SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 12, 2026 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today.
Everyone is welcome at Zion and all – without exception – are welcome to Holy Communion.

FREE COFFEE
Why not join us for some great coffee and conversation after worship near the east entryway. See you there!

CONNECT
To connect with the Zion community, scan this QR code. You can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to Zion's newsletter.

PRAYER PODIUM
Inside the sanctuary entrance is a Prayer Podium. You can write prayer request(s) to be included in today's Prayers of Intercession.

ACCESSIBILITY
All floors of the building are accessible by elevator. Sanctuary space is available for those with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers. Please ask an usher if assistance is helpful. Large print bulletins are available.

NAME TAGS
We want to be a place where everyone knows your name! Name tag stickers are available on the welcome table in the gathering space. When you want one, a permanent name tag will be provided.

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM
We livestream worship on YouTube and the Zion Facebook page. You might appear in the livestream, but for security purposes, our children's sermon is blurred.

WiFi Network: Zion Guest
WiFi Password: Zion5822321

CHILDREN
We welcome kids of all ages! Children are invited to enjoy the carpeted zone in the rear of the sanctuary. There are activity bags on hooks along the back wall. Check out our Kids Station in the same area. If you wish to take your child (<4 yrs) to our staffed nursery, it is in the lounge across from the sanctuary.

GATHERING

** Indicates stand as you are able*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Favorite Hymns Hymn-Sing

Ten minutes before worship, you are invited to call out one verse of a beloved hymn!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, ☩ and Holy Spirit, one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

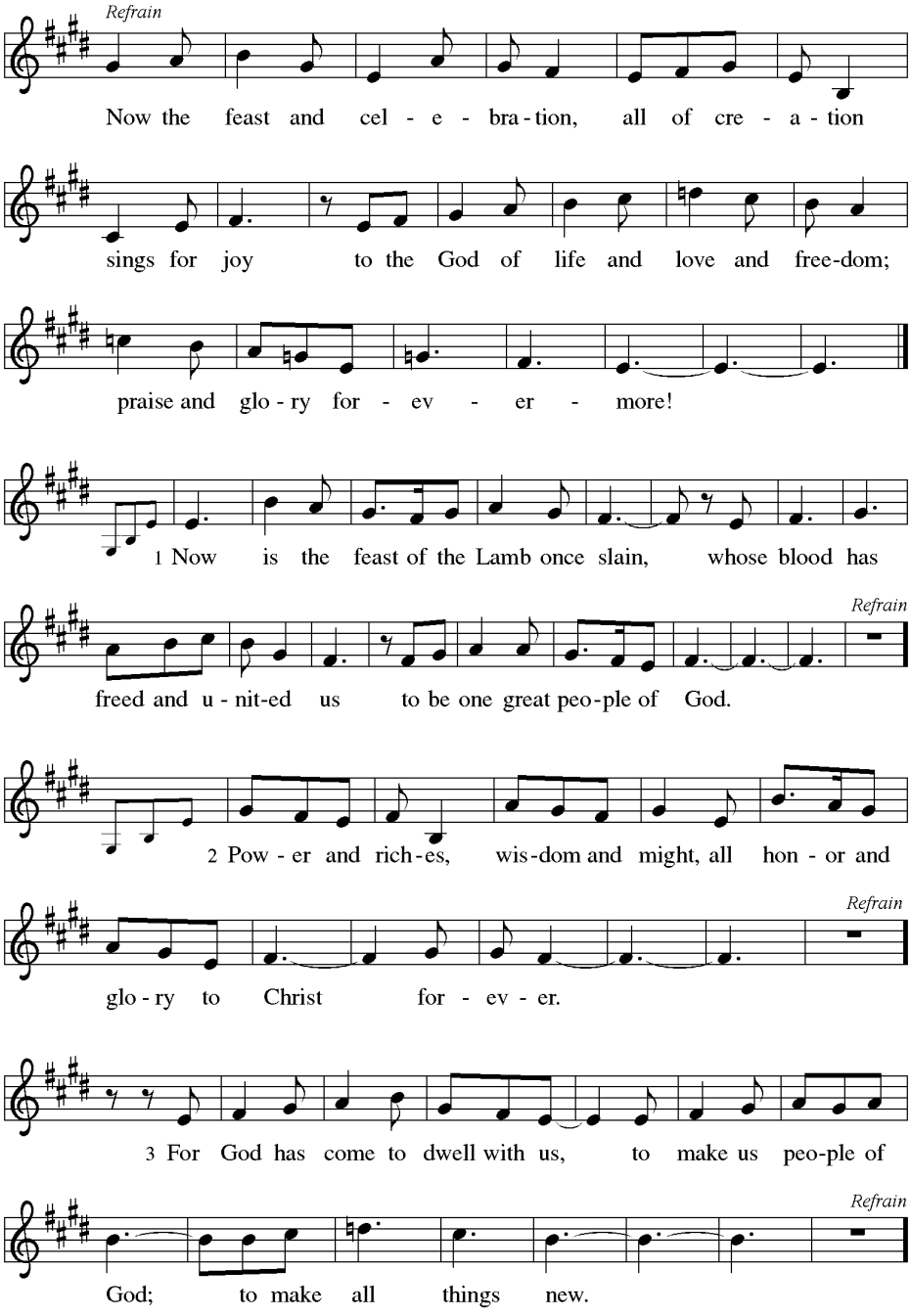
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins, known and unknown to us. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, forgive our sin and restore our broken relationship; call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN 524 * *What Is This Place*

GREETING *

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.
2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.
3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
Refrain
God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65:1-8, 9-13

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.

Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

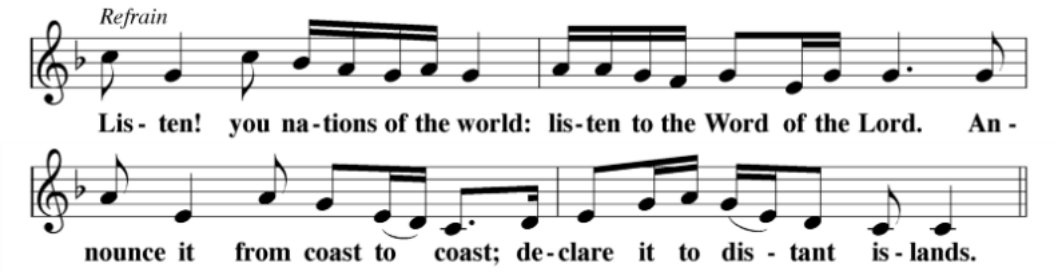
SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 506 * *The Word of God Is Source and Seed*

APOSTLES CREED *

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *

After each petition ending: God of grace, *congregation responds:* **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor concludes: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

With gratitude, we receive offerings during worship to support the mission and ministries of Zion Lutheran Church. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ☩ By placing your offering in the plate that is passed now or
- ☩ Scan the QR code with your phone.

OFFERING PRAYER *

Let us pray. Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

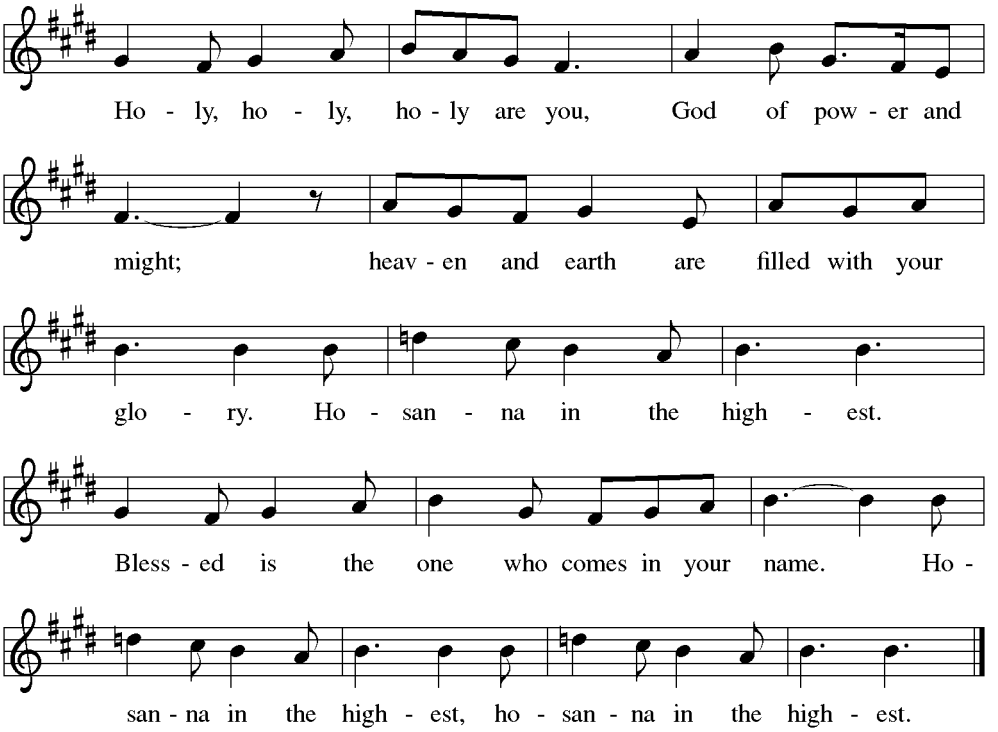
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

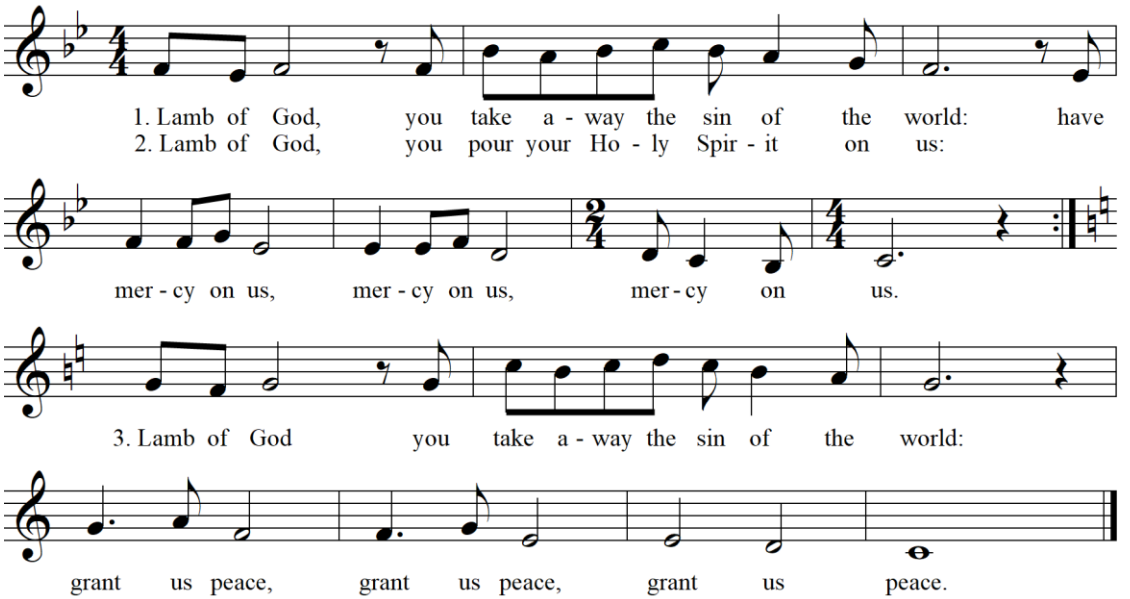
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Zion. To receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, forming two lines in the center aisle.

To receive the bread, place one hand in the other, like a manger or a bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may continue to the side to intinct the wafer in either wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an x form across your chest and you will receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 404 *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

COMMUNION HYMN 512 *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *

May the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

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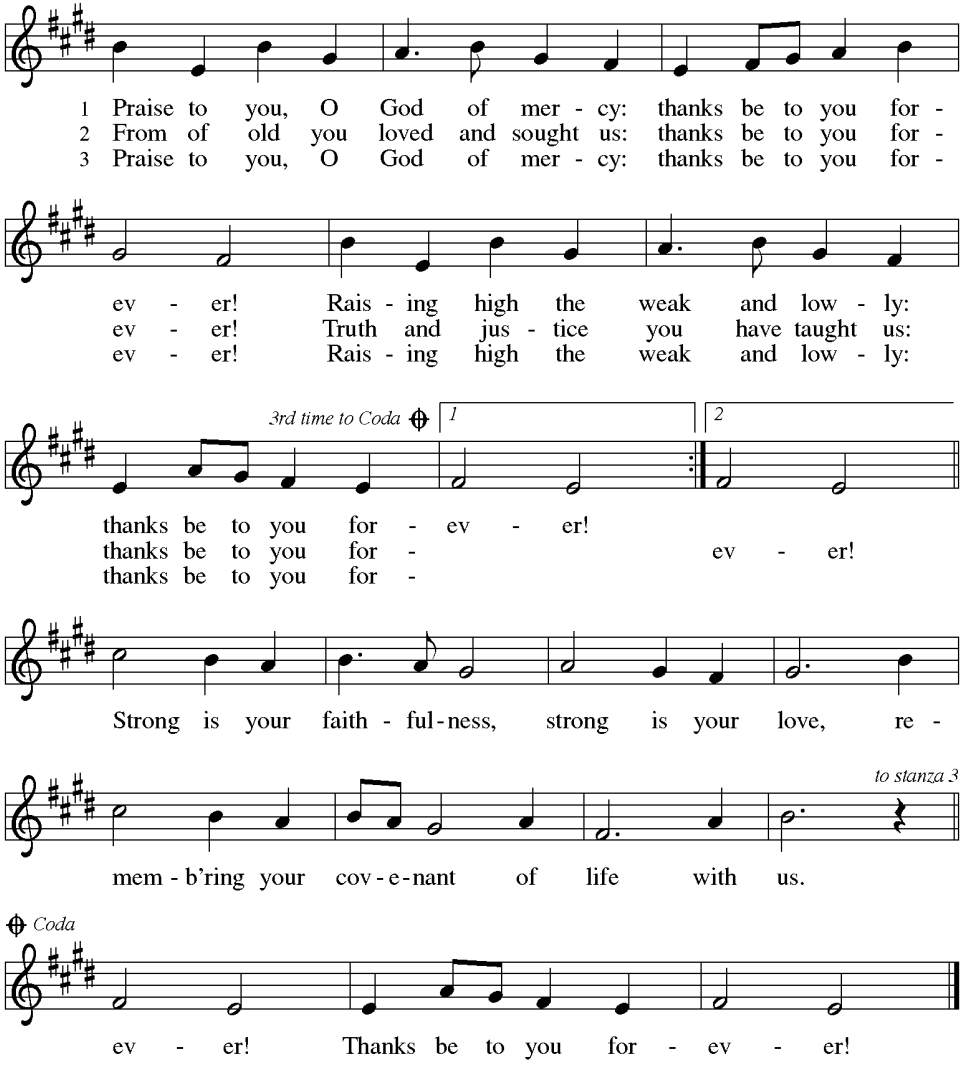
POST COMMUNION PRAYER *

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION *

Response to the benediction: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 547 * *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

DISMISSAL *

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "In dir ist Freude" J.S. Bach

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TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
Assisting Minister	Denny Gross
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Reader	Sarah Lea
Communion Assistants	Chet Johnson / Lois Graham
Altar Guild	Ann Marie Mogren / Don Schroeder
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Doug Graham / Jan Heins
Fellowship Hosts	Susan Auer / Erin Basta

Congregation Council: President – Joe Darnell; Vice President – Ross Anthony; Treasurer - Dennis Gross; Secretary - Liz Prystas; Sabrina Bell, David Buff, Jon Hall, Steve Newton, Cynthia Rowatt, Gavin Tonkyro

Zion Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation – We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God, we welcome all. We celebrate the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. Our Table is open and we invite all to full participation in the life of our church regardless of race, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, socio-economic and marital statuses, physical or mental capacities, age, or social position. We commit to the work of anti-racism and all forms of structural, systemic, institutional, and personal bias.

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Church Office – The parish administrator will be on vacation July 6-19. The church office will be staffed on Monday and Thursday mornings during that time. Email and voicemail will be monitored daily.

Bi-Monthly Mission July / August – YWCA Utah - Since 1906, YWCA Utah has worked to encourage women's aspirations, protect and promote women's rights, and meet women's needs during changing times and cultural climates. YWCA's enduring belief is that better lives for all women and marginalized people lead to stronger families, communities, and societies. YWCA Utah offers safety and sanctuary through Domestic Violence Services, Children's Services, and Race & Gender Equity programs. YWCA Utah is dedicated to empowering survivors by creating a kind, affirming, and equitable community that welcomes everyone regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, background, and circumstance. To learn more about YWCA Utah programs, visit https://www.ywcautah.org/#. To contribute to YWCA Utah, please use Zion's online payment portal ("bimonthly ministry") or label an offering for the collection plate. We will collect Noisy Offerings for YWCA Utah on the final Sundays of July (26) and August (30). Thank You!

Zion Young Adults Event! - Steve and Marie Newton have offered to host the group at their house in Emigration Canyon (it's remarkably cooler up there!). Plan on hiking at 3 and dinner at 5 on Sunday, July 12. To make the food portion of the gathering simpler, Newtons will provide grilled chicken, a pineapple coleslaw, a corn and bean salad, and potato chips. We will also have several beverages options available. Feel free to bring your favorite beverages and anything else you may want to share; and our grill and outdoor griddle are available for use. We will have ice, and refrigerator or warming oven space available if needed. If you have questions or want to discuss anything, you can reach Steve at steve.newton@me.com or Jon at jon.w.hall@me.com. Please email us or text us by noon on Sunday so we can get a rough headcount… and we'll have extra, if you change your mind. See you there!

Honoring 144 Years of Faith & Fellowship: Join us on Sunday, July 19 immediately following worship, as we celebrate Zion's 144th anniversary with a potluck meal in the Terrace Room. Bring a dish to share! Plates, napkins, utensils, ice water, and ice cream (!) will be provided. Feel free to bring your own beverage. *Zion was founded on July 18, 1882. Greater Zion Day began in 1937 and honor's Zion's early years when members worshiped both downtown and in rural*

branch locations in Sandy, Park City, Bingham, and Eureka. Once a year, the full 'greater' Zion community gathered in July to celebrate the founding. We continue the tradition together!

July 2026 Dinner Church
Please join us for Dinner Church on Wednesday, July 22, at 6:00 pm in the Terrace Room. Come experience worship in a less formal setting, around a group dinner table, as we enjoy a simple meal, scripture, prayer, music, conversation, Holy Communion, and fellowship. All are welcome! Bring a friend! Contact Liz Prystas (eprystas@gmail.com) with questions.

Summer Social – Saturday, August 15, Steve & Marie Newton will host our summer social at their home in Emigration Canyon. New members are encouraged to join in! Details coming soon.

Zion Camping Weekend – Come camping with Zion August 21-23 at Box Elder Campground near Mantua! We have room for 50 people on Group Site B, let's make it a party! Pets are allowed, there's running water, a big field to play in, a creek nearby, the works! Even if you don't want to camp, consider joining us for a potluck on Saturday evening. Dinner will start around 6pm. RSVP or ask questions by emailing Rachel Kibler at racheljoi@gmail.com. Suggested donation to the church is $20 per family per night.
Crossroads Urban Center – Share donations of food/small household items. The drop off bin is directly under the stairway leading to the balcony. **Current needs: canned soups for the food pantry and men's clothing for the thrift store.**

ZELC Opportunity to Serve - It's great to see so many people enjoying coffee, snacks, and conversation in the Atrium after Sunday worship. To keep it going, we're looking for one or two families each week to bring simple snacks. Coffee is provided and there are always people to assist as needed. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Chet Johnson: chetj.slc@gmail.com.

Caring Connections Prayer Circle Requests - Are you, or someone you care about, in need of prayer? Please send your prayer requests to Holly Graham (40Grambo@msn.com). Holly will forward them to the dedicated members of our developing prayer circle. *May our prayers rise up like incense before God!*

Informal Yoga Exercise Group – Please join us at 10 AM in the atrium each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Bring your yoga mat. No experience needed!

All Sunday school classes for children and adults are on summer hiatus; see you in September. Chancel choir rehearsals will resume in September too.

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Attendance July 5, 2026 Worship: 74; Online views: 71

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43