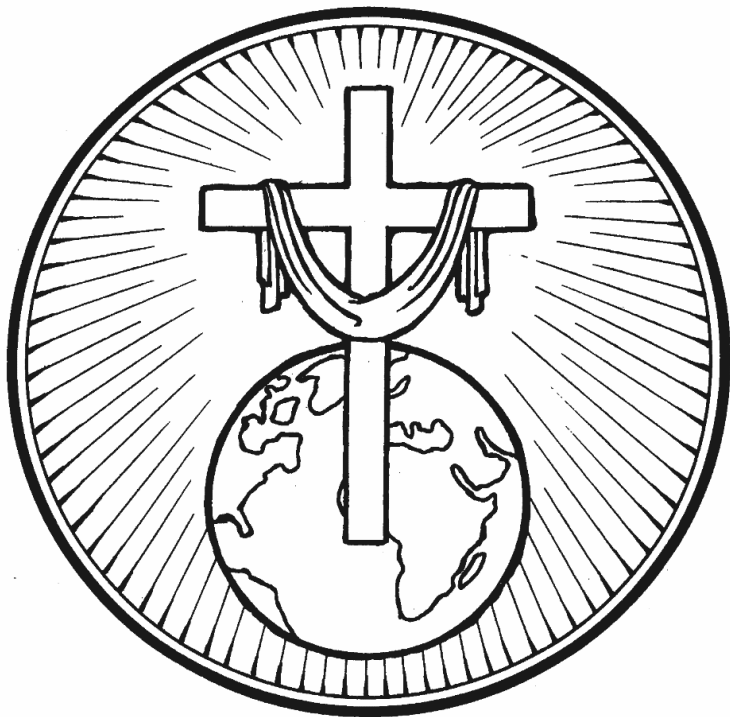


Divine Service



Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 13, 2021

Zion Lutheran Church
Kearney, Nebraska

Welcome to Zion!

All worshippers please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack and let us know how we might be of service to you.

Holy Communion at Zion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus has given it. As he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord's Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are *“able to hear it,”* that is, *“to his own disciples,”* who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33-34). He scatters *“seed on the ground,”* which *“sprouts and grows”* unto life, even as *“he sleeps and rises”* (Mark 4:26-27). *“On the mountain height of Israel,”* He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes *“a noble cedar.”* Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which *“every kind of bird”* will dwell, and in which *“birds of every sort will nest”* (Ezek. 17:22-25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we *“groan, being burdened”* (2 Cor. 5:1-4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake *“died and was raised”* (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, *“we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”* (2 Cor. 5:1).

Confession and Absolution

500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
 Δ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y

first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
 gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
 us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
 Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who

pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
 hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
 prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
 for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -

set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
 we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
 clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Exhortation

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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,
G who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
G and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

G 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.

Absolution

LSB 185

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.

G Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

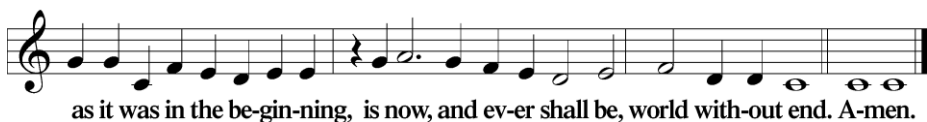
Introit

Psalm 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.
The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.
They are planted in the house | of the LORD;*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.
They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.
**Glorify 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.**
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Gloria Patri

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Kyrie

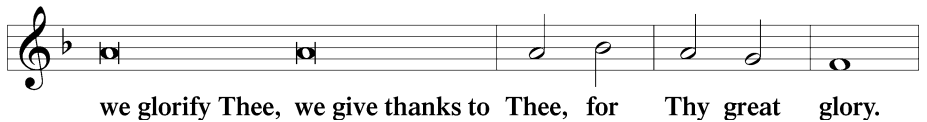
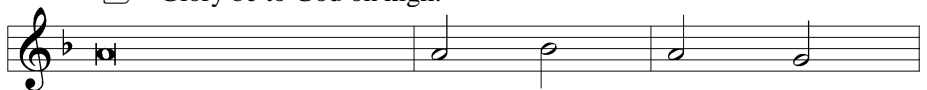
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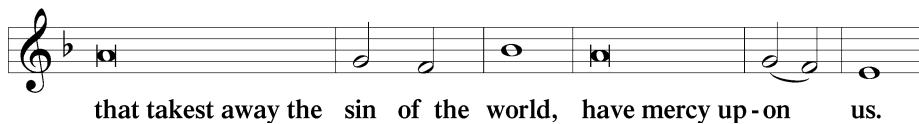


Gloria in Excelsis

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P Glory be to God on high:

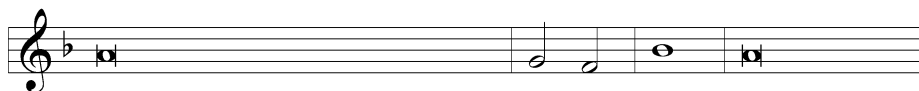




that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



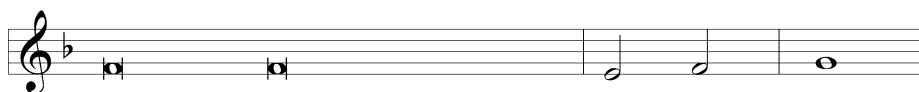
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem (Sunday Service)

“Amazing Grace”

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1–17

Our Heavenly Dwelling

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

The Ministry of Reconciliation

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward

appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

652 Father, We Thank Thee



1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly
2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from



name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -
e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -



mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.
nite it, Cleansed and con - formed un - to Thy will.



Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst
As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, Was



give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the
in this bro - ken bread made one, So from all lands Thy



Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son.

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Sermon - "A Farmer's Faith"

Stand

Offertory

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Choir Anthem (Sunday Service)

"Beautiful Savior"

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



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



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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

G 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

LSB 197

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."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath-ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



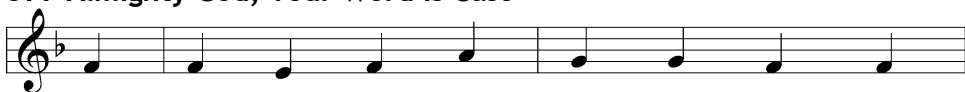
God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

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577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



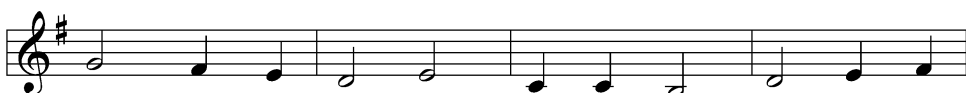
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing; And in Your pres - ence
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be;
 Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

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The Dismissal

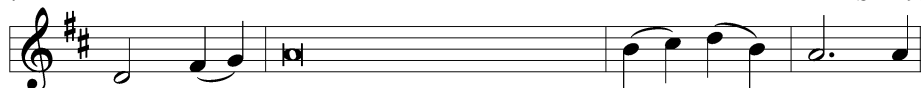
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
 body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

G Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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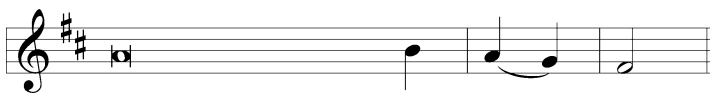
G Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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



G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

G Amen.

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

921 On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par-don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless-ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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Norman Abels (<i>Brookestone Meadows - Elkhorn</i>)	Healing
Judy Ahrens	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (<i>Mount Carmel</i>)	Healing
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Lyle Colsden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Pat Flodine (<i>Cambridge Court</i>)	Healing
Vi Fox (<i>Prairie View</i>)	Healing
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Roger Hoffman (<i>Marc's father</i>)	Healing
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Roy Reynolds (<i>Verleen Gentry's son-in-law</i>)	Healing
Lynne Saathoff (<i>Verleen Gentry's sister-in-law</i>)	Healing
Randy Solomon (<i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i>)	Healing
Spellman Family (<i>Quentin & Janel friend</i>)	Healing
Angela Well (<i>Charles Marineau's granddaughter</i>)	Healing
D.D. Dugger (<i>Sue Kaiser's brother</i>)	Cancer
Stuart Gronewoller (<i>Lonna's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (<i>Jeff's dad</i>)	Cancer
Randy Jochum (<i>Ken Hockemeier's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Fred Koch (<i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (<i>Rich & Carol's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
John Moore (<i>family of Susan Tonniges</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (<i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Kolby Shiers (<i>Jessica's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer

Today's Radio Broadcast is given to the Glory of the Lord by
Dave and Kay Banner

Worship Assistants

Sunday, June 13 ~ 9:00am

Elder: Ken Hockemeier
Usher: Marc Hoffman & Steve Junge
Engineer: James Marquardt
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer
Altar Guild: Linda Johnson

Sunday, June 20 ~ 9:00am

Elder: Nathan Gaunt
Usher: Roger Riekenberg & Robert Glanzer
Engineer: Jared Nuttelman
Announcer: Brooke Fisher
Altar Guild: Linda Johnson

Our Response to the Gospel

Date: 06/06/2021

Offering: \$6,933.13
Weekly Need: \$7,542.37

This Week at Zion

Sun 06/13	9:00a 10:30a	Divine Service Radio Broadcast 1460am
Mon 06/14	7:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Mary Martha-FH <i>Jase Blattner</i> <i>Lennis Hodgson</i> ---
Tues 06/15	1:30p 7:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Sleeping Mats Church Council --- ---
Wed 06/16	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>Lynden Hollander</i> <i>Debra Mitchel</i> ---
Thurs 06/17	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>Justin Koopman</i> ----
Fri 06/18	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	--- ---
Sat 06/19	5:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Divine Service --- <i>Donald & Marion Richmond</i>
Sun 06/20	9:00a 10:30a <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Father's Day Divine Service Radio Broadcast 1460am <i>Jessica McKillip</i> ---



Zion
Lutheran
Church

Where our Triune God strengthens us
through His mercy in faith toward Him and
in fervent love toward one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You: Thank you for the Kearney Barbershop Choir for singing at the Sunday services this week. We appreciate you sharing your talents with us.

Pastor DeLoach Vacation - Pastor DeLoach will be on vacation from June 9-19. For pastoral emergencies please contact Pastor Gaunt at 308-455-0552.

Peaches - Zion will once again be selling peaches the first three weeks of August. The first weekend of August will be the Board of Education, the second weekend will be Mary Martha, the third/final weekend will be the Zion Youth.

Volunteers Needed - The Board of Education has offered to help our new teacher, Mrs. Joy Barefoot, make the move from Lincoln to Kearney. We are looking at moving Joy around July 17. If you are able to help load and/or unload please contact the school office or Mr. Splittgerber at 308-293-0168. Many hands make light work, so help if you can! More details will be forthcoming, so stay tuned!

Offering Options:

- 1) Place your offering in the basket as you leave
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

A Bible Study - is prerecorded and available each Sunday, along with a study guide you can use to follow along. We are studying the three lessons for the day—the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel. Go to Zion's website www.zionkearney.com to access the video and study guide.

Church Management System - Zion has switched to a web-based church management system called ChurchTrac. Please pick-up a yellow sheet in the narthex to get setup today to view all of the benefits and features.

Radio Broadcast - Please help Zion spread the Gospel, sign up to sponsor a radio broadcast! There are several open dates.

Mission Offerings - The second quarter missions will support Higher Things and Issues Etc. If you would like to donate to these missions, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex. Thank you for your support. To learn more about these organizations please visit:

<https://higherthings.org/about>

<https://issuesetc.org/support/>

Vacation Bible School - The date has been set for July 18-22 from 6:00-8:00pm . It will be for preschool to 5th grade. We will also be recruiting volunteers for anyone from 6th grade up to help out. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those that are willing to volunteer and for those that would like to participate. There will be more information to come, please continue to watch the bulletin.



SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Office Hours - Summer office hours will be Monday-Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Best of Kearney - Congratulations to the Zion preschool for being voted Best of Kearney by the Kearney Hub readers seventh year in a row.

Registration Open - Registration is now open for the 2021-2022. There are limited preschool spots available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office. Please tell your family and friends about Zion. Enroll early to make sure you have a spot.

Scrip Cards - Scrip cards are still available during this time. Visit the office during office hours to purchase your gift cards.



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Two Concerns for the Church:

1 The Equality Act
currently before
Congress in
Washington D.C

**2 K-12 Health Education
Standards** proposed by
the Nebraska Department
of Education

What is it?

The Equality Act that is being considered by Congress sounds innocent. All Americans should enjoy equality and the protections of the U.S. Constitution. But in elevating sexual orientation to a protected class, the Equality Act will bring sweeping changes to current laws, to the great detriment of the religious and constitutional freedoms of biblically faithful churches, institutions, Christian schools and individuals.

In fact, those churches and institutions that are bound by the Word of God to the truth of marriage between a man and a woman could be punished for simply standing on our consistent beliefs. The Equality Act effectively outlaws the words of Christ and our free exercise of religion.

The Equality Act expands the definition of "public accommodation" and puts an ultimatum to individuals, religious non-profits, food banks, schools, charities, adoption agencies and others: "Change your faith-based practices or face government punishment."

*Read a letter from Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison and find additional information and resources at the link provided.

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) recently released a **first draft of K-12 Health Standards**. These standards are meant to guide curriculum for all Nebraska schools, including public and non-public schools.

The Health Standards are a deeply flawed, ideologically driven document. Should such standards be adopted by schools, children will be placed in peril, many educators will find their professional judgment and conscience under attack, and the culture will move toward a further normalization of child sexualization.

Read the proposed Health Standards and take special note of the "Human Growth and Development" section in each grade. Here are a few highlights:

- In Kindergarten, students will "discuss different kinds of family structures (e.g. single parent, blended, intergenerational, cohabitating, adoptive, foster, same-gender, interracial). Note that traditional marriage between a man and woman is not mentioned.
- In 1st grade, students "define gender, gender identity, and gender-role stereotypes."
- In 4th grade, students "distinguish between sex assigned at birth and gender identity and explain how they may or may not differ."
- In 8th grade, students would be taught that abortion is "reproductive care" and how to develop a plan to eliminate an unplanned pregnancy.

*Find the proposed Health Standards and additional information and resources at the link provided.

What can you do?

The Equality Act

1. Treat all people with kindness and respect ("You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Mark 12:31).
2. Become informed about the **Equality Act** and the issues of gender dysphoria.
3. Consider your role as Christian citizens and make your voice known to your elected officials. Our friends at Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI) have created a **simple web tool** to allow you to reach out to your congressperson.
4. Pray for our officials, government, and the church in these challenging days.

[Additional resources regarding the Equality Act:](#)

- **Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty**
- **Alliance Defending Freedom** — The True Impact of the "Equality Act"
- **Heritage Foundation** — 11 Myths About H.R. 5, the Equality Act of 2021

K-12 Health Education Standards

1. Pray for Christian teachers and staff serving in our public schools, that they may find opportunities to freely share their faith.
2. Double down on your commitment to Christian education for your own family.
3. Talk about your concern for the new health education standards with your friends. Make sure that they are aware of the educational standards being proposed for every public school in Nebraska.
4. The Nebraska Department of Education is seeking feedback about these standards. Please take some time to fill out the **NDE online survey** and speak up for all Nebraska kids!
5. Watch for local Health Education Standards.

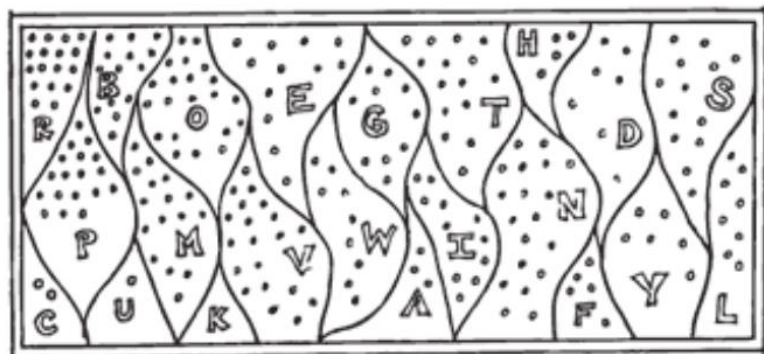
Looking for more information?

* Full details and all resources mentioned can be found on the Nebraska District LCMS website at www.ndlcms.org/action-alert



What Happened at Pentecost?

Count the number of dots in each space. Then use the letters to decode the message below about what happened at Pentecost. Check your work with Acts 2:4.



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