

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 17, 2018



ZION Evangelical Lutheran Church

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JUNE 17, 2018

Worship Today

• 10:00 am Worship in terrace room

IN CHRIST'S NAME, WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all. We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age or race. We are a Reconciling in Christ community. All are welcome!

Church Events

- Monday, June 18th
 - 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- Wednesday, June 20th
 - * 7 am Men's Bible Study
 - * 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
 - * 9 am Staff Meeting
- Thursday, June 21st
 - * 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group
- Friday, June 22nd
 - 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- Sunday, June 24th
 - 10:00 am Worship, Baptism, Youth blessing + send-off
 - * 11:30 am Action Forum, Suicide Prevention

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Online Bulletin You can download today's and previous bulletins to your PDA to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to www.zelc.org

Child Care Child care is available downstairs during worship for children 18 months-5 years.

Quiet Activity Bags Cloth bags with quiet activities are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.

Hearing Devices Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.

GATHERING

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

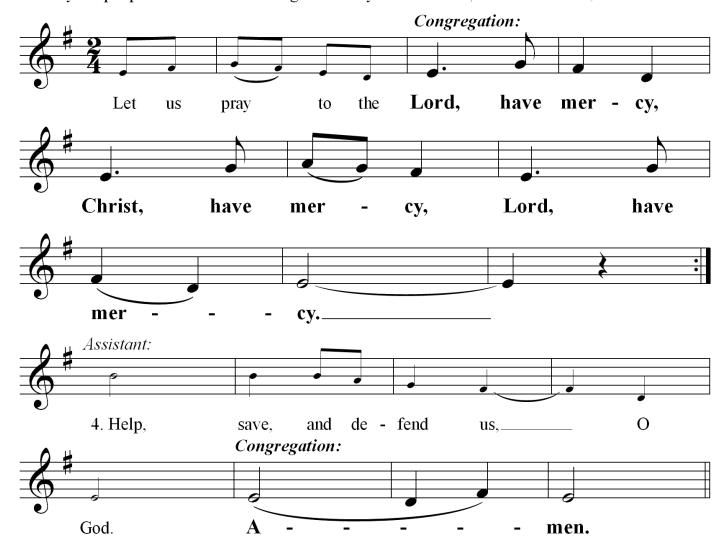
Hymn No. 556

Greeting

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

Assistant:

- 1. In peace, in peace... (continued below)
- 2. For the Reign of God... for the unity of all... (continued below)
- 3. For your people here... for the strength to live your Word... (continued below)



Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12) ¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;

³ on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;

they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.



Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11 -13] 14-17 Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith,

believing he died for all

and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in

God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though 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 do have confidence, 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 all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not 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 urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

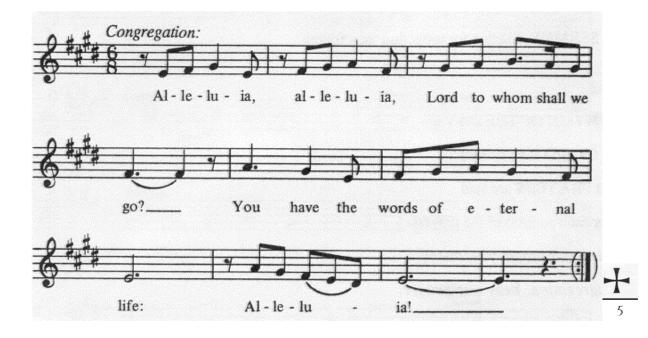
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

All children are welcome to join Pastor Steve for the message.

Gospel Verse



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

The Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26-34
Jesus frequently uses
parables to teach
ordinary people as they
are able to hear and
understand. Images of
sowing and growing
show the vitality of
God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth 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 except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Our God is the God of Easter"

Pastor Steve Klemz

A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of Day

"In Thee Is Gladness"

Hymn No. 867

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.



The Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Christ's healing presence with Rodney Schroeder, Dianne Krehbiel, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Ron Finner, Stephen Anderson, Terri Finner, Dennis Bird, Jennie Johnson, John Modde, Kathy Foulks, Nellie Klooster. Continued healing with Lacy Foulks, Cindy Haverkost. Health and safekeeping for Sarah Seegert, Mallory, Jaime Klemz Diachun, Alice Gardner and all mothers with child. We pray for those in need of our prayers: Lindsay, Mary Pat, John Bailey, Sue, Christy Sanderson, Deborah, Liza, Susan & Corina Matonis, Ken & Teresa Lyons, the Peterson Family, Wesley Hawman, Steve Hayward, Dorothy Weber, Olena, Kay Brown, Maryanna, Kathy, Linda, Deena & Vlodny, Stan, Gary, Duane, Jamie, Carla, Becky, Laurie DeKorver, Lori Davidson & Kevin, Jamie, Beth, Kevin, Doris, Laura, Marsha McBride, Anna, Rob & Sharon, Marilyn Wood, Chuck, Henri Schrecengost, Mary Ann, Susie, Mary, Günter, Hanan, Jackie; for seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez. For Paul in transition. For all youth in transition and distress. For Lisa Mensinger at seminary this week. For World Refugee Day (June 20th).

Each petition concludes, "Lord, in your mercy", and the people prayerfully respond, "hear our prayer."

Prayer requests can be submitted using the bulletin insert or anytime during the week via email to the church office (office@zelc.org) or Pastor Steve (pastor@zelc.org).

The Sharing of the Peace

John 20 More than a greeting, we participate in Christ's gift of community.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other saying, "Peace be with you" and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.

Gathering of the Gifts



MEAL

Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate.

If you give online, feel free to pick up a 'giving bookmark' found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to give online, please go to http://www.zelc.org/giving or scan the code to the left.

Offertory Hymn



Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving at the Table

Before the Lord's
Supper is shared, the
presiding minister
leads us into
Thanksgiving. With the
whole creation, we
join the angels' song.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome. Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Lamb of God



Holy Communion

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle.

<u>Newcomers & Visitors:</u> You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.

Communion Hymns

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"
"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"
"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"
"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Hymn No. 512 Hymn No. 751 Hymn No. 512

Hymn No. 679



After all have received, please remain seated until the Benediction.

Table Blessing

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in God's great grace.

Amen.

Post Communion

Prayer

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and + the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

Hymn No. 881

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

SERMON NOTES:		

Lessons for next Sunday, June 24, 2018 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- → Job 38-1:11
- **♦ 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**
 - Mark 4:35-41

Small Groups & Bible Studies:

Women's Small Group, Alyce Gross,

Shepherd. Meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm in various homes. We will be studying the Gospel of John. Contact Alyce at adgross1@msn.com.

Men's Bible Study-meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scriptures from the Taking Faith Home bulletin insert.

Sunday Adult Bibles Studies—On hiatus for the summer.

Men's Small Group, Peter Staks, Shepherd

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm at various homes. peter@wardleycompanies.com. This group is studying Early Christian Family Tree.

Pub Theology—Different Brews + Different

Views Meets one Thursday a month. Check out Facebook.com/ZionSLC for the current schedule. Currently on break.

Chancel Choir—Meets Sundays at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. Singing in a choir has tremendous benefits for physical and mental well-being. Prepare music to support the day's lessons, learn more about church music traditions, reduce stress, and have fun. Singers of all abilities are welcome. We take the summer off.

Sunday Parent Drop-In Group-After dropping your kids in their Sunday school classroom, you are welcome to join other parents in the church kitchen for some coffee and conversation. On hiatus for the summer.



Connecting This Week Recap

Three outside groups used our building this week for meetings and sessions—still making connections in the community!

Building construction is underway — weekly updates on back page.

How You Can Connect This Week

Primary Children's Hospital—want to serve a meal to the families of patients? 4 people are needed. Please contact the church office for more details on ways to participate in this great service.

Ushers Needed! This is a vital role in welcoming people to worship with us. Interested? Please contact the church office.

Greeters Wanted! Please use the sign-up sheet outside the church library to pick the Sundays that work with your schedule and be a greeter at Zion! It's a great way to meet congregational members you may not yet know.

CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE:

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt 6:21

- Yearly Operating Budget 2018: \$508,350.00
- Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,776.00
- Last Week's Offerings: \$3,295.00 = 34% Weekly
- Total Received this year: \$171,156.00 = 76.1% Yearly Budget
- June 10, 2018: 78

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Weekly update: The east and west facing walls in the sanctuary has been replaced with framing and plywood; we await the

delivery of our new windows. We are keeping the work crew in our prayers.

Action Forum—June 24th at 11:30 AM. Suicide Prevention; Presenters: Taryn Aiken Hiatt - Utah Leader of AFSP American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Wendy Parmley, Retired Nurse, Author, and National Presenter on suicide. All are welcome.

National Youth Gathering—All the reservations have been made and preparations finalized; our youth and leaders will be heading to Houston on

Wednesday, June 27th! We will be keeping them all in prayer as they embark on their summer adventure!

VBS Music Camp at Zion August 6-10, 2018, with the campers singing and playing at worship on August 12th. Registration forms available by the church office and at www.zelc.org. Camp is open to students who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. We are filling up—don't delay!

Family Promise helps homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence, by providing space and support in local churches. The Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 231 East 100 South, is the host site for Family Promise, July 15-20. St. Mark's requests our congregation's assistance. Zion is scheduled to provide Dinner Hosts and Evening Host on July 17. Dinner hosts provide the meal for 6:30 p.m.; Evening hosts stay with the guests from dinner until 8:30 p.m. Volunteers are asked to sign up on the church bulletin board. Please contact Pastor Steve for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS



As a Community of God We Welcome All.

Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18.



Needed in June Food: Small juices Thrift Store Item: Summer clothes & towels **CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER**

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor Steven A. Klemz — Preaching & Presiding Minister David Chamberlin—Organist | Diane Gardner - Music Director Susan Swidnicki — Children's Choir Director Steve & Marie Newton + Holly Graham, Altar Guild

10:00 AM Worship

Kathie & Mark Supiano, Assisting Ministers Volunteers needed, Ushers Angie + Ethel, Counters

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