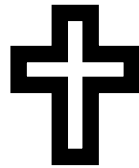


NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 21st, 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, July 21st, 2024 – service led by Pastor Paisley

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.*

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

PRELUDES

Variations on St. Anne

Tune by William Croft, Edward Broughton

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty, Arr. by Carol Tornquist

In Pastures Green

John M. Rasley

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!

GATHERING HYMN

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us – verses 1, 3, 4

ELW 789



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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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

O God, powerful and compassionate, **you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

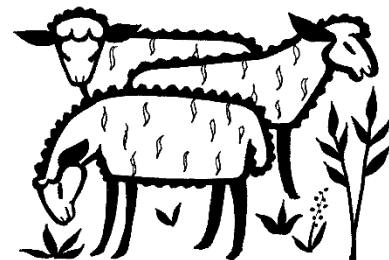
Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



PSALM

Psalm 23

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:



- ¹ The LORD [|] is my shepherd;
I shall not [|] be in want.
- ² The LORD makes me lie down [|] in green pastures
and leads me be- [|] side still waters. *Refrain*
- ³ You restore my [|] soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall [|] fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they [|] comfort me. *Refrain*
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence [|] of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is [|] running over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days [|] of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the [|] LORD forever. *Refrain*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter (an unnamed student of Paul) reminds his audience that originally, they were not part of God's chosen people. Yet through Jesus' death, they are included in God's household of faith.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished [that] law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

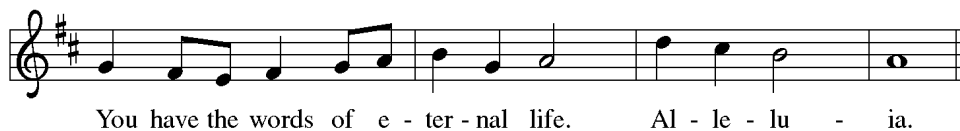
¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 6:30-34, 54-56

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

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

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

United as one in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the creation: restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: heal those who are sick or in need of care, especially *Barbara Winter, Dave Grubb, Brian Mickiewicz, David Tyson, Eric Harter, Greg Wicker, Joan Emswiler, Jeanette Kaufmann, Aubree Pascale, Mary Lesh, Brookelyn Rogers, Bob Bell, Dan DeFusco, Belinda Schell, Barbara Carberry, Fran O'Neill, Lisa McComb, Paula Kaiser, Robin Sexto, John Barnett and Martin Gavin*. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this past week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who have died: make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children (and guardians) are invited to come close for a story.

— 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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Text: Isaac Watts, Music: North American traditional
Vocal Solo by Barbara Miller



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

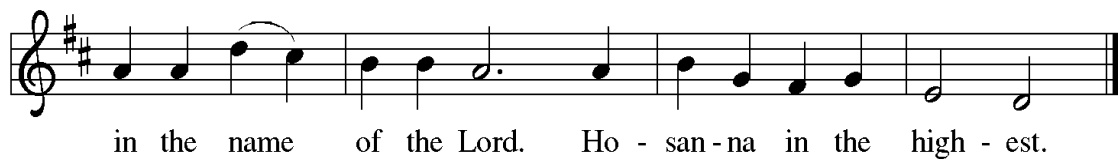
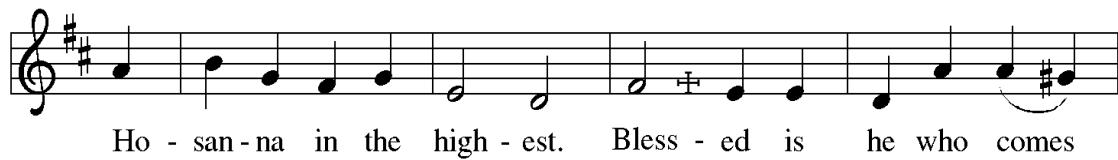
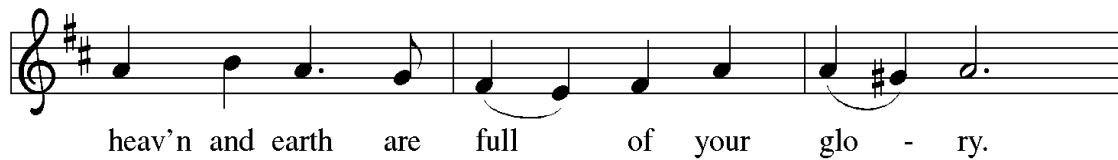
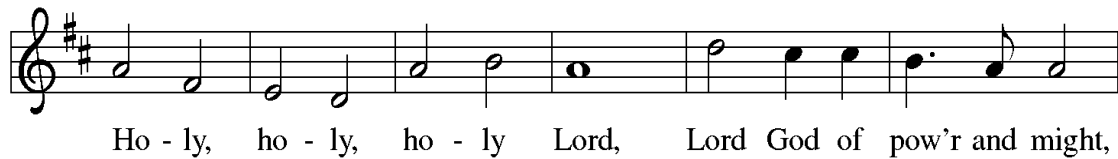
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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:



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 red wine, white 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.

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come and see!

AGNUS DEI

During the Lamb of God, the communion ministers come to the altar for communion. Once the ministers are ready, the congregation may come forward, row by row. Bread and wafers are available in the center. Red wine and white grape juice are available on the left side of the altar, and red 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

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

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

The Church's One Foundation - Verses 1,2 & 5

ELW 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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

He Leadeth Me

William B. Bradbury, Arr. Richard Unfried

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

*Let Erin know if you have something to add or if you'd like to sponsor bulletins or altar flowers!
Email church@zionofspringcity.org.*

Today's Bulletins are sponsored *with love and pride to my granddaughters, Ella, Avery and Maddie on their birthday! Love and hugs! Laura Clark*

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by *Dan Bauman, in honor of Roger Batten's 95th birthday (on July 19th). Happy Birthday to my long-time friend.*

Coming up...

- **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 after church! Contact Shawn with any questions or concerns. It's going to be a great day!
- **Sunday, August 25th** – Hymn Request Sunday! Reach out to Erin or Lori with your favorite hymns so we can make sure to sing them.

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