



6th Sunday After Pentecost, July 27, 2025 10 a.m. *Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church*

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.

Serving this Sunday:

Worship – Vicar Lisa Rygiel, Mike McNeil & Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Musicians – Connie Pallone & Becky McNeil
Ushers – T.M. Garner & Terri Watson
Communion – Steve & Carol Hanson

Worship: In boundless diversity, we all are made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please sign our guest book and feel free to learn more about us. *Come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.*

Communion: We celebrate open communion. This is Christ's table, all are welcome. You may come forward for the sacraments or cross your arms across your chest for a blessing. Our bread is gluten free and both wine and white grape juice (center of communion tray) are available.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Other Information: Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary; our ushers can direct you. For pastoral care, call the Vicar Lisa at 719-846-7785 or send an email: zionsluth@gmail.com. Additional information about Zion's can be found on our website at: zionsluth.org.

Zion's Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community.



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~Gathering~

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

Gathering of Prayers & Call to Worship

Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, the eternal God: the one through whom all things were created, and in whom all things are held together.

This is our God! Let's worship together. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: #407 O Living Breath of God

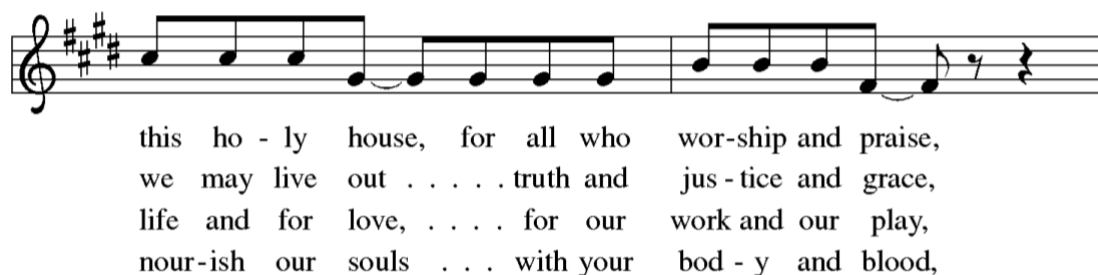
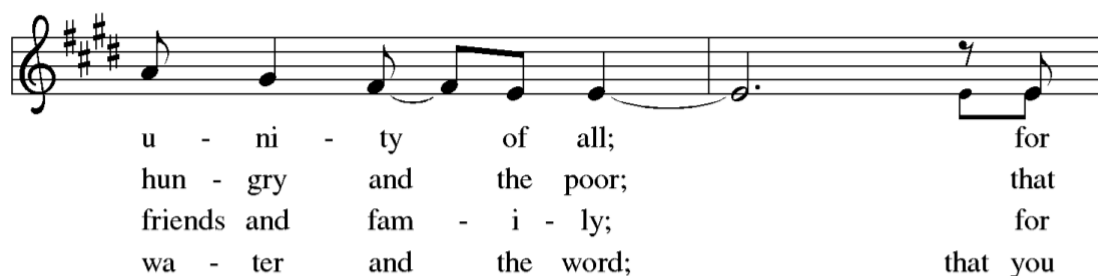
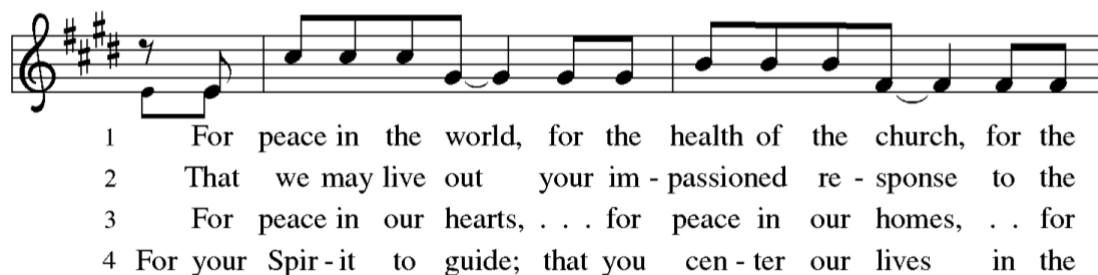
Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Let us open our hearts and minds to the truth of our lives and let us offer that truth to God. **Amen.**

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



Prayer of the Day

O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

~Word~

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

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He 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. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let 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." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then 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. ⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 15

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

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

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

⁴**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.**

⁵They 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

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ 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.²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ 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 minister of this gospel.

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ 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 the Lord. **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, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to Luke chapter ten. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ 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." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. 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: Mary McKenna

Sermon: Vicar Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* (next page)



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

The New Creed

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Prayers of the People

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind eagerness to protect and care for creation. With your words of life bring healing to the earth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair. Today we especially pray for... Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

The spirit-filled peace of Christ be with you always! **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/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741

Offertory: #680 We Plow the Fields and Scatter, vs. 1

Offering Prayer

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

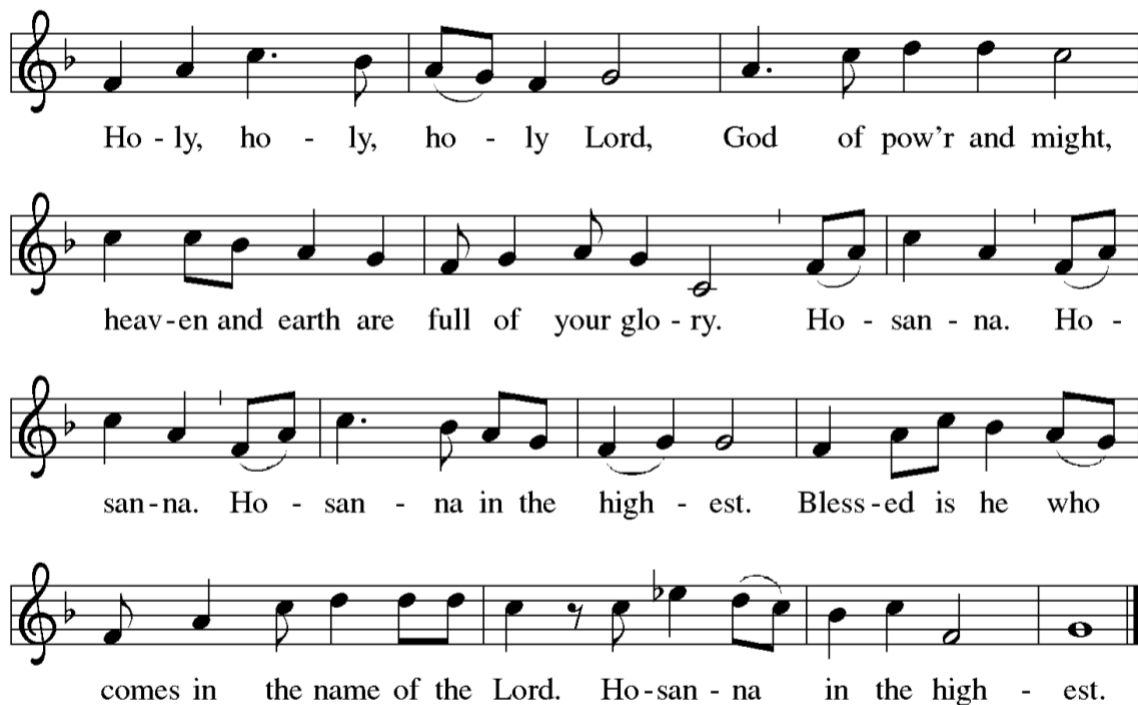
The Creator God be with you. **And also, with you.**

Prepare your hearts. **We prepare our hearts for God's bounty.**

Let us give thanks to the God of chosen family. **For this community, we give thanks.**

Holy One we give you thanks joyfully for the many ways you have blessed us.... and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

In the night in which he was betrayed... Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

God's love is wide. God's table is big. No one is excluded.

Our bread is gluten free and both wine and white grape juice are available.

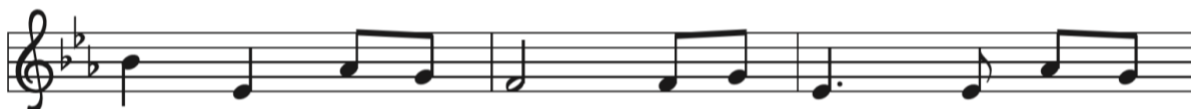
God comes to us in worship and song. God also comes to us in silence and stillness.

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. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion Hymn: Loaves Were Broken; Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



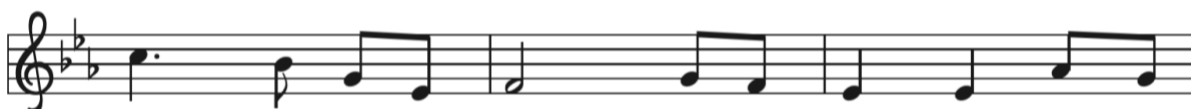
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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

May we who have fed at Wisdom's table take her welcome out to where tables are reserved and doors are closed. May the Spirit drive us to break our bread on the altar of the world. Amen.

~Sending~

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

Announcements & Special Blessings

Benediction

God sends us from this place, with our eyes wide open.

May we see all who hope for healing and for justice.

Jesus calls us to leave this place to go to listen.

We will hear the cries of those ignored by the world; we will open ourselves to the anguish of those around us.

The Spirit challenges us to welcome everyone as our siblings.

May we offer our lives and hearts to all we meet. Amen.

Sending Hymn: #820 O Savior, Precious Savior

Dismissal

Go in peace and hope, knowing you are not alone. **Thanks be to God.**

~Announcements~

- **Fellowship:** Join us after worship for coffee and conversation.
- **New Hymnals:** Zion's is adding the blue *All Creation Sings* hymnals to each pew. Thank you to all of the people who already have donated. If you would like to donate one of the new hymnals as well, please use the form available in the back of the Sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall and place it and your donation in the offering plate, give it to Vicar Lisa, or mail it to Zion's at 510 Pine Street, Trinidad. We will put a book plate inside the front cover of the new hymnal in recognition of your gift. The recommended donation of \$20 per book is appreciated.
- **Five Loaves Assistance Needed:** We will deliver lunches for our 5-Loaves food ministry on Saturday, July 26. Volunteers are needed to help with preparation beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 25, and to deliver meals starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 26. If you can help, please let Terri Watson or Norine Hazen know.
- **Flower Chart:** The flower chart is posted on the door to the robing room in the back of the Sanctuary. A gift of \$35 is suggested for flower donations.
- **Zion's Garage Sale:** This year's annual garage sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2. If you are able to help or to donate items to the sale, your generosity is appreciated. Donations can be brought for the sale beginning the week of July 20. While Zion's can accept most items for the sale, we cannot accept electronic items of any kind, and we do not accept clothing.
- **Save the Dates:**
 - ❖ Vicar Lisa's installation will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10.
 - ❖ God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 7.

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