

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pentecost Sunday June 8, 2025

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

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!

**(Congregation please stand as able)*

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

***GATHERING HYMN: ELW 401 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading**

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

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead-ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak-ing done in your ho - ly name.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
nor rootless liberty; unswayed by earth's allure.
turn disquiet to contentment, Ever grant us zealous fitness,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain* which you alone assure. *Refrain*

***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: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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: Genesis 11:1-9 (*pg. 8 in pew Bible*)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.’ And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.’ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, ‘Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.’ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34,35b (*pg. 483 in your pew Bible, next*) (*read responsively*)

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Congregation: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

L: There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

C: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

L: when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

C: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

L: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

C: May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

L: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

C: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

L: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21 (*pg. 885 in pew Bible*)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’

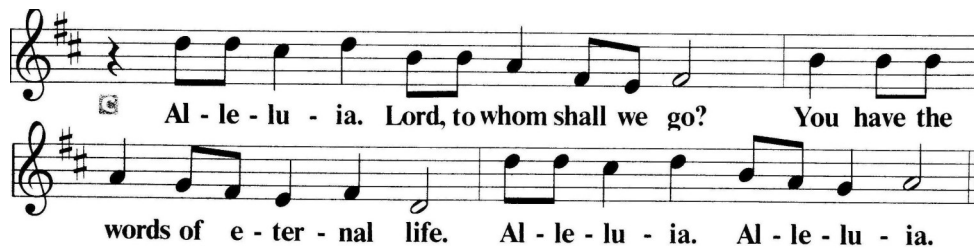
But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

After the Reading: Leader: The Word of the Lord. **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 14:8-17 (pg. 877 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 14th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 400 *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* v. 1,3 & 4



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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Rite of Confirmation of Gracie Bucks, Levi Bucks, Daryl Root, and Derek Wolfe

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Council Officer: I present Gracie, Levi, Daryl and Derek, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **C: Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you, together with this congregation, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Note: the word "catholic" here means the church around the world.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and
to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Confirmands kneel, surrounded by their family.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Parents share the verse they've picked for their child

P: Stir up in {individual} the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen**

Students share the verse they've picked for themselves

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (after, "Lord in your mercy," respond: **Hear our prayer.**)

(after final petition, "We commend these and all our prayer to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior", respond: **Amen.**)

***SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you. **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, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic 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.

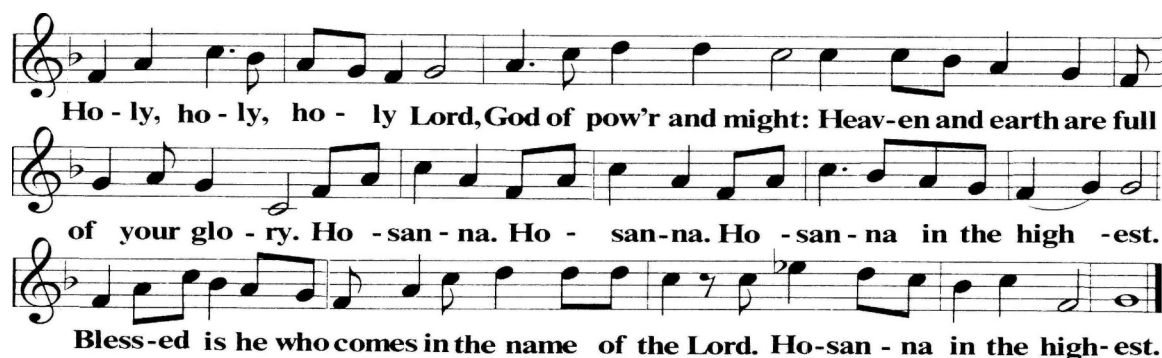
P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection with earth and sea and all their creatures, and 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

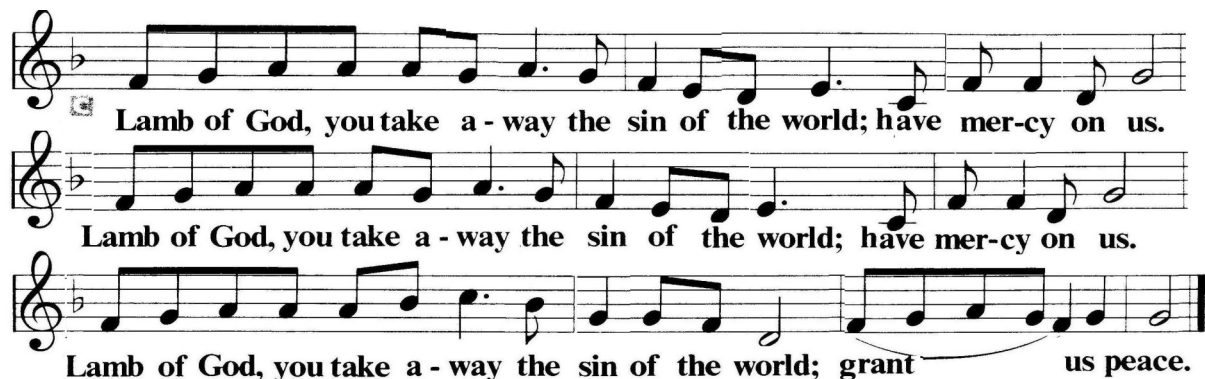
P: We pray as Jesus taught us:

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 (Based on Gospel of John 1:29)



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: #684 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

(blue book)

#693 *Baptized in Water*

#686 *Veni Sancte Spiritus (Holy Spirit, Come to Us)* below

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Text: Pentecost Sequence; Taizé Community, 1978

TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE

*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: WOV 723 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

As the cross is recessed, you are invited to turn your body towards the rear, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - er'd us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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

This Week at Zions:

TODAY after worship you are invited to a luncheon honoring today's confirmation students! All are welcome

TODAY @ 3:00 pm Zion's summer concert in the Jonestown Park

June 11, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Next Week at Zions:

June 16, Monday thru Friday: Youth Service camp at Zions!

June 18, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

TODAY: 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 TODAY 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!

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.

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 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.



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, dinty 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.

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!!

A Great Big Thank You to everyone who helped make the Hobby/talent show a success!

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!

Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Stephanie Speicher	Ann Kulp
Prayer	Michele McQuaide	John Noll
Children's sermon	Pastor Caitlin	Pastor Caitlin
Comm. Assts.	Linda Toth, Judy Merkel	Linda Wenrich, Elaine Ludwig
Greeter		
Acolyte	Michael Wolfe	Greyson McQuaide
Crucifer	Joanna Guldin-Noll	MacKenzie Hess
Altar Guild	Noel Strattan	Bucks family
Elevette	Steve Bucks	Noel Strattan
Ushers		Linda Toth, Jim Fowler

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