Welcome to Zion's Lutheran Church Holy Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025

Zion's worship services are live-streamed and archived on YouTube. While the focus is always on the worship leaders and the sanctuary at large, your voice and image may be included as part of the recording. If you do not wish to appear on film, please sit in, or under, the balcony and ask an usher for communion to be brought to your seat. If you have any other questions, please speak with Pastor Caitlin. Thank you for your understanding and support in spreading the Gospel message!

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: ELW 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty You are invited to face the rear of the sanctuary and turn towards the cross as it passes.



*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. C: Amen
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

- P: Most merciful God.
- C: 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.
- P: 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. **C: Amen.**





*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: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (pg. 515 in pew Bible)

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

PSALM: Psalm 8 (pg. 427 in your pew Bible, next) (read responsively)

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Congregation: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

- L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
- C: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
- L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.

C: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

L: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

C: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5 (pg. 917 in pew Bible)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

After the reading: Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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

I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the Church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the Church together!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



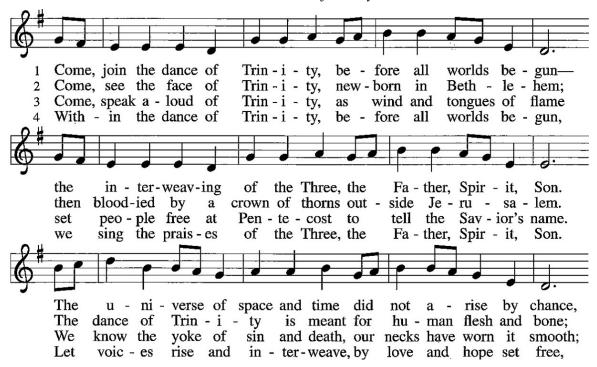
*Gospel: John 16:12-15 (pg. 879 in pew Bible)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 16th Chapter. Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

SERMON

*Hymn of the day: ELW 412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity





the Three, in and hope, made room with-in their dance. but love as when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. tell the world of weight and woe that are free to move! go we shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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Blessing of Graduates: part 2

OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

*NICENE CREED

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us profess our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of the People

(after hearing, "Lord in your mercy," respond: **Hear our Prayer**)
(after hearing the final prayer petition, "Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior." respond: **Amen**)

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

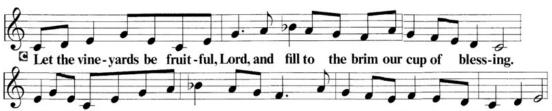
P: The peace of Christ be with you all. C: And also with you.

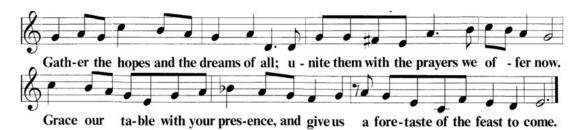
OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

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





*Offertory Prayer:

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*HOLY COMMUNION & SENDING

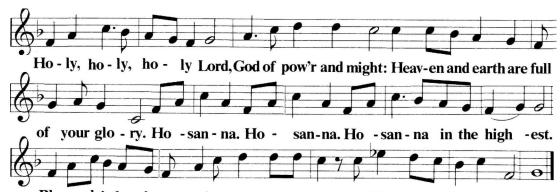
*P: The Lord be with you C: And also with you.

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: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, you were God. Outside all we know, you are God. After all is finished, you will be God. Archangels sound the trumpets, Angels teach us their song, Saints pull us into your presence. And this is our song:

*Holy, Holy, Holy



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! You beyond the galaxies, You under the oceans, You inside the leaves, You pouring down rain, You opening the flowers, You feeding the insects, You giving us your image, You carrying us through the waters, You holding us in the night; Your smile on Sarah and Abraham, Your hand with Moses and Miriam, Your words through Deborah and Isaiah, You lived as Jesus among us, Healing, teaching, dying, rising, inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to 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.

Holy God, we remember your Son, His life with the humble, His death among the wretched, His resurrection for us all: Your wisdom our guide, Your justice our strength, Your grace our path to rebirth. And so we cry, Mercy: C: Mercy!

P: And so we cry, Glory: C: Glory
P: And so we cry, Blessing: C: Blessing

P: Holy God, we beg for your Spirit: Enliven this bread, Awaken this body, Pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, Ignite your church, Nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united, Make us, though broken, whole, Make us, despite death, alive. And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit: C: Come, Holy Spirit!

- P: And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit: C: Come, Holy Spirit!
- P: And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit: C: Come, Holy Spirit!
- P: You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, Our Life, our Mercy, our Might, Our Table, our Food, our Server, Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove, Our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine, Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree, Our Way, our Truth, our Life. You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Praise now, Praise tomorrow, Praise forever. And so we cry, Amen, amen: **C: Amen, 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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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: #467 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

(green book) #500 Faith of Our Fathers

#214 Come, Let Us Eat

*Post Communion Prayer

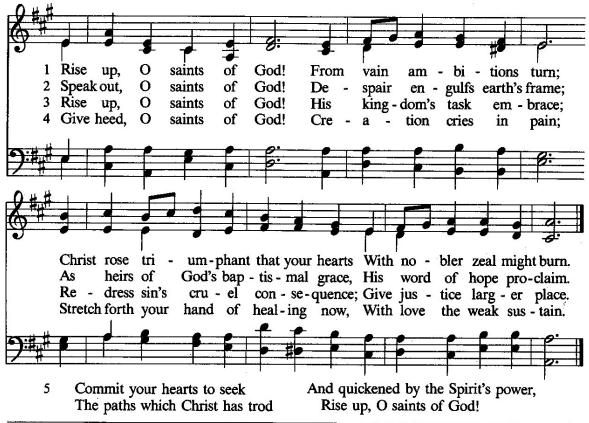
P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

*Sending Hymn: LBW 383 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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.



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FESTAL SONG SM

*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: Keith Gerhart, Joan Gerhart, Karen, Bob, and all victims of disaster and violence.

This Week at Zions:

June 16, Monday thru Friday - Youth Service camp!!!

June 18, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Next Week at Zions:

June 23, Monday @ 6:30 pm Church Council meeting

June 25, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

June 28, Saturday @ 9:00 am Babies & Bibles

Babies and Bibles is hitting the road this summer! Our next gathering will be Saturday, June 28 at Coleman Memorial Park, beginning at 9 AM. Children birth through age five, plus siblings and adults, are welcome to join for fun on the playground, snacks, songs, and a Bible story. *Canceled in event of rain*. Save the date for an August gathering on Saturday, August 23.

Zion's Lutheran Summer Concert Series, coordinated by Joel Guldin, will welcome the second group to the Jonestown Park Band Shell this summer. The Washington Band of Annville will perform Sunday July 20 at 3 PM. Concert is sponsored by Thrivent, 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!*

Our new church directory is available for pick up! The latest directory is available BOTH online/phone app and in print. If you need help accessing it online or on your electronic device, please see Debbie Long. You can pick up a print copy in the Gathering Area (one per household, please). If you would like to make a donation to offset printing costs and/or as a thank you for your household photograph, you are welcome to do so in the offering plate or the container by the directories. Many thanks to Jim Cascarino for taking all the photos, and to Debbie for getting the new directory set up!

Check it out! Carolina Bowen, the Young Adult in Global Mission that Zion's sponsors through the ELCA, has sent us her newest newsletter. It's on the large bulletin board in the gathering area!!

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Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Ann Kulp	Deb Reiner
Prayer	John Noll	Kerri Price
Children's ser	Pastor Caitlin	Terry Ludwig
Comm. Assts.	Linda Wenrich, Elaine Ludwig	Kelly Rittle, Deb Long
Greeter		
Acolyte	Greyson McQuaide	Madelyn Rittle
Crucifer	MacKenzie Hess	Xander McQuaide
Altar Guild	Bucks family	Strattan/ Wenrich
Elevette	Noel Strattan	Kadance Kugler
Ushers	Linda Toth, Jim Fowler	Jim Fowler

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