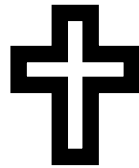


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 23rd, 2024

9:00 am

Service of Holy Communion



*281 Years of
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love!"*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
Founded in 1743

Sunday, June 23rd, 2024

INTRODUCTION

We embody our reverence for God's presence in many different ways. You may show your reverence for God's presence in whatever way is right for you. You might do this by standing, folding your hands or raising them, bowing your head, or entering more deeply into reverence in ways that are not visible, even as they are deeply felt.

*Note that congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Children's worship kits (complete with children's bulletins, coloring materials and fidgets) can be found at the usher's station.*

In today's worship service we hear: now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and we can call on him. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

PRELUDES

Take My Life and Let it Be (On Tannenberg)
Henri A. Cesar Milan

Draw Me Close
Kelly Carpenter, Arr. by Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Prayer
Eric Lewis

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

More announcements can be found in the back of your bulletin. If you have an announcement you would like printed, please let Erin, our office manager, know by sending it to church@zionofspringcity.org!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children (and guardians) are invited to come close to share some things we learned at Vacation Bible School!

GATHERING HYMN

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Whenever the cross † symbol appears, all may make the sign of the cross on their own bodies: forehead, chest, left shoulder, right shoulder.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the splitting of the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the Jordan River your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as your children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

— WORD —

God speaks in scripture, preaching, song and prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of creation, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



¹ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

FIRST READING

Job 38:1-11 (NIV)

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, finally, God speaks.

A reading from Job.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?"

³Prepare yourself.

I will question you, and you shall answer me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?"

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and wrapped it in thick darkness,

¹⁰and fixed limits for it,
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Psalms are an ancient form of musical scripture that were written by King David and his associates to be sung during worship. Let's try this out for a few weeks and see how we like it!

First, the choir will sing the refrain, then the congregation will repeat it. Then, according to the psalm tone, the choir will sing the unbolded verses, and the congregation will join in for the bolded verses.

Refrain:



Psalm tone:



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy en- dures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³**Some went down to the sea in ships,**
plying their trade in deep waters. *Refrain*

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,**
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷**They staggered and reeled like drunkards,**
and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD,
and you delivered them from | their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm | to a whisper
and silenced the waves | of the sea. *Refrain***

³⁰Then were they glad when | it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor | they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah! *Refrain*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

¹As we work together with God, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

I tell you, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

At this time, the congregation may rise in body or in spirit to greet the holy gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

This is the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Gospel Acclamation is reprised.

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

We are called in and out of a time of reflection by the ringing of a bell.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Peace, Be Still

SP 34

The choir will sing it through once, then the congregation will join, for five repetitions.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Peace, Be Still'. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Peace, be still. Peace, be still. The'. The second staff contains the lyrics: 'storm rag - es. Peace, be still.' The music consists of a simple melody with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Together, let us confess our faith using the ancient words of the apostle's 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 and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Make your church a place that we can all show up as our full, authentic, perfectly-made selves, especially our siblings with autism and ADHD. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling, especially *Barbara Winter, Dave Grubb, Brian Mickiewicz, David Tyson, Eric Harter, Greg Wicker, Joan Emswiler, Jeanette Kaufmann, Holly Bauman, Mary Lesh, Brookelyn Rogers, Bob Bell, Dan DeFusco, Belinda Schell, Barbara Carberry, Fran O'Neill, Lisa McComb, Paula Kaiser, Greg Mosher, Robin Sexto, and the Batten family (the Battens)*. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God we praise you for the many children who were at Zion for VBS this week. Enfold them with your care, that they may come to know themselves and the world through the gaze of your endless love, that they may find this church to be a place where they are welcomed and safe, and that they will continue to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly when we call, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another!

— HOLY COMMUNION —

God feeds us with the presence of the risen Christ.

OFFERING

We reflect on our stewardship of the gifts of God entrusted to us for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Financial gifts may be offered in the passed plates, or online at zionofspringcity.org.

OFFERING MUSIC

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, Music: George N. Allen

Saxophone Solo: Mike Hoinowski

OFFERING HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

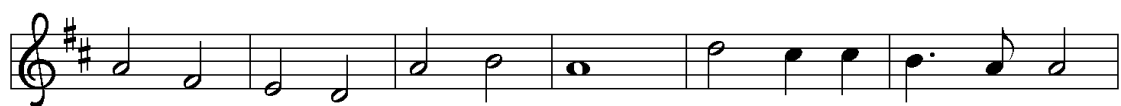
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
In these weeks after Pentecost, in this time of the color green
and the Spirit poured out on us, 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.
We praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

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

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

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us
on the way, at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world. **Amen.**



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

In this place, we have wine, grape juice, bread and gluten-free wafers. Though the sacrament of communion is most appropriate for baptized Christians, all are welcome at Christ's table, and nothing in all creation can separate you from the love of God. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communing, you may indicate that by crossing your hands over your chest. If you would like to take communion at your seat, please let an usher know and the ministers will come to you.

Come, for the table is ready.

LAMB OF GOD

During the Agnus Dei, the communion ministers come forward for communion. Once the ministers are ready, the congregation may come forward, row by row. Bread and wafers are available in the center. Wine and juice are available on the left side of the altar, and wine on the right side.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

This is the Body of Christ, given for you.

I believe or Amen. (*Congregation may eat the bread or wafer*)

This is the Blood of Christ, given for you.

I believe or Amen. (*Congregation may drink the wine or juice*)

COMMUNION HYMNS

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, Music: W. Moore, Columbian Harmony

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

Text and Music: Ray Makeever

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.



— SENDING —

God feeds us with the presence of the risen Christ.

SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song, verses 1, 2, & 4

ELW 763



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

BLESSING

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

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Glory to God, We Give You Thanks

Tune: Walter Greatorex, J. Wayne Kerr

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

Let Erin know if you have something to add! Email church@zionofspringcity.org.

TODAY, Sunday June 23rd, 4:00 pm!

- SEPA LGBTQ+ Pride worship is being held at the United Lutheran Seminary campus downtown! Come and worship with us! Ask Pastor Taylor if you have any questions.

Coming up...

- **Sunday, June 30th** - Worship next week will be a joint service with the Muhlenberg Parish, held at St. Peter's in Chester Springs, with a fellowship picnic to follow! If you want to help us lead the service, be in touch with Pastor Taylor.
- **July 14th through July 21st** - Our Zion Youth will be in New Orleans for the ELCA National Youth Gathering! We will send them off with a blessing after worship on July 14th. Please keep them in your prayers!
- **Saturday, July 27th** - You are invited to Pastor Taylor's ordination!! At this once-in-a-lifetime service of celebration, she will be given: the authority to preside at God's table anywhere in the world, the ability to wear a stole, and a new title, Reverend. :) The service will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 27th. Our bishop will be presiding, and the color of the day is red!
- **Sunday, July 28th** - Whitewater rafting! Please sign up on the sheet in the hall if you're interested and contact Shawn with any questions or concerns.

Don't forget!

- **Christ in Our Home** is on the table in the narthex! Please pick up your envelope and submit your payment if necessary.

Bible Readings for this Week – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

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| Monday | Exodus 7:14-24 | God turns the Nile into blood |
| Tuesday | Exodus 9:13-35 | God sends hail |
| Wednesday | Mark 6:45-52 | Jesus walks on the water |
| Thursday | Joshua 10:1-14 | God makes the sun stand still |
| Friday | Acts 27:13-38 | Paul and the storm at sea |
| Saturday | Psalms 65 | God silences the seas |

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