

Time after Pentecost

August 22, 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 8/22	9:00	am	Worship
Monday	7.00	pm	AA meeting
Tuesday	5:00	pm	Tai Kwan Do
Thursday	6:30	pm	Special Music Rehearsal
	7:30	pm	Zion Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 8/29	9:00	am	Worship

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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This week (8/22)	
Deb Batten	Assistant Minister
Jena Dietrich	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

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We thank you for your service.

Sunday, August 22nd, 2021

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

PRELUDES

On Tannenber-- "My Hope is Buillt on Nothing Less" Tune: John B. Dykes, Arr.: Wayne L. Wold
"I Will Serve the Lord" by Franklin Ritter
"Our Great Savior" by Roland W. Prichard, Arr. By Todd Smith

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

God is Here

ELW #526- vs. 1 & 4

Text: Fred Pratt Green , Music: Cyril V. Taylor

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, 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: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

R: A reading from the book of Joshua:

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

R: The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

C: The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

R: The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

C: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

R: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one.

C: God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

R: Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished. O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

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

Gospel: John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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: Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A: God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: For all who are sick. Hear our prayers for **Larry Davis, Anne Carroll, Bill Bull, Ralph Finkbiner, Machiko, Richard** and **Sarah** Kuehner and those we lift before you now. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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

OFFERING INVITATION

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John 6:68 – Simon Peter answered Jesus, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

We hear so many voices in our culture luring us to follow by promising us prosperity, power, fun, escape, prestige, etc. But steward disciples know that only Jesus has the words of true life, eternal life. We listen only for Jesus' words.

Please be seated

OFFERING with Special music

'Sunday School Song Medley' with Jeffrey Shalome, Piano



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Received the Living God"

ELW #477- All Verses

Text and Music: Anonymous



"Let us Break Bread Together"

ELW # 471

Text and Music: African American Spiritual



"Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW # 515- All Verses

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, Music: William F. Sherwin"



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.

THE SENDING HYMN

O Jesus I Have Promised ELW #810- vs. 1 & 4

Text: John E. Bode , Music: Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch



DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"A Trumpet Decoration" by Gilbert M. Martin



BULLETINS & FLOWERS:

Bulletins sponsored by Laura Clark: "In honor and memory of my husband **Ron** on our anniversary with love- Laura"

Flowers sponsored by The Batten family: In loving memory of **Betsy Batten**. Her wish fulfilled, she went " Hometo the Lord."

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Nehemiah 9:1-15	Nehemiah praises God's care of the people
Tuesday	Nehemiah 9:16-31	Nehemiah confesses the people's sin
Wednesday	John 21:1-14	Jesus invites the disciples to breakfast
Thursday	Isaiah 33:14-24	The righteous will eat
Friday	I Corinthians 11:17-34	The Lord's Supper
Saturday	Psalms 119:97-104	God's word is sweet