

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025

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Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz
Every Week at Zions: @ 10:30 Worship,
Sunday School and Wednesday activities are on hiatus for the summer.

**(Congregation please stand as able)*

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

***GATHERING HYMN: WOV 674 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

You are invited to face the rear of the sanctuary and turn towards the cross as it passes.

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je -

sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb,
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread,
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth,
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing:
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, riv - er of life,

heav - en for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
giv - ing us glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
Christ to the peo - ple, gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
"O grave, be o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
saints and arch - an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



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Music © 1969 Contemporary Worship I, admin. Augsburg Fortress 4 5 10 4 5 10 and refrain

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live in the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **C: Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

A musical score for a hymn, divided into parts for All, Men, and Women. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:"

MEN Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

WOMEN For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

ALL This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:6-15 (pg. 900 in pew Bible)

[Paul and Timothy] went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

After the Reading: Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67 (pg. 460 in your pew Bible, next) (read responsively)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

Congregation: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity

L: and guide the nations upon earth.

C: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

L: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

C: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10,22-22:5 (pg. 1008 in pew Bible)

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

After the reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON *as the children come forward, please join in singing:*

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! (2x)

Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia! (3x) Praise ye the Lord!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL:** John 14:23-29 (pg. 877 in pew Bible)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 14th Chapter. **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of our Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 646 *The Peace of the Lord*

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***SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, our regular electronic offering service, offering one-time and regular options.



***OFFERTORY HYMN**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.
Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***HOLY COMMUNION & SENDING**

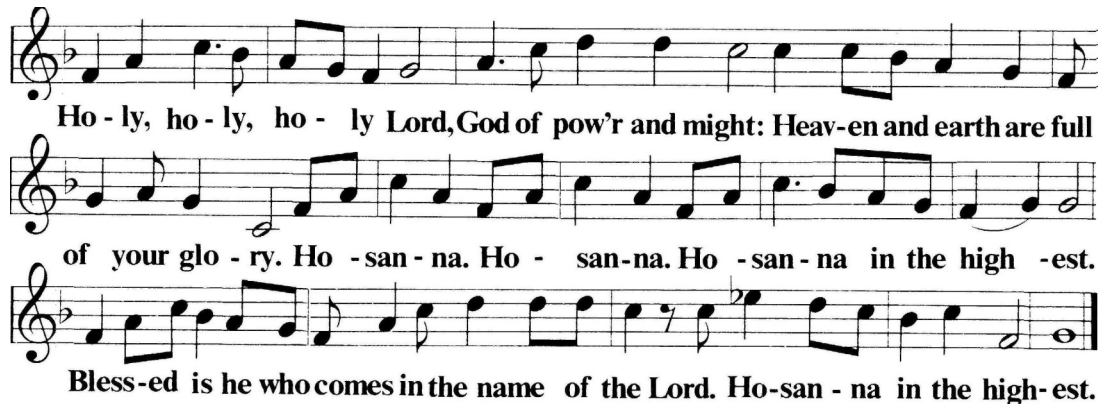
*P: The Lord be with you C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name 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

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S PRAYER

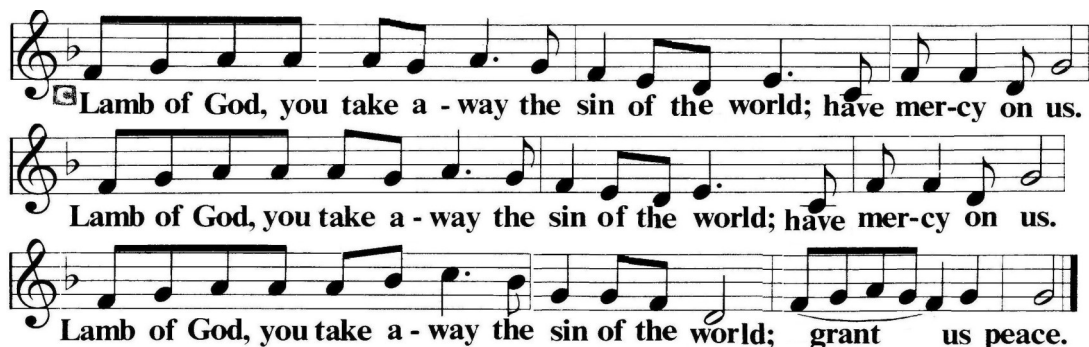
P: We pray as Jesus taught us:

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 THE LORD'S TABLE

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD



At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that accommodation, please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.

*Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.*

“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen.”

COMMUNION HYMNS: #346 *When Peace, like a River*

(green book)

#359 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

#352 *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: The God of all grace bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN:** ELW 866 *We Are Marching in the Light*

As the cross is processed to the rear of the sanctuary as we sing, you are invited to turn towards it, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. we are march-ing in the light of God. we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God. we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing oo - We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

we are march-ing in the light of God.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.

We are march-ing oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,

we are march-ing in the light of God.

2 We are singing ...

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*DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
 L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We're glad you're here! Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshiping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Family and friends of Edith Rich, Joan Gerhart, Karen, Bob, Jessica, Nicole, De Mohn, and all victims of disaster and violence.

This Week at Zions:

May 28, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting
 June 1, Sunday @ noon TALENT AND HOBBY SHOW in the social hall

Next Week at Zions:

June 4, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

June 1 (NEXT WEEK) is Graduate Sunday! On this day we recognize, and ask God's blessing upon those who are graduating from high school and college. Graduates are asked to send a picture and short blurb about what's next to Pastor Caitlin by **TODAY**, Sunday, May 25. Thank you!

(ALSO NEXT WEEK) June 1 - Hobby/Talent Show: Zion's will bring back their hobby/talent show on June 1, immediately following worship. A light lunch will be provided and we are asking attendees to bring a side dish or dessert. You are invited to perform on stage, display a hobby, or just come out to have a good time. Any questions, see Sharon Northridge. Please sign up on the large bulletin board! Hope to see you there!

June 1, Free movie, *Honor Begins At Home - Courageous*, sponsored by Thrivent at the Allen Theatre in Annville at 2:00 pm.

On Sunday June 8 we celebrate Pentecost and Confirmation! As we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we also celebrate and ask God's blessing upon Gracie Bucks, Levi Bucks, Daryl Root, and Derek Wolfe, who will be affirming their baptism in the rite of Confirmation. The congregation is invited to wear red--symbolic of the Holy Spirit--and sign up for the luncheon after worship. A freewill contribution for lunch will be received, and all are welcome!

Zion's Worship and Music Team wants to hear from you! They are collecting feedback from Lent and Easter worship opportunities, and seeking camp song and hymn requests for worship this summer. Please use the link in your weekly email, or this QR code to submit feedback and requests. Camp songs for Camp Sunday (August 10) and other hymn requests can also be submitted on a piece of paper in the offering plate.



Jonestown UMC invites children in kindergarten through 5th grade to Vacation Bible School, June 16-19 from 5:30-7:30 PM. There's a link on our homepage to register. Volunteers are also welcome as we learn to *Trust Jesus in a wild world!*

Zion's Lutheran Summer Concert Series, coordinated by Joel Guldin, will welcome two groups to the Jonestown Park Band Shell this summer. The first is the M and J Brass Quintet on Sunday June 8 at 3 PM, and the second is the Washington Band of Annville on Sunday July 20 at 3 PM. Both concerts are sponsored by Thrivent, and all are welcome!

Fill that cart! We have **eighteen youth** signed up to attend the Youth Service Camp in June! They will be serving at the church, and in the community, including at JOY Pantry. We are asking for your help filling the cart in the narthex with non-perishable PROTEIN foods for JOY, which they will personally deliver on the day they serve at JOY. Your contributions will be multiplied through a Thrivent Action Team card. Suggestions include tuna, diny moore beef stew, hormel chili, spam, canned chicken, tinned fish, vienna sausages and canned salmon. Prefer something lighter? Knorr pasta sides, ramen noodles, canned red beets, canned potatoes, and chicken noodle soup would also be great. **THANK YOU!**

And that corner! We are also serving at the Clothing Closet that week. If you have clothing donations just waiting to be dropped off, you can bring them to Zion's until Sunday, June 15. We'll get them to the Closet, and sort them that week.

Help needed for Youth Service Camp! Of course, to make this great week of service learning possible, we need adult help! If you're able to provide a meal for our time together, donate a Thrivent Action Team card, help transport youth whose parents are working, or provide transportation for one of our afternoon activities *please let Pastor Caitlin know.* Thank you!

Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Linda Wenrich	Elaine Ludwig
Prayer	John Mohn	Kristin Hoffer
Children's sermon	Noel Strattan	Stephanie Livingston
Comm. Assts.	Ed & Elaine Ludwig	Kelly Rittle, Judy Merkel
Greeter		Elaine Ludwig
Acolyte	Madelyn Rittle	Derek Wolfe
Crucifer	MacKenzie Hess	Rob McQuaide
Altar Guild	Bucks family	Noel Strattan
Elevette	Kadance Kugler	Tom Frey
Ushers	Georgetta Wolfe, Rick Herr	Jim Fowler

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