

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020

10:00 am

Communion



*277 Years Of
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
Founded in 1743

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 7/5 TODAY	10:00	am	Worship
Monday	7:30	pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	5:00	pm	Tai Kwan Do
	7:00	pm	Executive Committee
Sunday 7/12	10:00	am	Worship

**Zion Lutheran School will be having Camp from 8:30 till 1:30 Monday thru Friday
Starting 7/6/20 till 8/22/20**

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Southeastern Pa. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22	Jeremiah wears the evil yoke
Tuesday	Jeremiah 28:10-17	Hananiah breaks Jeremiah's yoke and dies
Wednesday	John 13:1-17	Jesus washes the disciples' feet
Thursday	Jeremiah 13:1-11	Jeremiah's loincloth
Friday	Romans :1-20	The law and sin
Saturday	Psalms 131	I rest like a weaned child on God

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INTRODUCTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

PRELUDE

Peace within these Walls
America the Beautiful
Adagio

J. Southbridge
J. Southbridge
Mozart

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those able, please kneel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God.

C: 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 radical 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, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW, Red Book # 595

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

2. Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

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

KYRIE

A: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

A: Lord, Have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Men: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Women: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

All: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

L.R.: A reading from the 9th chapter of the book of Zechariah:

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double

L.R.: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 145:8-14 *The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)*

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

⁹LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**C. 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.**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

L.R.: A reading from the 7th chapter of the book of Romans:

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it,

but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I

can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is

what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in

the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my

mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who

will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L.R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Those able please stand

THE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O

Lord

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'" ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son

except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
you, O Christ

C: Praise to

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC by Emily Hoshaw "O Come, Little Children"

Folk Song

SERMON

"Ageless Wisdom"

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW, Red Book #611

1, I heard of voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2. I heard of voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: CONFIRMATION

A: I present Andrew Ballard and Christopher Scott Kirk; who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Faith Statement

We believe in God the Father, who made the Earth and everything around us. We believe in Jesus, God the Son, who died for our sins so that we can have amazing lives, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life in heaven. We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, who helps us throughout our lives so that we are able to do difficult things in life. We believe that everything God does is for us.

We believe that the church is a safe place for everyone. We believe that we are part of the Zion Lutheran Church family and that the church is where we can learn and grow in our faith by participating in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, passing the peace with others, taking Communion, and receiving forgiveness for our sins.

We believe that we should take our faith into our community by helping others, feeding others, and giving people a second chance through our actions, as Jesus would do.

Confirmation Reflections

During Confirmation classes, we learned about the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed and how Martin Luther presented those parts of our faith in his Small Catechism. We learned to explore, locate, and read Old Testament and New Testament stories. We discussed Christmas' and Easter's sacred and secular traditions. We practiced and learned to pray aloud in our class. We wrote and presented Bible-based plays for Sunday School openings and Youth Sunday. Our parents participated in our Confirmation class time each month.

We plan to continue growing in our faith through prayer and sharing our faith with others. We feel that our future in the church may involve being a part of the education of young people in our church and becoming a part of the ministry of our church.

Andrew Ballard, Christopher Kirk

Teachers: Carol Starr Townsend and Pastor Paul Townsend

Pastor: Let us pray, Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers, 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.

Congregation: Amen

Profession of Faith

(The congregation may stand and join in the responses)

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil,
and all his empty promises?

R: I renounce them.

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

R: I renounce them.

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

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

R: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**Who 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 to 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**R: 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.**

(The congregation is seated)

The pastor addresses the Confirmands:

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?

Each answers: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

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.

Those affirming their baptism kneel

The Laying on of Hands

P: O God, stir up in Andrew and Christopher 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. **C: Amen**

A: Let us rejoice with these 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.

Those able, please stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You can add names to the list through the PRAYER REQUEST FORMS, available in the back of the church. Place it in the offering plate or drop off in the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers

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

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for the nations, especially the United States celebrating our nationhood. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. We pray for healing of body, mind or spirit for **Ralph Finkbiner, Brookelyn Rogers, Gladys Vammen and Luke Walton**
Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for Zion. Bless Pastor Paul and the leaders of Zion, as we begin a new chapter in life. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives.
Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Holy One, We pray for Andrew and Christopher who have confirmed their faith today.
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, Brian Spitko, Jan Starr, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, and Chuck Vammen.*

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We give thanks for those who have died in faith The Rev. David Alderfer. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*Let us share the peace with one another
(Please keep in mind Social Distancing)*

Please be seated after passing the Lord's Peace

OFFERING

Andante Grazioso

Motzart

***Offerings will not be received at this time,
but should be placed in the box upon entering worship.
(Ushers will bring forward the baskets during the Offering Song)***

*If you wish to make an electronic offering at this time, please go to our website;
zionofspringcity.org and make your contribution there.*

Those able, please stand

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **C: Amen.**



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper or, as in the case of our untutored young people, are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Your empty cups will be available at the front pew. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread (*Congregation will hold up their wafers for the blessing*), and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink (*Congregation will hold up their wine for the blessing*), saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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; 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.

LAMB OF GOD

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

SHARING IN COMMUNION -

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you **C: I believe or Amen (Congregation will eat the wafer)**

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you **C: I believe or Amen (Congregation will drink the wine)**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE CANTICLE

**C: Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy,
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **C: 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.

ALWAYS WANTED TO BE PART OF THE WORSHIP TEAM???

Now is the time!

There are probably lots of you out there who always thought it would be fun to help out during our worship services. There are many ways to help:

ASSISTANT MINISTER - LAY READER – USHER – ACOLYTE – COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Don't worry, we will be sure to teach you what you need to know for whatever you want to help with. Just let us know what you want to do. You can leave a note in the office, or e-mail me:

janechet@hotmail.com or call or text me: 610-310-6516. It's as easy as that. Please let me know what position you would like to help with, which service you attend and if you want me to schedule you the same day as someone else.

Thanks in advance for your help – Jane Detwiler