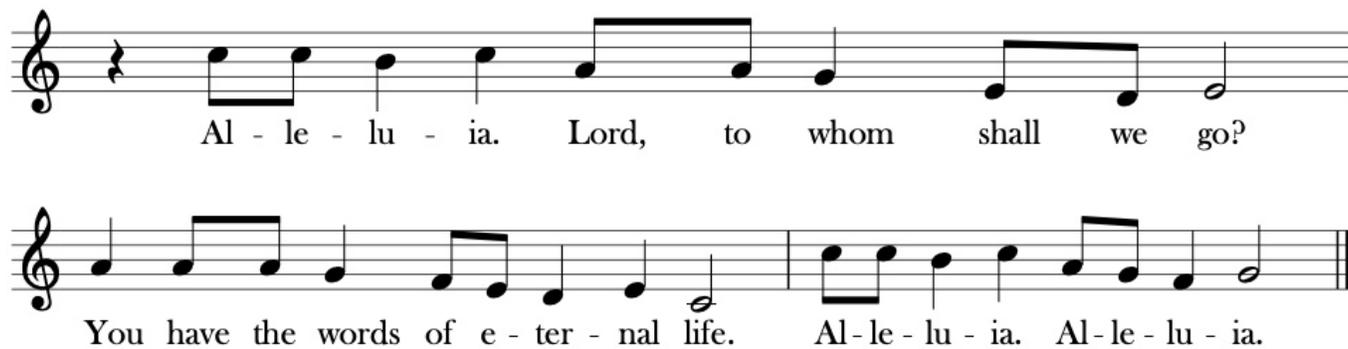
A reading from Colossians.

<sup>15</sup>[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for 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.

<sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He 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. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and 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. <sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him -- <sup>23</sup>provided 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. <sup>24</sup>I 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. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To 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. <sup>28</sup>It 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 God, the word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 (Pew Bible Page 845)

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

<sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But 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." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there 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.

## Children's Time

*Children of all ages, please come forward*

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Schlechter

## Hymn of the Day: #733 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

### *Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

## Invitation to Prayer

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

## Prayers of Intercession

*Your response to "God of Grace", is "Receive Our Prayer"*

Ever-present God, in Christ you fill 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, **receive 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 such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace, **receive 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...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community at Zion's to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers, Bible study leaders and pastors. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. God of grace, **receive 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**

Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace and of our shared friendship. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*~Meal~*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for missions of the church. You can give using check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at: [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1334741](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1334741)*

**Offertory:** #692 *We Are an Offering* (next page)

G<sup>7</sup> C Dm<sup>7</sup> C(add<sup>2</sup>) C/B  
 We lift our voice - es, — we lift our hands, we lift our

4 Fmaj<sup>7</sup> C/B Dm<sup>7</sup> G C Dm<sup>7</sup>  
 lives up to You: we are an of-fer- ing. — Lord, use our voice - es, — Lord, use our

7 Em<sup>7</sup> C/B F C(add<sup>2</sup>) B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup>  
 hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer- ing. —

10 Em<sup>7</sup> A Dm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>7</sup> Am  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

13 Dm<sup>7</sup> C(add<sup>2</sup>) B<sup>b</sup> Dm G<sup>7</sup>  
 give to you, we give to you. — We lift our

16 C Dm<sup>7</sup> C(add<sup>2</sup>) C/B Fmaj<sup>7</sup> C/B  
 voice - es, — we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: we are an

19 Dm<sup>7</sup> G C Dm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C/B  
 of-fer- ing. — Lord, use our voice - es, — Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

22 F C(add<sup>2</sup>) B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C  
 lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer- ing. — We are an of-fer- ing. —

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## **Offering Prayer**

*Let us pray.* Because we trust in your never-ending love, Gracious God, we offer not only our thanks, but our gifts, knowing that what you have done in the past – rescuing the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, loving the poor – will continue to be accomplished through our gifts. Bless all that we offer to you, we pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

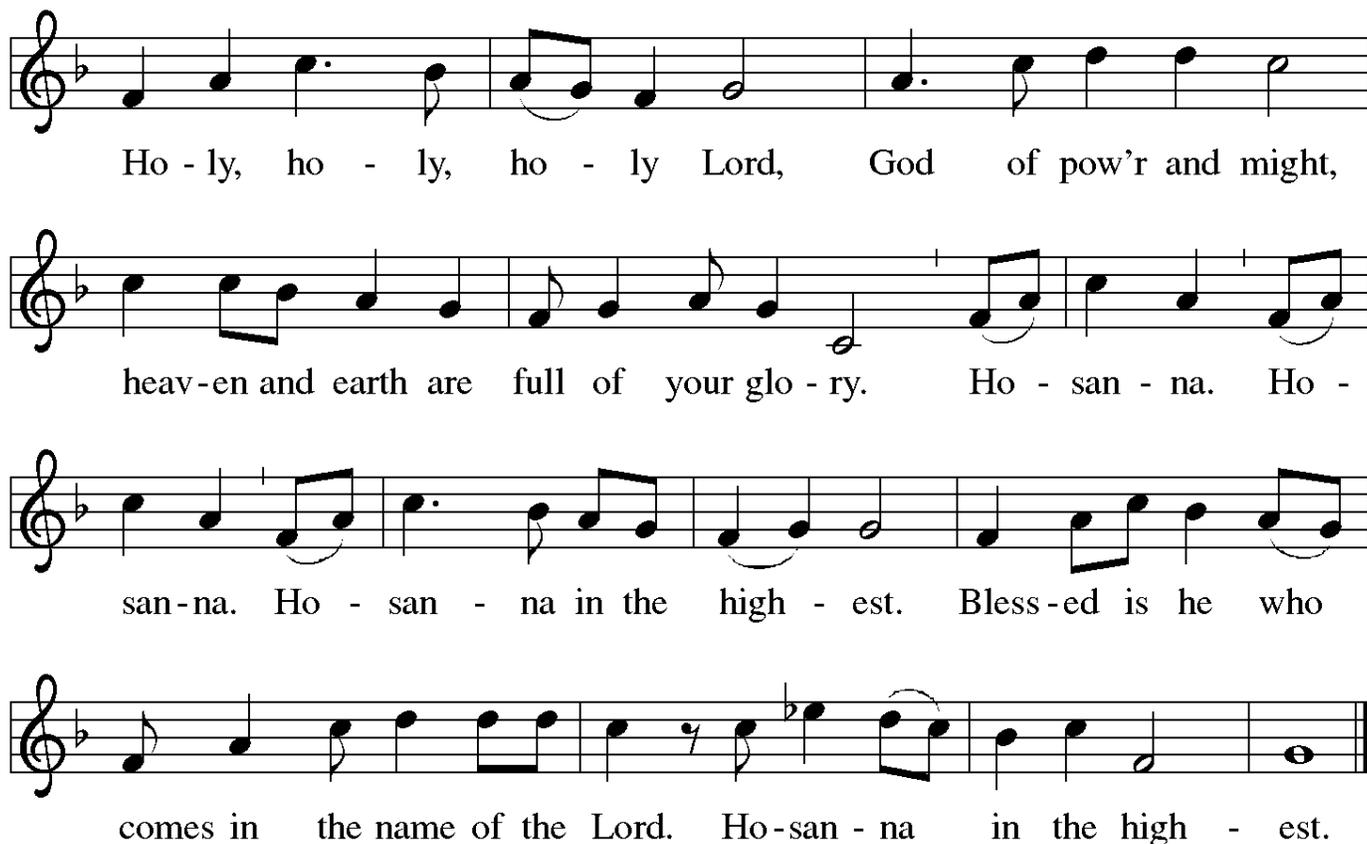
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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** (next page)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

### **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

### **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

### **We thank you, O God.**

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

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

**Lord's Prayer**

**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**

*Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.*

## Distribution of Sacrament of Holy Communion:

**Communion Hymn** *We Eat the Bread of Teaching* (Solo by Sharon Sorenson)

### Communion Blessing

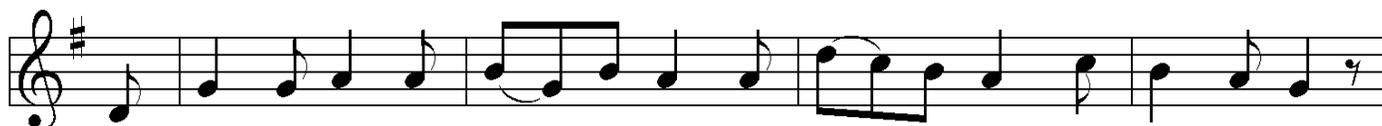
May the body & blood of Jesus, strengthen us, preserve us, and unite us in Love.

**Amen.**

### Song of Thanksgiving



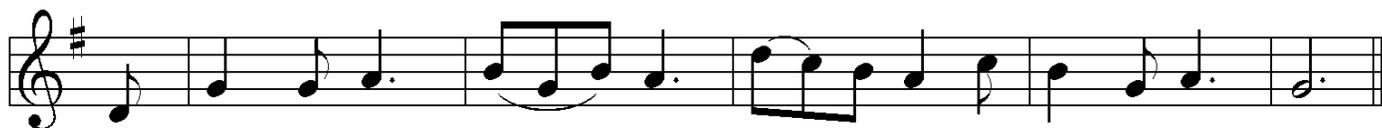
☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## **Communion Prayer**

*Let us pray.* **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

*~Sending~*

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

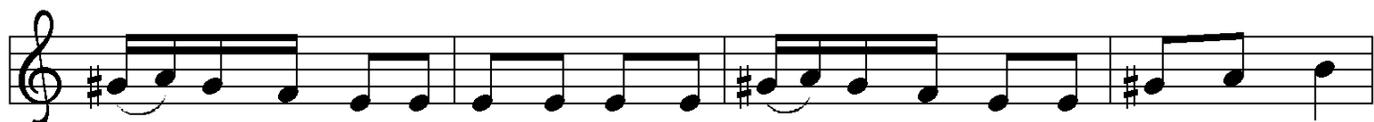
## **Announcements & Special Blessings**

### **Blessing & Benediction**

For just a moment, take a deep breath. That breath is restorative. It is bringing freshness and relaxation to your life. Go from this place in peace and may God's peace be in your hearts.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** #519 *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*  
(next page)



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

*Refrain*



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

## ~Announcements~

### Sixth Sunday After Pentecost, July 17, 2022

Worship Leaders: Pastor Kate Schlechter, Lisa Rygiel, and Carol Smith

Zoom Leaders: Sharon Sorenson & Ernie Parker

Music: Connie Pallone, Melodie Lanosga, and Sharon Sorenson

Ushers: Steve & JoAnn Karspeck

Communion: Ann Rasmussen

Flowers: Presented by Carol Schulzkump in celebration of her son's anniversary.

Sunday morning Bible Study resumes at 8:30 a.m. in the Blue Room or via Zoom. Come in person or join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/907628370?pwd=eFVCTEVhb0xqMXcxY2xaUG5JMUZEEdz09> or Dial 1 312 626 6799 -- Meeting ID: 907 628 370 -- Passcode: 332397

- Bread and Belonging is on hiatus for the summer.
- Women's Bible Study is using a series on Psalms. Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 22, in person in the Blue Room and via Zoom. Direct questions to Becky McNeil or Carol Smith. All are welcome! To Join via Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83136424723?pwd=TkxsQVlIMmo2bVlSekN0dGZqbzF1Zz09> -- Meeting ID: 831 3642 4723, Passcode: 865505 (or call 1-312-626-6799).
- Help Wanted:
  - Singers and musicians to serve in the role of key singer and/or provide other musical support on various Sundays, please let Sharon Sorenson know or respond to the church via email at [zionsluth@gmail.com](mailto:zionsluth@gmail.com).
  - Security team members to monitor the sanctuary door and check that doors in the fellowship hall are locked during services and after everyone has left. Please see Jeff Smith or a church council member if you would be interested.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Are you interested in knitting or crocheting one/some to share? Join our creative team. For details or information, talk to Joni Jones.
- **Creative In the Image of God**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13, at First Lutheran, 1515 North Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs. The deadline to submit registration is Aug. 9, however the earlier registrations are submitted, the better. Join in to learn how God created you to be creative! Come celebrate...the beauty all around us...our unique talents...artists who have combined their art and their faith. Tap into your creative spirit with prayer stations. Details and registration information can be found in the fellowship hall, on our website, and upon request from Lisa Rygiel or Jo Moss. If we have enough interest, perhaps we can caravan or carpool there. If you need financial assistance, please contact Lisa, Jo, or Pastor Kate.
- It's garage sale time on Saturday, Aug. 6, in the Fellowship Hall. We need people to volunteer, donate, and shop. If you can help, please let Julie Wersal know. You can bring your items to donate beginning on July 26
- The flower ministry blesses our worship space, and they bring such joy to our sanctuary. Please coordinate with Lynn Chase to sponsor the flowers.

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Opening Prayer (adapted): by Bruce Prewer in Bruceprewer.com "Year C, Sunday 11" at <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C40sun11.htm>.

Confession & Forgiveness and Offering Prayer: by Thom M. Shuman in Lectionary Liturgies, (c) Thom M. Shuman at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>.

Blessing and Benediction: by Nancy C. Townley -- Worship Connection: July 17, 2022 at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4009/worship-connection-july-17-2022>