

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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 8/30 TODAY	10:00	am	Worship (Live Streaming)
Monday	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00	pm	Tai Kwan Do
	7:30	pm	Council Meeting
Sunday 9/6	10:00	am	Worship (Live Streaming)

## **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

***The Reverend Tina Mackie***

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Summer Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Matthew 26:17-30	A little bit of bread and a little bit of wine is more than enough.
Tuesday	Exodus 36:2-7	Donations for the building of the tabernacle were more than enough.
Wednesday	Luke 15:11-32	The father gives and forgives with abandon.
Thursday	Ephesians 3:20-21	God accomplishes more than we can ask.
Friday	Luke 6:37-38	The measure you give will be the measure you get back.
Saturday	Psalms 23	My cup overflows..

✝ **We will not be having Nursery during church until further notice** ✝

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**INTRODUCTION**

*The Passover teaches “dayenu” that is it would have been enough. “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more.” Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

**PRELUDES**

“Pastoral Symphony’ from the Messiah”  
“In the Holy Place”  
“Come, Ye Faithful”  
“Album Leaf”

G.F. Handel  
J. Southbridge  
E. Broughton  
R. Koury

**CALL TO WORSHIP – CHIMES**

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor says Good Morning and Welcome

**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.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”**

**Sung by Barbara Grubb**

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: Robert Lowry, alt

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Glory to God (Sung)*  
**Sing 2x**

**Sung by Barbara Grubb**

**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: Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14**

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

R: A reading from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus:

R: <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 149**

*Sing the LORD's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)*

R: We will read Psalm 105 responsively

R: <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

R: <sup>3</sup>Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

**C: <sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.**

R: <sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

**C: <sup>6</sup>Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

R: <sup>7</sup>to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

**C: <sup>8</sup>to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,**

R: <sup>9</sup>to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

## THE ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia (Sung)*

**Sung by Barbara Grubb**

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

P: <sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME

**SPECIAL MUSIC – Barbara Grubb**

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

J. Jackson and S. Miller  
Words and Music by Sy Miller and  
Jill Jackson

**SERMON**

**by Pastor Tina Mackie**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Christ, Be Our Light"**

**Sung by Barbara Grubb**

**Refrain:** Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.
5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b 1957

Music: Bernadette Farrell

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A: Let us profess our Faith with the Apostle's Creed

## APOSTLES' CREED

**P & A: 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**

***You can add names to the list through by contacting 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: Drawn together by the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

***(A brief silence)***

A: Unite your church, O God. Give to all the baptized the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships and interracial cooperation among the churches. Guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches.

***(A brief silence)***

O God, Leader of the church, in your mercy,

**C: hear us and help us.**

A: Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways to live that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Give to the animals the habitat they need for life. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution.

***(A brief silence)***

O God, Creator of the earth, in your mercy,

**C: hear us and help us.**

A: Bless the nations, O God. Frustrate the designs of dictators. Give to the military a clear and moral purpose. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward the well-being of all. Infuse the coming election season with honesty and integrity.

***(A brief silence)***

O God, Governor of the world, in your mercy,

**C: hear us and help us.**

A: Sustain us in our work, O God, and give employment to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work.

***(A brief silence)***

O God, Guardian of all peoples, in your mercy,

**C: hear us and help us.**

A: Guide our civil discourse, O God. Alert us to social evils and show our nation how to end the patterns of racial injustice. Accompany all who are endeavoring to bring about a renewed society. Curb the violence in our cities.

***(A brief silence)***

O God, Haven of righteousness, in your mercy,

**P: hear us and help us.**

A: Tend to all in need, O God. Assist all friends and family members who are seeking restored relationships. Give community to the lonely and welcome to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name here before you: **Virgil Emswiler, Ralph Finkbiner, Judi Geri, Robert Hindle, and Rich Kleylein.**

***(A brief silence)***

O God, Physician of the sick, in your mercy,

**C: hear us and help us.**

A: Receive once again, O God, our plea for the end of the coronavirus. Comfort those afflicted with COVID-19 and uphold our medical workers. Give youth a sense of responsibility for others and provide the world a vaccine

***(A brief silence)***

O God, Healer in times of plague, in your mercy,

**C: hear us and help us.**

P: Hear each one of us, O God, as we pray now for Zion and for ourselves:

(prayers from your heart for those you care about)  
**(A longer period of silence)**

Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):  
Kenneth Bauer, Ellen Levy-Gray, Dottie Jacques, Mary Lesh, Diane Pannella, Judi Rittenhouse,  
Lynn Schmitt, 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, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, Chuck Vammen,  
Brookelyn Rogers and Luke Walton

**(A brief silence)**

O God, Lover of us all, in your mercy

**C: hear us and help us.**

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and 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)

## OFFERING

“Sunset to Sunrise”

L. Smith

*Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. - Romans 13:10*

Striving to keep the twin commandments to love God with all our being and love our neighbors as ourselves,  
we naturally care for the common good. We learn that what affects one really affects us all.

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

## 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. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. 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:

**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, 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. *(Congregation will hold up their wafers for the blessing)*

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 in remembrance of me. *(Congregation will hold up their wine for the blessing)*

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:

**P & A: 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**  
*Please be seated for the final preparations*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Friends of Jesus, let us share in the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

### 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)  
P: *Blessing of the Young (Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing)*

### 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.**

### 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.**

