



3rd Sunday After Pentecost, June 9, 2024  
10 a.m. at Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church

**Welcome Friends and Guests:** A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

**Serving this Sunday:**

Worship — Vicar Lisa Rygiel, Peggy Gustafson & Julie Wersal  
Musicians — Connie Pallone & Melodie Lanosga  
Ushers — Mark & Jo Moss  
Communion Preparation — Kathy Nicolai & T.M. Garner

**Worship and Communion:** In God's boundless diversity, we are made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please fill out a yellow guest card and put it in the offering plate so we have a record of your visit. *Come back and worship with us each Sunday at 10 a.m.* Those worshipping today may come forward for the sacraments or cross your arms across your chest for a blessing. This is Christ's table, all are welcome, as Christ welcomes all.

**Fellowship:** Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. All are welcome.

**Other Information:** Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary; our ushers can direct you. For pastoral care, call Vicar Lisa Rygiel at the church — 719-846-7785 or contact her via email:

~Gathering~

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

### **Gathering of Prayers & Call to Worship**

Unless God builds our house, **the house is built in vain.**

Unless Christ binds us together, **our fellowship will never be a family of faith.**

Unless the Spirit blows through our lives, **the glory and worship we give to the Holy One is empty and hollow.**

Come to God's temple and rest in Christ's grace.

### **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.**

### **Gathering Hymn: #705 God of Grace and Glory**



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the c - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## **Confession & Forgiveness**

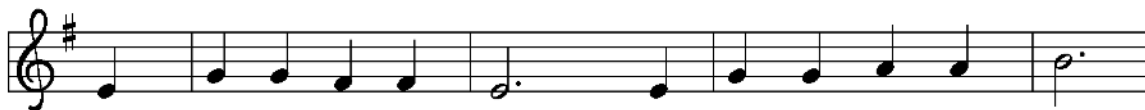
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most Merciful God...**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## **Kyrie**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, bind us together as your family. Swing wide the doors of our hearts and the doors of our church, that we may welcome the stranger in. Give us a spirit of faith, that we may be your temples upon this earth, lovers of your law, and givers of your grace. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

~Word~

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

### **First Reading:** Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."

<sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading:** Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

<sup>2</sup>**O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — “I believed, and so I spoke” — we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

<sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens .

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons."

<sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you."

<sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!<sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

**Sermon: Vicar Lisa Rygiel**

**Hymn of the Day:** *Cast Out, O Christ* (next page)



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the  
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are  
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you  
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that  
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that  
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -  
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you  
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,  
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.  
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.  
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.  
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.  
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## **Invitation to Prayer**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

## **Prayers of the People:**

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness **especially we pray for...**With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: including all graduates preparing for jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also, with you.**

Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace and of our shared friendship. Please share Christ's Peace.

*~Meal~*

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

## **Offering**

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[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741).*

## Offertory: #685 Take My Life, That I May Be, vs. 2



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

### **Offering Prayer**

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able.

We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God Almighty, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one and all are welcome. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

"Be still and know that I am God..." — Psalm 46:10

*God comes to us in worship and song. God also comes to us in silence and stillness.*

*Please use the time before and after you commune for silent contemplation, openness to God's word, and to listen for the voice of God.*

**Communion Hymn:** #785 *When Peace like a River* (next page)



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

### **Table Blessing**

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

### **Song of Thanksgiving** (next page)



☩ 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**

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*~Sending~*

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

### **Announcements & Special Blessings**

#### **Benediction**

Sisters and brothers of Christ, go into all the world! Go forth with forgiveness and grace. Go forth with compassion and love.

**We go as Christ's family for all the world to see.**

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** #860 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* (next page)



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

### **Dismissal**

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

~Announcements~

**The 3rd Sunday After Pentecost, June 9**

**Today's Flowers:** Given by Donated by T.M. Garner in celebration of all the new life's spring births of animals and growing season for the crops.

- **Fellowship Times:** Join us after worship for coffee and conversation.
- **Church Council:** The Zion's Church Council meets after worship today in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome
- **Bible Study:** Our weekday study continues every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. This week, Pastor Becky McNeil continues a Kerygma study on Spirituality and the Lord's Prayer.
- **Save the Date:** On June 16 and 23, during fellowship time, we will continue our Reconciling in Christ discussions with open cottage meetings. We will ask two questions: "What do you love about Zion's?" and "What opportunities and challenges do you foresee Zion's facing if we become an RIC Congregation?"
- **Flowers:** There are several days available this summer to sponsor flowers. Select the date in the flower book at the back of the sanctuary, write your name and the commemoration you want included in the bulletin. A minimum donation of \$35 is encouraged and donation envelopes are in the flower book.
- **Zion's Newsletter:** The July newsletter *Connections* was sent via email on May 31. Copies of the newsletter also are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. The deadline for July issue of the newsletter is June 20.
- **Celebrating Bishop Gonia:** At 3 p.m. on June 29, First Lutheran Church of Colorado Springs will celebrate the ministry of Bishop Jim Gonia, who retires July 31. Bishop Gonia has served the Rocky Mountain Synod as Bishop since 2012 and helped Zion's through some difficult times. Zion's members and friends are welcome to attend the celebration.
- **Prayer List Updates:** We are updating the prayer lists for the summer. If you have changes for the current list or requests for additions, please let Vicar Lisa, Julie Wersal, or Jo Moss know.
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