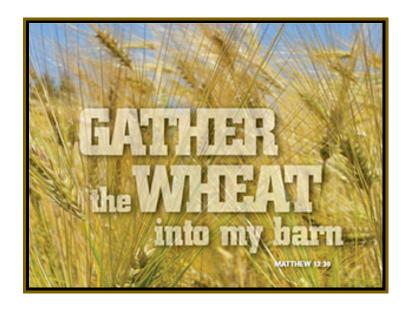
# Zion Lutheran Church



July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

#### **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.

#### Opening Hymn - O Worship the King

- O worship the King, all-glorious above.
   O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
   Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
- O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
  Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
  Established it fast by a changeless decree,
  And round it hath cast,
  like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
  While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
  Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
  With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

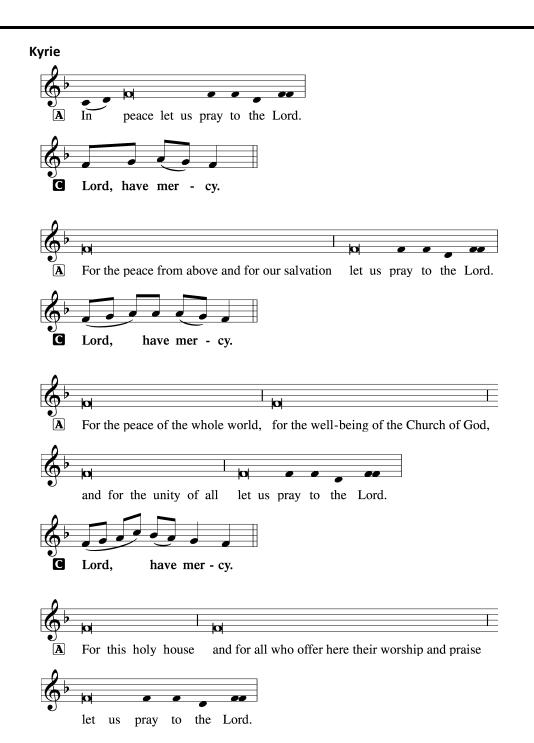
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Service of the Word**

#### Introit



- P Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer; listen to my | plea for grace.
- Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in your truth; unite my heart to | fear your name.
- I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart, and I will glorify your name for- | ever.
- For great is your steadfast | love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths | of the grave.
- O God, a band of ruthless men | seek my life, and they do not set you be- | fore them.
- But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;
- as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer; listen to my | plea for grace.





C Lord, have mer - cy.



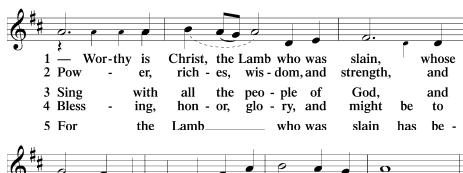
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



#### This Is the Feast







blood set us free peo - ple of to be God. Refrain hon - or, bless ing, and glo - ry are His. Refrain in the hymn of join all cre - a tion: Stanza 4 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. Α men. Refrain His Al - le - lu gun reign. ia. Final Refrain





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



#### P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading -- Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,

since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle -- Romans 8:18–27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia and Verse



#### **Holy Gospel**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.





# Sermon

#### **Apostles' Creed**

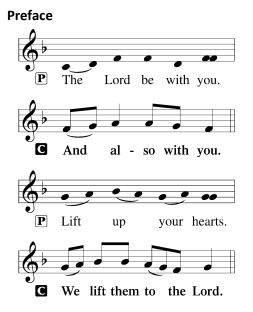
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

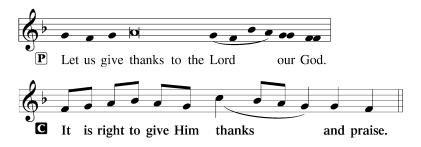
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life 
→ everlasting. Amen.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

- **P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.
- C ... Lord have mercy.

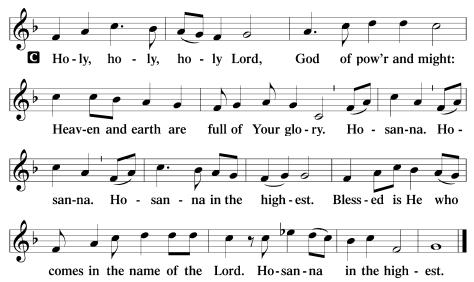
#### **Service of the Sacrament**





It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

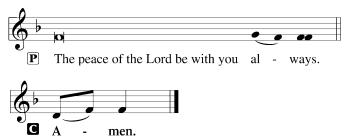
## **Lord's Prayer**

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

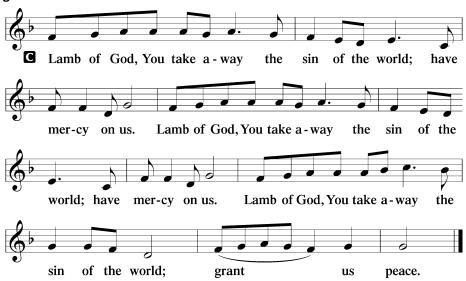
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.





#### **Agnus Dei**



#### Distribution

#### **Distribution Hymns**

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord #637 Holy Spirit, Light Divine #496 Christ, The Word of God Incarnate #540

#### Thank the Lord



**Thank the Lord and sing His praise**; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **Benediction**

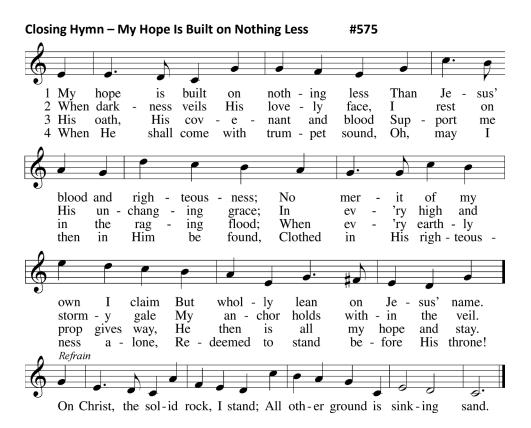


P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





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# **Prayer Requests for Family & Friends**

# The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.
- -Healing for: Ken Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For those who serve: Christopher Malachosky and Jared Fitzgerald who are serving in Texas, and Jacob Linsenbigler who is deployed in Iraq.
- -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

# The World:

- -For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.
- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

# **Our Nation:**

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.
- -For those whose work it is to protect us.
- -For godly care of the earth.

# † Service Participants †

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director:

The Organist:

Sandy Quinlan
The Acolyte:

Noah Wallace (8:00)

Luke Lemonovich (10:30)

Altar Guild: Sandy Bryant & Clara Hayes

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul and Theresa Hayes in honor of Covid-19 First Responders, and by Zion Lutheran Church to the glory of the Triune God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by John & Katie Gielarowski in honor of their 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**VOTERS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY 7/26** at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and individually packaged breakfast items will be served. Please come! Your attendance supports the planning for our church, and the work of our servant leaders on Council.



# Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (7/12) – 30 (8 am); 55 (10:30 am) Sunday Offering (7/12) – \$3086.00 Online Offering – \$1120.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion's website: www.zlcb.org/donate

# July 19th—July 26th

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SUNDAY 7/19	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
	Pastor's Adult/Teen Bible Study ONLINE
MONDAY 7/20	
TUESDAY 7/21	
WEDNESDAY 7/22	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion
THURSDAY 7/23	
FRIDAY 7/24	
SATURDAY 7/25	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion. RSVP at www.signupgenius.com or call Susie at 412-977-9066
SUNDAY 7/26	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Congregational Voter's Meeting 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
	Pastor's Adult/Teen Bible Study ONLINE Children's Sunday School ONLINE

# **RESPONSIBLY FAITHFUL:**

# Zion's Worshipping Guidelines During the Pandemic

#### **UPDATED JULY 6th**

As directives regarding public gatherings continue to change from state/local authorities, Zion's Board of Elders and Pastor Grimenstein have enacted the guidelines below to support public worship during the pandemic. Pastor and the Elders will continue to revisit these guidelines and adjust them as needed.

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Worshippers will continue to sit in pews marked by white crosses (creating a 6-foot separation from others). All pews will be disinfected following each worship service with a bleach/water solution.
- Masks and hand sanitizers will be provided at both entrances. All members are asked to please
  wear a mask when moving within the sanctuary (entering and leaving church, or when walking to
  communion).
- No greeting line, sharing of peace, or passing of offering plates. Bulletins will not be recycled.
- Only 4-5 individuals or 1-2 family groups will be allowed at each side of the communion rail.
- The Sanctuary's fans/side air conditioners will continue to be utilized to increase airflow within closed spaces per CDC suggestions.

#### OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

- Wednesday evening service (7:00pm) will continue.
- Saturday morning service (10:00am) will <u>continue</u>. The participant number will be a total of 25 (23 worshippers, 1 elder, 1 pastor). Visit <u>Worship Sign-Up Genius</u> to sign up, or call Susie Bishop at 412 -977-9066. Saturday's readings and sermon will be the same as the following Sunday's.

#### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

- Wednesday evening Bible study (7:30pm) will remain <u>cancelled</u> for the time being.
- Thursday morning Bible study (10:00am) will remain cancelled for the time being.
- Saturday morning Men's Prayer Breakfast (8:00am) will remain cancelled for the time being.
- Pastor's Sunday Adult/Teen Bible Study (Acts) will continue to be offered on the ZLCB.org website every Sunday. In-person classes will remain <u>cancelled</u> for the time being.



# What is a "steward"?

A steward is someone who has been put in charge of something. For example, if you are a babysitter, you are a steward for the parents of the



child you are watching. We have been entrusted as stewards, or keepers, of God's creation. That means that He has given us everything we have, and out of love for Him, we use all things for His will. This includes giving of our time, talents, money and all that we have in service to Him.

# Why do Christians give?

Like everyone else, we belong to God because He created us and sustains us. As Christians we belong to His kingdom of salvation through our Baptism. God's love motivates us to give of what we have. We don't give because we owe God for all He has done for us in Jesus. Instead, we give because of the powerful Gospel that is working within us! Wow! God really strengthens us for wonderful service!



Parents: Before or after the service, discuss stewardship with your children. Remind them why we give. Help them to discover how they might give of what they have. Encourage them to set aside a certain portion of their own money each week to give. They will experience the joy of giving first-hand.



# Kids' Fishing Days

Saturdays. July 18. 25 & August 1. 2020 8-10:30 am. or 11:30 am-2 p.m.

# Saxony Farm Lake

Addy Boy Lane, Saxonburg



The rescheduled Kids' Fishing Days will take place on three Saturdays: July 18, 25 and August 1 at Saxony Farm Lake. There will be two sessions for each day: 8-10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Each session is limited to 100 people to ensure proper social distancing and safety of all attending. Registration is REQUIRED. Please visit www.ConcordiaLM.org/events-news/FishingDays2020 to register everyone in your group (parents/guardians included).

Hot dogs and refreshments will be served.

No entry fee • Free Refreshments

Open to all kids 14 and under Bait provided by Concordia







Call Concordia Public Relations for more information at 724-352-1571 ext. 8268. Register online by visiting the Events & News section of the Concordia website: www.concordialm.org/events-news/fishingdays2020.