

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – June 14, 2026**  
**10 a.m. Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church**

**Welcome Friends and Guests:** Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

**Serving this Sunday:**

Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Julie Wersal & Coralie Lashbrook  
Musicians – Connie Pallone & Becky McNeil  
Ushers – T.M. Garner & Terri Watson  
Communion – Mary McKenna & Julie Wersal



**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 coffee and conversation. 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**

God of life, God of hope, God of all

**Lift us on your love like eagle's wings.**

Sustain us, guide us, heal us

**Then send us forth into the world**

That we may love as you love. **Amen.**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. **Blessed be God forever.**

**Gathering Hymn: #526 (cranberry hymnal) God is Here**

**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**

Musical notation for the Kyrie, consisting of three staves of music in a G minor key signature (one flat). The lyrics are: 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 compassion... Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*~Word~*

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

**First Reading:** Exodus 19:2-8a

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup> ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

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

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

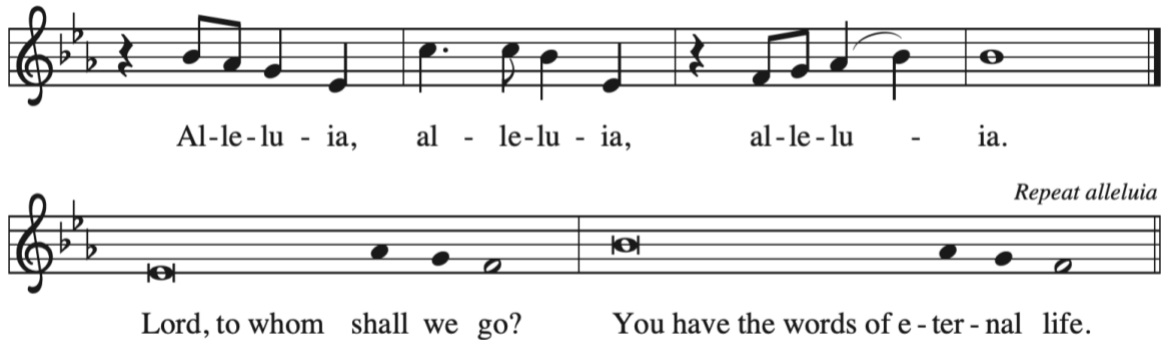
<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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## Gospel Acclamation



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

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

*Repeat alleluia*

## Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 9. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

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

**Sermon:** Pastor Lisa Rygiel

**Hymn of the Day:** #791 (cranberry hymnal) We Sing to You, O God

## 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**

God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of Compassion, **hear us when we call.**

God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of Compassion, **hear us when we call.**

God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, enlighten our leaders to set aside differences in order to pursue the work of fostering peace, equity, and community. Bring hope to places devastated by destruction and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of Compassion, **hear us when we call.**

God of love, on this International Day of the Child, watch over the children separated from their families by ICE, the ones going hungry because of benefit reductions, the ones without health care because of Medicaid and other healthcare cuts. Wrap all children in your divine protection, keeping them safe from harm. Fill their hearts with courage when they are afraid and replace their worries with your perfect peace. God of Compassion, **hear us when we call.**

God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries, including...God of Compassion, **hear us when we call.**

God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of Compassion, **hear us when we call.**

God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of Compassion, **hear us when we call.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **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:** #167 (cranberry hymnal) Now the Feast and Celebration, v. 1

## **Offering Prayer**

Creator God...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:

### 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

We praise you, all-holy God...And so, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

We pray for your Holy Spirit...We praise you, all-holy God, the Creator, the Son, the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

**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: #405 (cranberry hymnal) O Spirit of Life**

**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:** #661 (cranberry hymnal) I Love to Tell the Story

**Dismissal**

Go forth with courage, loving God and serving neighbors. **Thanks be to God.**

~Announcements~

- ✦ **Fellowship:** Join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for coffee & conversation. 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 17. 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.
- ✦ **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 next evening of food and fun is scheduled for at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8. Other dates are Aug. 12 and Sept. 9. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for food and activities. If you have questions, please let Julie Wersal or Jo Moss know.
- ✦ **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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