



**Pride Sunday -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – June 7, 2026  
10 a.m. Worship at Zion’s Lutheran Church**

**Welcome Friends and Guests:** Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for many things including the hungry disciples plucking grain on the sabbath and Jesus’ healing on the Sabbath. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society who need mercy the most. As we gather each Lord’s day, we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

**Serving this Sunday:**

- Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Jo Moss & Carol Hanson
- Musicians –Mark Nelson & Cristy Street
- Ushers – Steve Hanson & Mark Moss
- Communion – Carol Hanson & Jo Moss



**Worship & Music:** 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 Come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. We use both the cranberry Lutheran Book of Worship and the purple *All Creation Sings* hymnals as indicated in the bulletin.

**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 tray) are available.

**Other:** Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall; our ushers can direct you.

**Fellowship:** Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for First Sunday Potluck and a special PRIDE month celebration. All are welcome!

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

~Gathering~

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

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

We gather in the name of God, the non-binary Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, who helps us reframe our resistance to society's attempts to make us invisible. We gather to lament, re-establish our foundation in Jesus, celebrate the joy of God's love and our life together, and find the courage to speak and act in support of all of God's beloveds.

**We gather on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo, Comanche, Apache, and Ute peoples.**

The roads that brought us here today were cross places where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land and still do today. We come: a people from different places, different histories, different cultures.

**We gather to honor the Creator, and all creation—human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky—that belong to God.**

We yearn to live fully, celebrating both the diversity of our human family, and the unity of our call to peace, love and justice. **Amen.**

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

God of the divine feminine, **help us strip away all that the world requires of us. The smallness, the daintiness, the gentle and submissive tendencies, the beauty standards, the trendiness, the fashion conscientiousness, the norms of cooking and cleaning and care taking. The expectations of lady-like demeanor.**

#### *Brief Silence for Contemplation*

Instead, equip us with all we see in you. **Remind us of the ways in which we embody intuitiveness, compassion, wisdom, acceptance, forgiveness, collaboration and reflectiveness.**

God of the divine masculine, **help us strip away all that the world requires of us. The greatness, the supremacy, the righteous anger, the norms of being the sole protector and key provider. The expectations of becoming the one and only.**

#### *Brief Silence for Contemplation*

Instead, equip us with all we see in you. **Remind us of the ways in which we embody logic, assertiveness, discipline, boundaries, confidence and objectivity.**

God of the divine non-binary, **help us strip away the notion of the either/or. The archetypes and the paradigms that divide. The expectations that I must fit into a single category.**

#### *Brief Silence for Contemplation*

Instead, equip us with all we see in you. **Remind us of the ways in which we embody expansiveness, liminal space, and inclusiveness. Help us to trust these qualities, to know them as holy, sacred and worthy, to live boldly knowing that your asymmetrical love is always and everywhere unconditional.**

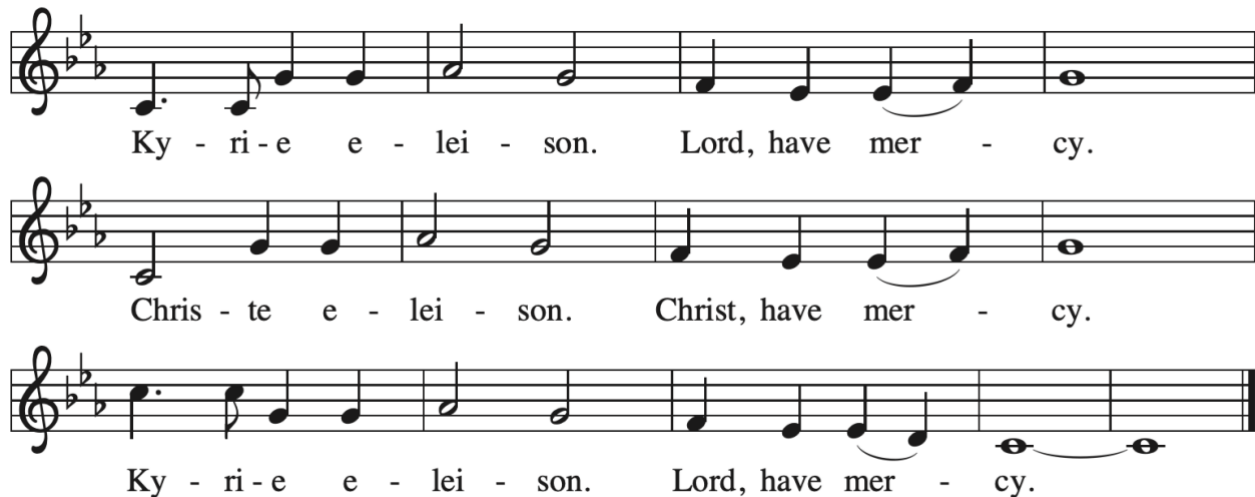
Hear this, God's beloved children! ... And all God's beloveds say -- **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: #532 (cranberry hymnal) Gather Us In**

### **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.**

## Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And, also with you.**

God of Beauty...work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

~Word~

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

### **First Reading:** Genesis 16:1-16, 21:8-21

Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to have children. Since she owned an enslaved Egyptian woman named Hagar, Sarai said to Abram, "God has kept me from giving birth, so go to my slave. Maybe she will provide me with children." Abram did just as Sarai said. After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took her enslaved Egyptian woman named Hagar and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when she realized that she was pregnant, she no longer respected her mistress.

Sarai said to Abram, "This harassment is your fault. I allowed you to sleep with my servant, but when she realized she was pregnant, I lost her respect. Let the Lord decide who is right, you or me." Abram said to Sarai, "Since she's your slave, do whatever you wish to her." So, Sarai treated her harshly, and she ran away from Sarai. God found Hagar at a spring in the desert, the spring on the road to Shur, and said, "Hagar! Sarai's slave! Where did you come from and where are you going?" She said, "From Sarai my mistress. I'm running away." God said to her, "Go back to your mistress. Put up with her harsh treatment of you." God also said to her, "I will give you many children, so many they can't be counted!"

God said to her, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You will name him Ishmael because the Lord has heard about your harsh treatment. He will be a wild mule of a man; he will fight everyone, and they will fight him. He will live at odds with all his relatives." Hagar named the God who spoke to her, El Roi because she said, "Can I still see after they saw me?" Therefore, that well is called Beer-lahai-roi; it's the well between Kadesh and Bered. Hagar gave birth to a son for Abram, and Abram named him Ishmael. Isaac grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. So, she said to Abraham, "Send this slave away with her son! This slave's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac." This upset Abraham terribly because Ishmael was his son. God said to Abraham, "Don't be upset about the boy and your enslaved woman. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac."

But through Hagar's son I will make a great nation too, because he is also your descendant." Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away.

She left and wandered through the desert near Beersheba. Finally, the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept. God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because through him I will make a great nation." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

God's Word invites us into life. **Thanks be to God!**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 97

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, because the waters have reached my neck!

<sup>2</sup> **I have sunk into deep mud. My feet can't touch the bottom!**

**I have entered deep water; the flood has swept me up.**

<sup>3</sup> I am tired of crying. My throat is hoarse. My eyes are exhausted with waiting for my God.

<sup>4</sup> **More numerous than the hairs on my head are those who hate me for no reason.**

**My treacherous enemies, those who would destroy me, are countless.**

**Must I now give back what I didn't steal in the first place?**

<sup>5</sup> God, you know my foolishness; my wrongdoings aren't hidden from you.

<sup>6</sup> **Lord God of heavenly forces! — don't let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me.**

God of Israel! — don't let those who seek you be disgraced because of me.

<sup>7</sup> **I am insulted because of you. Shame covers my face.**

<sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger to my own siblings, an immigrant to my mother's children.

<sup>9</sup> **Because passion for your house has consumed me,  
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me!**

<sup>10</sup> I wept while I fasted — even for that I was insulted.

<sup>11</sup> **When I wore funeral clothes, people made fun of me.**

<sup>12</sup> Those who sit at the city gate muttered things about me; drunkards made up rude songs.

<sup>13</sup> **But me? My prayer reaches you, O God, at just the right time.**

**God, in your great and faithful love, answer me with your certain salvation!**

<sup>14</sup> Save me from the mud! Don't let me drown!

Let me be saved from those who hate me and from these watery depths!

<sup>15</sup> **Don't let me be swept away by the floodwaters! Don't let the abyss swallow me up!  
Don't let the pit close its mouth over me!**

<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O God, for your faithful love is good! Turn to me in your great compassion!

<sup>17</sup> **Don't hide your face from me, your servant, because I'm in deep trouble. Answer me quickly!**

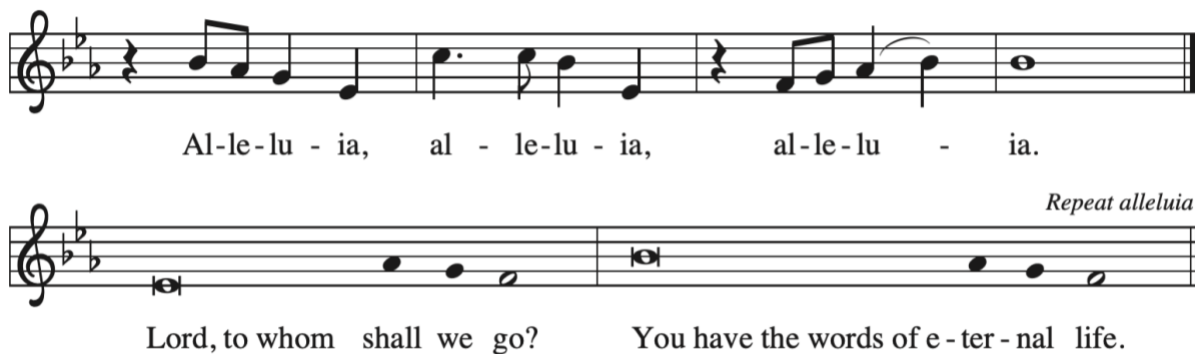
<sup>18</sup> Come close to me! Redeem me! Save me because of my enemies!

**Second Reading:** Revelation 3:5-6

“Write this to the angel of the church in Sardis: These are the words of the one who holds God’s seven spirits and the seven stars: I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, and you are in fact dead. Wake up and strengthen whatever you have left, teetering on the brink of death, for I’ve found that your works are far from complete in the eyes of my God. So, remember what you received and heard. Hold on to it and change your hearts and lives. If you don’t wake up, I will come like a thief, and you won’t know what time I will come upon you. But you do have a few people in Sardis who haven’t stained their clothing. They will walk with me clothed in white because they are worthy. Those who emerge victorious will wear white clothing like this. I won’t scratch out their names from the scroll of life but will declare their names in the presence of my Father and his angels.” If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

God’s Word invites us into life. **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 12:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 12. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, so they were picking heads of wheat and eating them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are breaking the Sabbath law.” But he said to them, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and those with him were hungry? He went into God’s house and broke the law by eating the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat. Or haven’t you read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple treat the Sabbath as any other day and are still innocent? But I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. If you had known what this means, I want mercy and not sacrifice, you wouldn’t have condemned the innocent.

The Human One is Lord of the Sabbath.” Jesus left that place and went into their synagogue. A man with a withered hand was there. Wanting to bring charges against Jesus, they asked, “Does the Law allow a person to heal on the Sabbath?” Jesus replied, “Who among you has a sheep that falls into a pit on the Sabbath and will not take hold of it and pull it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! So, the Law allows a person to do what is good on the Sabbath.” Then Jesus said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So, he did and it was made healthy, just like the other one. The Pharisees went out and met in order to find a way to destroy Jesus.

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

**Sermon:** Pastor Lisa Rygiel

**Hymn of the Day:** #641 (cranberry hymnal) All Are Welcome

### **Statement of Faith**

**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. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Gracious Lord, Let streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth. Let us offer the poor worth, feed the hands of the hungry whose arms are outstretched, and give shelter to those who find themselves without a place to call home. Surround our siblings who are within the LGBTQIA+ community with your loving acceptance and grace. God of Compassion, **Hear Us When We Call.**

Dear Comforting Lord, Let the streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth. Lift the mourner, the broken in spirit, those who grieve from abuse, and those who long to laugh again, when tears have filled their eyes. Look with favor upon our siblings who experience oppression and exclusion, and for those we name in our prayers today, including...God of Compassion, **Hear Us When We Call.**

God of Peace, let streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth, for healing of the world, our nation and others, our communities, our church, and our political leaders. Grant us grace to mend but not stay still. Sustain our courage and help us to abandon vengeance and hatred, lifting us up to love all our neighbors as ourselves. God of Compassion, **Hear Us When We Call.**

God of love, shown to us in the life of Jesus Christ, let your streams of living justice flow down upon the earth, stir in us our faith and courage in equal measure so we may serve others, to walk beside our siblings instead of away, to embrace all of humanity, and creation as a gift from you. Create in us a clean heart. God of Compassion, **Hear Us When We Call.**

God of all, we offer to you these prayers and those we hold in our hearts, continue to fill us with the hope and the understanding that we have been made in your image, yet weaving our diversity into one beautiful tapestry that we respect and uplift. **Amen.**

### **Peace**

The spirit-filled 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 by check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at: [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741)*

**Offertory:** #678 (cranberry hymnal) God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, v. 3

### **Offering Prayer**

Creator God, in your wisdom...and that works for justice for all people. **Amen.**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God is here! **Immanuel is with us!**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God!**

Let us give thanks to our God, the One who sees us! **It is right to give our thanks and praise to God!**

God of Rainbow promises...As we sing with all the creatures of the earth and heavens you have made:

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, Mighty, Intimate God...you guide us forward with words of love and mercy.

### Lord's Prayer

**Heavenly God, giver of life, holy is your name, your blessed community come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For you reign in power and glory now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

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

*Taste and see that the Lord is Good.*

*Our bread is gluten free & 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.*

**Communion Song: Lamb of God**



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 a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

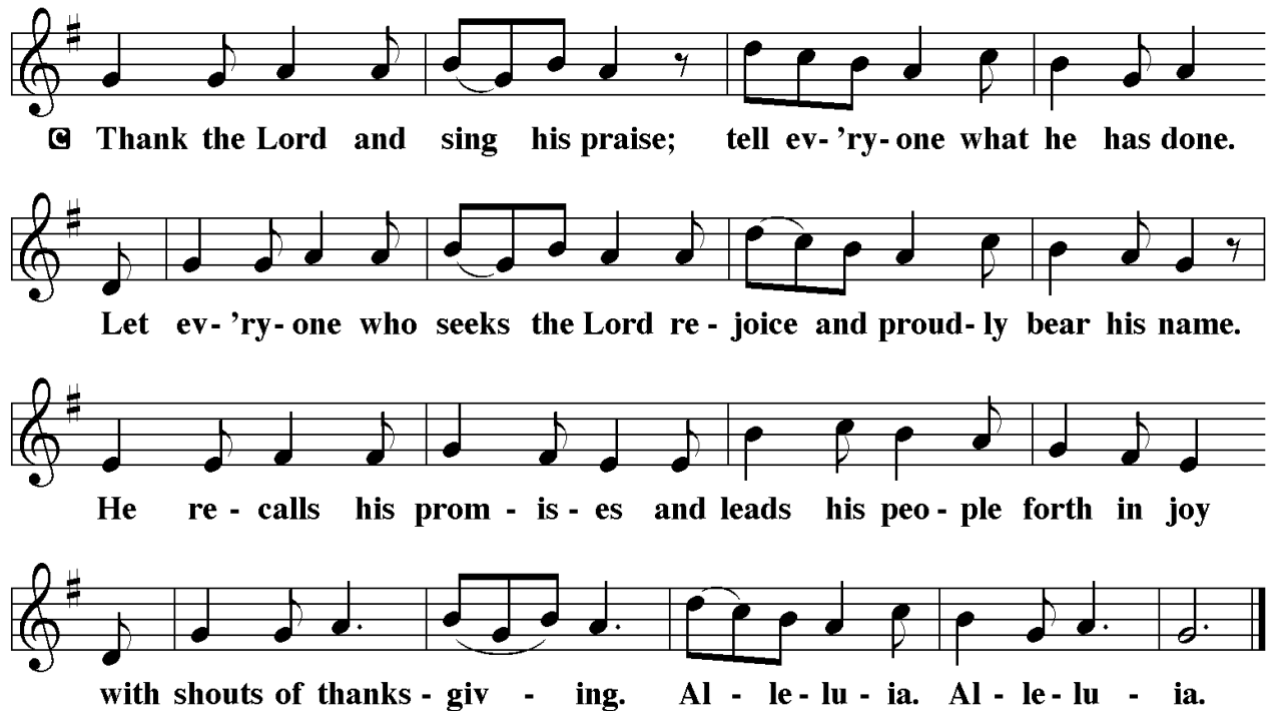
**Communion Hymn: #969 (purple hymnal) Welcome Table**

**Communion Hymn #977 (purple hymnal) Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table**

**Table Blessing**

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

**Communion Song: Thank the Lord & Sing His Praise**



**☑ 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 all queerness, you gathered us into one through this holy meal. Grant that we might go out into the world filled with your grace and love so that we yourself might serve others. In your many names we pray, Amen.

*~Sending~*

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

**Announcements & Special Blessings**

**Benediction**

May the Creator of all embolden us to be fiercely and authentically human. May the Holy Protector guide us as we continue to discover the fullness of who we are. And may the Spirit of Truth and Wisdom guide us to seek justice for all. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** #595 (cranberry hymnal) Jesus Loves Me

**Dismissal**

Go forth with courage, loving God and serving neighbors.

**Thanks be to God.**

~Announcements~

- + **Fellowship:** Join us after worship today for our First Sunday Potluck and Pride Sunday celebration, which includes an ice cream social. All are welcome.
- + **Wednesday Book Club:** Book Club sessions focusing upon *What if Jesus was Serious – A Visual Guide to the Teachings of Jesus We Love to Ignore*, are at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. The next session is Wednesday, June 3. You can join at any time, so if you haven't been able to attend before now, why not consider doing so.
- + **Time of Prayer and Coffee:** We are invited to join our siblings in Christ from the Methodist church for a time of prayer and coffee at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday at Kangaroo Coffee -in the Marketplace on Commercial Street.
- + **Newsletter:** The June newsletter was sent via email on May 31, print copies also are available in the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.
- + **Summer Supper Gatherings:** At 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each summer month, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for food and fun. The dates are June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, and Sept. 9. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for food and activities. If you want to help provide food or to head up an activity, please let Julie Wersal or Jo Moss know. We still need some side dishes for June 10, such as chips or salad.
- + **Annual Garage Sale:** The annual Zion's Garage Sale will be Saturday, Aug. 1. If you have items to donate, please let Julie Wersal know. We will begin accepting drop offs beginning July 24. Please be aware that while Zion's can accept most items for the sale, we **cannot** accept electronic or computer items and we do not accept clothing and shoes either.
- + **We're Here for You:** For pastoral care, call Zion's at 719-846-7785 or send an email: zionsluth@gmail.com.

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