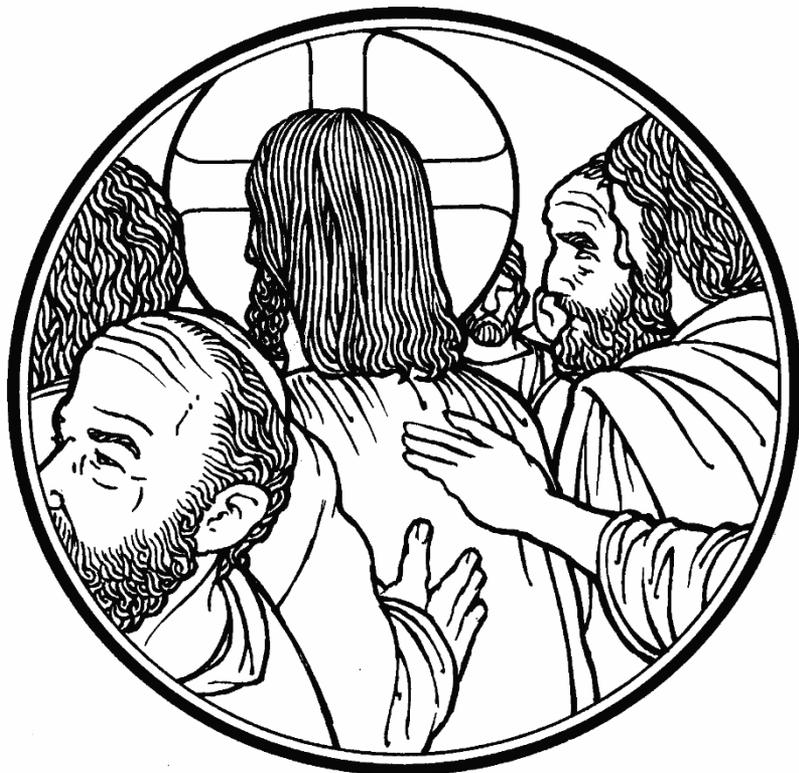


Divine Service



Sixth Sunday After
Pentecost

July 4, 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 Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life

The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: "*Thus says the Lord GOD,*" whether the people "*hear or refuse to hear*" (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus "*went about among the villages teaching*" (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, "*many who heard him were astonished,*" marveling at His wisdom and at the "*mighty works done by his hands,*" and yet "*they took offense at him*" (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His "*authority over the unclean spirits*" (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, "*cast out many demons*" and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God's grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ "*is made perfect in weakness*" (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:

Lord's Prayer (Sunday)

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.

Confession and Absolution

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

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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 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

For the LORD has chosen | Zion;*

he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

“This is my resting place for- | ever;*

here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.

I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;*

I will satisfy her | poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,*

and her saints will | shout for joy.”

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.

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

G Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



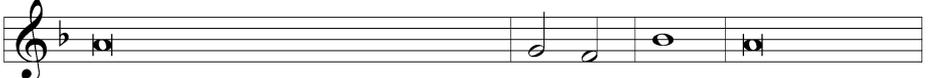
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



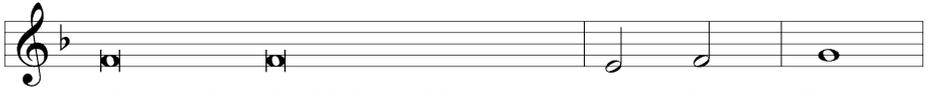
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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 O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Ezekiel’s Call

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!
For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

Paul’s Visions and His Thorn

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1–13

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

Jesus Sends Out the Apostles

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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 \neq everlasting. Amen.

Sit

612 As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered



Far from Your love— un - fed, un - clean, un - clothed—
Speech, that with - in Your warm em - brace soon dies;
We who were lost, You give an hon - ored place!



1 As reb - els, Lord, who fool - ish - ly have wan - dered
2 Still we re - turn, our con - trite words re - hears - ing,
3 A feast of love for us You are pre - par - ing;



Dare we re - call Your wealth so rash - ly squan - dered,
All of our guilt, our shame, our pain re - vers - ing
"Come, eat; come, drink, and be no more de - spair - ing—



Dare hope to glean that boun - ty which we loathed?
As tears of joy and wel - come fill Your eyes.
Here taste a - gain the trea - sures of My grace."

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Sermon - "A Nation of Rebels"

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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G 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.

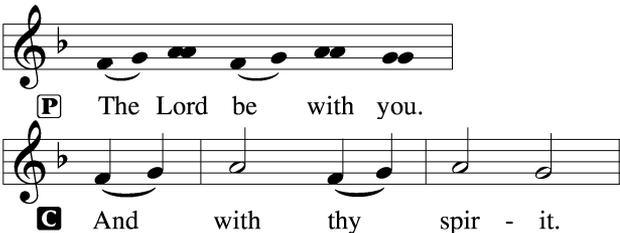
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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to 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 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

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 (Saturday)

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

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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 al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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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

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
 2 The na - tion You have blest, May well Your love de - clare,
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land

And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down
 From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -

we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
 less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1-5



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 The 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 - sun - der, 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,
 O 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.

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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The Dismissal

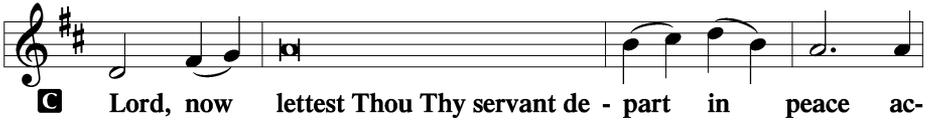
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

G Amen.

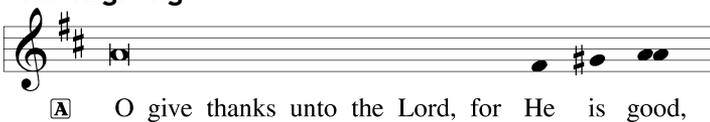
Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

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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.

965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand

2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Sharon Hockemeier, Monique Pohlman	Expectant Mother
Ralston Lee Florang son of Jade & Reese Florang	Baptism
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
Verleen Gentry	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Boyd Millsap	Healing
Michelle Millsap	Healing
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Naomi Wollberg (<i>Andy & Jeanne Wollberg's daughter-in-law</i>)	Expecting
Corn Kenneth Teten - (<i>grandson of Chris & Sarah Hoehner</i>)	Thanksgiving
Family of Dorothy Cattau (<i>Norbert Smith's sister</i>)	Grief
Reg Duke (<i>Westman's brother-in-law</i>)	Healing
James Gentry (<i>Verleen Gentry's son</i>)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (<i>Marc's father</i>)	Healing
Sharon Kreutzer (<i>Richard's mother</i>)	Healing
Lyra Mais (<i>Zion student</i>)	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz (<i>Pam's Uhlir's friend</i>)	Healing
Tim Powers (<i>Kim Wilken's brother</i>)	Healing
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
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Tyrone Uhlir (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer

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Weekly Need: \$7,457.69

This Week at Zion

Sun 07/04	9:00a 10:30a	Independence Day Divine Service Radio Broadcast 1460am
Mon 07/05	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	--- <i>Charles & Jacquelyn Zehendner</i>
Tues 07/06	1:30p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Sleeping Mats <i>Peter Kreuzer</i> <i>Mark & Nancy Dissmeyer</i>
Wed 07/07	7:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	VBS Planning Meeting <i>Patricia Catterson</i> ---
Thurs 07/08	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	--- ----
Fri 07/09	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	--- ---
Sat 07/10	5:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Divine Service <i>Linda Nuttelman</i> <i>Anthony & Lisa Splittgerber</i>
Sun 07/11	9:00a 10:30a <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Divine Service Radio Broadcast 1460am <i>Brooke Fisher</i> ---



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism - - We welcome Ralston Lee Florang to Zion by baptism on July 4, 2021. He is the son of Jade (Gunther) & Reese Florang.

VBS Supplies - Can you help provide craft supplies or money for this year's Mystery Island VBS? Please check out the display in the hallway, grab a fish indicating what you wish to provide, and return the item or money to the office by Thursday, July 15. **THANK YOU** for helping! Questions? Call/text/email Carol DeLoach: 308/627-2279, carol.deloach@gmail.com

VBS Planning Meeting - There will be VBS planning meetings 7/07 at 7:00pm, and 7/14 at 7:00pm at the church.

Ride - Vi Fox is wanting to attend church in person. She needs someone to pick her up and bring her to Zion. She would like to attend Saturday evenings. If you have any questions or would be willing to help please call the office at 308-234-3410. Thank you.

Thank You - Thank you to our friends here at Zion for the cards and good wishes as we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. God has truly blessed our family through the years by surrounding us with faithful pastors and our church family. May He continue to hold us in His hands as we continue our journey.

Don & Marion Richmond

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 at Zion Mystery Island

Vacation Bible School will be held July 18-22 from 6:00-8:00 pm . It will be for preschool to 5th grade. We also need 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.

JOIN THE FUN IN THE SUN WITH THIS UNIQUE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Is there just one God? . . . Who is God? . . . What is God like? . . . Does God love me? . . . Can I know God?

Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At Mystery Island, we'll uncover the truth about our Creator God! There's a sea of confusion about who God is and what he's like, so we'll track down the one true God and learn how amazing he is through the pages of Scripture.

Mystery Island VBS is packed with teaching that connects the Bible to the real world and gives kids a better understanding of our awe-inspiring Creator and the salvation he offers through Jesus Christ.

Each day, kids will learn more about one of God's amazing attributes (great, almighty, ruler, Emmanuel, trustworthy) and how that applies to their lives.



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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.

Employment Opportunities:

Lunchroom Helper:

We are looking for someone that could work from 10:30-12:30 Monday thru Friday, helping in the lunchroom. Daily tasks would include table setup, assistance with lunch distribution, table wipe down and put-away, and floor cleaning. If interested please call the school office at (308)-234-3410. Please share with anyone looking for part-time hours in great school environment.

Church & School Custodian:

Zion is looking for a custodian for the new school year. The position is for 29 hours a week. This is an important and valued position! If you or someone you know takes pride in making a clean and safe workspace, consider working with our wonderful staff at Zion Lutheran. In interested, please call the school office at (308) 234-3410.



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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 congressman.
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

