Zion Lutheran Church





June 24th, 2018 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TABLE! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Please stop by the table in the foyer after the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Lynn & Tom Carthy in memory of loved ones and Janet Oelschlager & family in memory of parents and grandparents Louis & Henrietta Behling. **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by The Fitzgerald's in Memory of Victor & Jacqueline Herschaft.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...is from MARY ULM, wife of our former vicar and now newly ordained and installed Pastor Joshua Ulm. Psalm 28:7 ESV The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER to please silence or turn off your cell phones during service.

PLEASE ATTEND ZION'S VOTERS MEETING next Sunday, July 1st at 9:20 am between services in the fellowship hall. Your vote and input matter in the life of our church! At the meeting, leaders will announce the final total of our Forward in Faith campaign, and vote on the church budget for our upcoming fiscal year, as well as an important change to our church constitution. As always, coffee, bagels and donuts will be served!

YOUTH GROUP...The next youth group/parent meeting is TODAY June 24th after late service. Join us as we plan our next fundraiser which will be in July!

FORWARD IN FAITH UPDATE: Great news! Since June 3rd, Zion has raised an additional \$34,300 toward our \$150,000 goal! This means that -- with the help of our matching funds pledge -- we have raised more than \$130,000 to date, and are less than \$10,000 away from meeting our campaign goal! Thank you to all those who have supported Zion's Forward in Faith campaign. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts as we sprint toward the June 30th finish line.

CHURCH NURSERY: Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

Opening Hymn - Come, Thou Almighty King

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

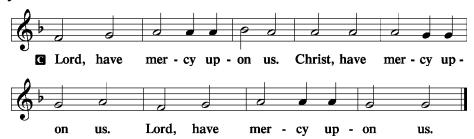
Introit

- P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,* and grant us your sal- vation.
- Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,* for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.
- Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,* that glory may dwell | in our land.
- Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;* righteousness and peace kiss each | other.
- Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*

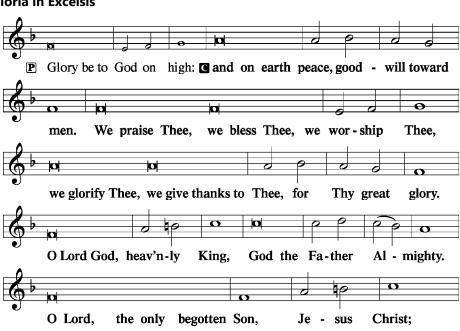
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.
Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.

P Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Kyrie

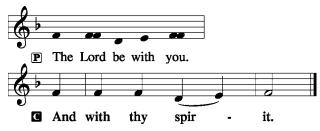


Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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

Epistle – Acts 13:13-26

Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it." So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

"Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

"Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.

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

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn – When All the World was Cursed

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Sermon

Offertory





Offertory - Men's Choir - How Great Thou Art (10:30am)

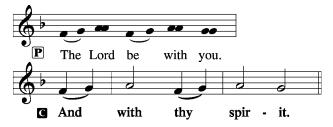
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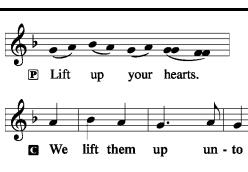
Prayer of the Church

- **P** ...Lord in your mercy.
- ...Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface







P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

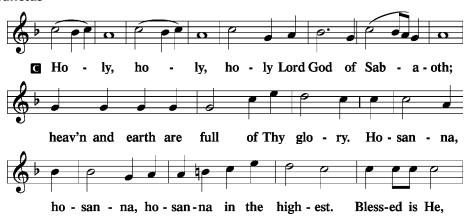


It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.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

the

Lord.

Sanctus





bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

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."

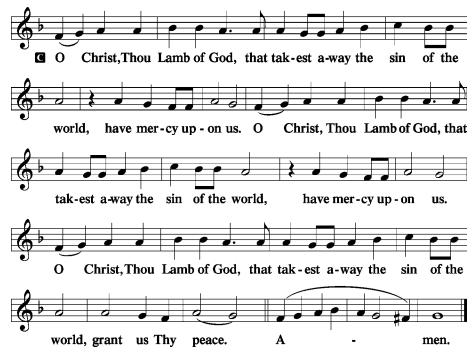




P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei



Sharing of Peace

Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine

themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.

We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.

We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns. We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unitv.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	#621
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	#709
I Love Your Kingdom, Lord	#651





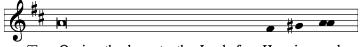




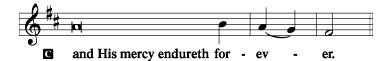
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



Thanksgiving



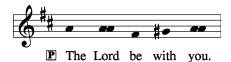
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good



P 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.

C Amen.

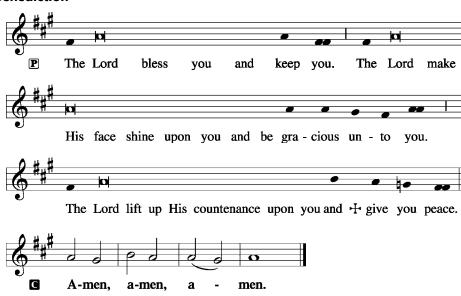




Benedicamus



Benediction



Closing Hymn – Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, Florence Boehme, Lois and Henry Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.
- -Healing for: Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Roxanne Burgh, Mary Lou and Jim Neill, Matt and Chris Back, and Don and Sara Jones.
- -For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.
- -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

The World:

- -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 those affected by the recent hurricanes.
- For godly care of the earth.

† Service Participants **†**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

The Organist: Sandy Quinlan

The Elders: Paul Klemash & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte: John Garrubba (8:00)

John Garrubba (8:00) Jack Bishop (10:30)

The Greeters: Liberatore Family (8:00)

Mike & Deborah Sterba (10:30)

The Ushers: Dale Miller, Melanie &

Bill Becker, Joe DePalma (8:00)

Kari & John Gresh

Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)

Altar Guild: Elsie DallaPiazza, Bernice DeBoe

& Mary Hutula

Nursery: Marian Oelschlager & Barb Oechslein

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (6/17) - 155 Wednesday Worship Attendance (6/20) - 20 Sunday Offering (6/17) - \$3006.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

June 24th - July 1st

SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
6/24	9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
	12:00 PM – Youth Group Meeting
MONDAY	9:00 AM – Vacation Bible School
6/25	
TUESDAY	9:00 AM – Vacation Bible School
6/26	
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM – Vacation Bible School
6/27	7:00 PM – Midweek Service
	8:30 PM – Zion Lion's Softball Game
THURSDAY	9:00 AM – Vacation Bible School
6/28	6:30 PM – New Member Class
FRIDAY	9:00 AM – Vacation Bible School
6/29	
SATURDAY	8:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast
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SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion
7/1	9:20 AM – Voters Meeting
	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

"I've always wondered..."



Have you ever had a question for Pastor but you just don't want to ask it in front of a group? Now is your chance to get all your questions answered!!

We will devote our Adult Bible Study to answering your submitted questions on the following Sundays: June 24th, July 29th, and August 26th at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall.

Drop your confidential questions in the boxes in the narthex and fellowship hall. We hope you join us for our "I've always wondered..." series!

