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The meeting I.D. is 514691959 and the meeting password is 978134. Please join just prior to 10am.

June 14, 2020, 2nd Pentecost, the 14th Sunday of this novel coronavirus

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reopening of worship at Zion on July 5, also a live-streaming option. By necessity you will need to let us know if you are coming because we will have a maximum of 50 attending, 25 in church and 25 in fellowship hall.

A sign-up method will soon be announced.

Though I will be retired as of June 30, I will lead worship on the 5th and 12th. Council has discussed my coming back sometime in the future when we do not need to be socially distanced to say a final good-bye.

June 28th will be George Herbert's last Sunday at Zion as he retires, again.

Technical Support: **Joshua Ballard.**

INTRODUCTION

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS.

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

All: Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For, hope does not disappoint, God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

The Lighting of the Candle

OPENING HYMN:

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P. In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Lord be with you

C. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen**

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

R. The first reading is found in the book of Exodus, the nineteenth chapter:

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now 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, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

This is the Word of the Lord

C. thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 100 *We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (verse 3)*

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;

we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, who is,

who was, and who will always be, our God. Amen.

THE SECOND READING SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8 *We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.*

R. The second reading is found in the book of Romans, chapter five:

[Paul writes:] ¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord

C. thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th and 10th chapters.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus 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. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out

laborers into his harvest." ^{10:1}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.

²These 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; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

P. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Music Offering:

Lori Hoshaw, Zion's incoming Music Director

Children's Time

Message:

"We are God's People"

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C. And also with you.

A: Let us proclaim our faith with the **Apostles Creed:**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
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.

**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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A: Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith. Guide your church, that we might be a holy people.

Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, the whole earth is yours. Where there is fire, bring cool air and new growth. Where there is flooding, bring abatement. Where there is drought, bring rain. Inspire us to care for what you have provided.

Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, we have created divisions of which you do not approve. In places of conflict, especially between people of different races and within our political systems, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals who care for all in desperate need.

Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard, and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Heal those who are sick, especially: **Ralph Finkbiner, Brookelyn Rogers, Gladys Vammen and Luke Walton, and all those we name _____.** Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Prepare us to labor and gather the fruits of this congregation, that we might discover new ways of living. Minister to us in our work, that we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, you bring all people to yourself. We give thanks for the holy people who have gone before us. Sustain us in your mission until the day you bear us up to join the saints in light. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

P. For so much else we pray and so many more. We pray for:

Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):

Kenneth Bauer, Ellen Levy-Gray, Dottie Jacques, Mary Lesh, Diane Pannella, Thomas Reese, Judi Rittenhouse, Lynn Schmitt, Steven Schollenberger, Vicki Walker, and Greg Wicker.

Deb Althoff, Mike Anthony, Joanne Frederick, John Frederick, Deb Hoff, Glenn Hoff, Amy Hollar, Tom Hughes, Ryan Law, Cindy Levengood, Jay Markwart, James Newson, Jennifer Paris, Jeffrey Pickersgill, Brian Spitko, Jan Starr, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, Chuck Vammen, and Judy Wambold.

Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us when we pray to say:

**C. 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.

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

BLESSING:

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, Jesus, + the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **C. Amen**

Hymns:

God of Grace and God of Glory

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God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C. Thanks be to God.

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Weekday Devotion starters

Monday, June 15

You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read Joshua 1: 1-11, God promises Joshua that the new home of God's people lies across the Jordan.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God and gracious Lord, sometimes taking the next step in life feels like a step too far, a bridge too far, a journey of immense difficulty. Help me believe that you are with me as I cross over the divide between today and tomorrow, between here and there. Strengthen me Lord, I pray. In the name of Jesus, Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Tuesday, June 16

You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read **2 Thessalonians 2: 13-3:5**, St. Paul says his readers were chosen by God, even as we are.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, I know that you are faithful, even when my faith may lag in zeal. Help me Lord to stand fast in the faith which I have received and help me to share it with joy and love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Wednesday, June 17

You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read: **Luke 6: 12-19**, Jesus chooses disciples to share in His ministry.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, gracious Lord, just as the people gathered in anticipation of hearing a word from Jesus, so let me come to you with enthusiasm, expecting to hear a life-changing word. Help me to be a faithful disciple. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Thursday, June 18

Say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read **Jeremiah 18: 12-17**, the people of God turn their back on the Lord.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, help me to stay faithful to your presence in my life. In my going out and in my coming in, help me to be strong in conviction, flexible in proclamation and hardy in living life according to your will. These things I pray in the precious name of Jesus. Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Friday, June 19

You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read **Acts 5: 17-26**, in the early Church Peter is taken prisoner but God releases him.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Almighty God, there are powers and principalities that want to imprison me in a dark place, maybe not of stone but perhaps of the heart and mind. Release me from the captivity that I experience, those things that bind me in guilt, sorrow and loss. In the precious and holy name of Jesus I pray. Amen
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.

Saturday, June 20

You say: I/We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen
Please Read **Luke 11: 53-12: 3**, Jesus speaks to the self-styled holy people, warning them to be true to God.
Here you may wish to proclaim your faith with the **Apostles Creed**:

Prayer: Holy God, I know that the evil secrets of my heart will become clear some day. I also know that there is private knowledge that should be held in privacy. Help me to know what the difference might be. Help me not to live in shame and sorrow but to speak with authentic truth the things that must be told. Help me to confess what must be confessed and save what must be saved. In Jesus' name I/we pray. Amen.
Here you may wish to add the **Lord's Prayer**.