

Time after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

9:00 am

Communion



*278 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 6/13	8.00 am	Bell choir
	9:00 am	Worship
Monday	7.30 pm	AA meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tai Kwan Do
Sunday 6/20	9:00 am	Worship

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This week (6/13)	
Dan Bauman	Assistant Minister
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Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Christopher Kirk	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

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Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

We thank you for your service.

Sunday, June 13th, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

PRELUDES

On Tannenbergs- "O Day Full of Grace" - By Christopher E. F. Weyse, Arr. Franklin D. Ashdown
"Sing Out Earth and Skies" by Marty Haugen, Arr. by Mary Beth Bennett
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" By Charles C. Converse, Arr. Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Hymn

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679 vs. 1 & 3



Text: Fred Pratt Green Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.
God, our provider,

C: help us.

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to You, God

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

Please be seated

First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34--16:13

*Saul, anointed by the prophet Samuel as the first king of Israel, displeases the Lord.
The Lord therefore sends Samuel to Bethlehem, where he anoints David, the youngest of the
sons of Jesse, to succeed Saul as king.*

R: A reading from the book of 1 Samuel:

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the

sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 20

The Lord gives victory to the anointed one. (Ps. 20:6)

R: May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

C: send you help from the sanctuary and strengthen you out of Zion;

R: may the Lord remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice; grant you your heart’s desire and prosper all your plans.

C: We will shout for joy at your victory and unfurl our banners in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests.

R: Now I know that the Lord gives victory to | the anointed one; God will answer out of the holy heaven, gaining victory with a strong right hand.

C: Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we rely on the name of the Lord our God.

R: They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright. O Lord, give victory to the king and answer us when we call.

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 ,© Public Domain , Arr. © Augsburg Fortress

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God’s kingdom.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for

it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie

Please stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A: Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Always we ask you to comfort all who suffer and to heal the sick. Provide care for all persons afflicted with mental illness, and sustain their families. Visit those whose pain is hidden from us and those we name here before you: **Kevin Spitko, Chloe Sharp, Fawn Keenan, Ralph Finkbiner, Machiko, Richard and Sarah Kuehner.**

Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation

Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
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

OFFERING INVITATION

P: Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 13, 2021

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

As we emerge from our Covid cocoons, we are all new creations, changed in a variety of ways. In addition to renewing existing relationships, we can look for new ones that will help us deepen our faith walk, challenge our biases and prejudices, and love our neighbor.

Please be seated

OFFERING with Special music

"Musette" by J.S. Bach -Emily Hoshaw- Viola Solo



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

Please stand



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.

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. 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:

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness; through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future.

C: We bless you, O Lord.

P: We give you thanks for your Son: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

P: 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.

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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

C: Amen.

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 and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

FAREWELL and GODSPEED

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: *Paul and Tammy*, as you leave our congregation, we wish to bid you farewell.

P: A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

P: In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you *members* of his church. When you came to this congregation we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

P: Let us pray.
Eternal God, we thank you for *Paul and Tammy* and for the time we have shared with them. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

C: Amen

THE SENDING HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"- ELW #484- Vs. 1 & 5

Text: Omer Westendorf Music: Robert E. Kreuz

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Glory to God, We Give You Thanks" by Tune: Walter Greatorex J. Wayne Kerr



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"In honor, memory and with pride on the wedding anniversary (June 17th) of Beatrice S. Custer and Irvin (Bud) Custer." Love, Laura Clark and family.

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Genesis 3:14-24	Deprived of the tree of life
Tuesday	1 Samuel 17:1-31	Goliath challenges the Israelites
Wednesday	Mark 4:1-20	Parable of the mustard seed
Thursday	1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16	David & Jonathan
Friday	Revelation 21:22-22:5	Given the tree of life
Saturday	Psalms 52	Like an olive tree in God's house