FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 21, 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!

ENTRANCE HYMN 641 * Vs. 1, 3, 5 *All Are Welcome*

In recognition of Pride Month, we will sing this hymn each Sunday in June.

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.**

Refrain
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
Refrain
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. Teach us, **good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.

I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- failing help.

Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.

Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

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

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 583 * *Take My Life, That I May Be*

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 *

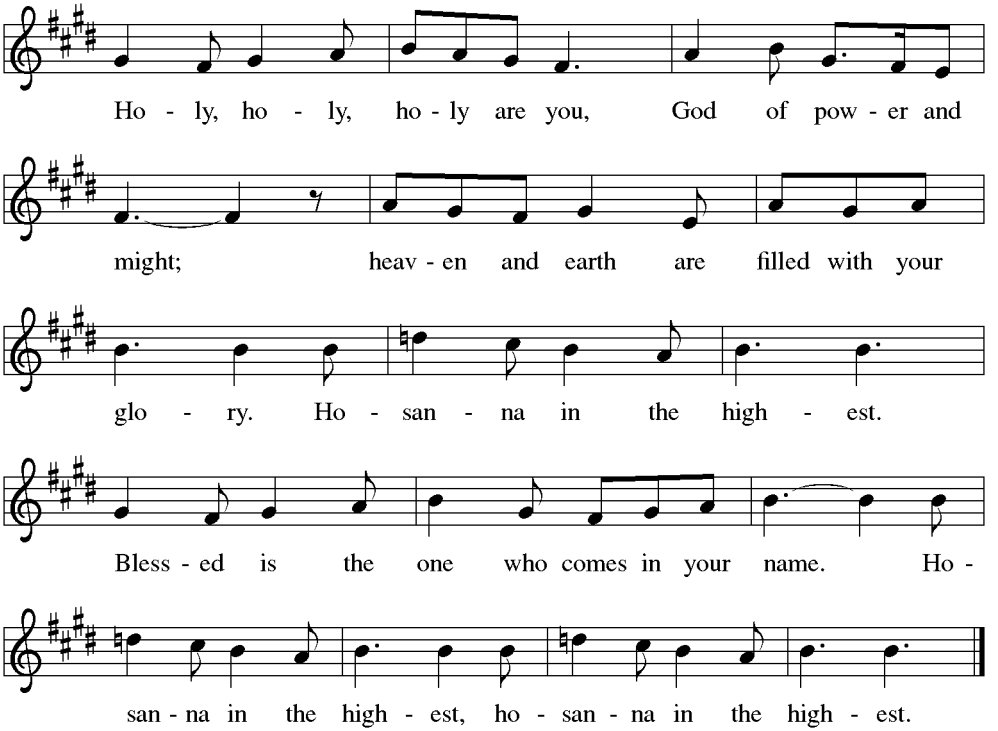
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

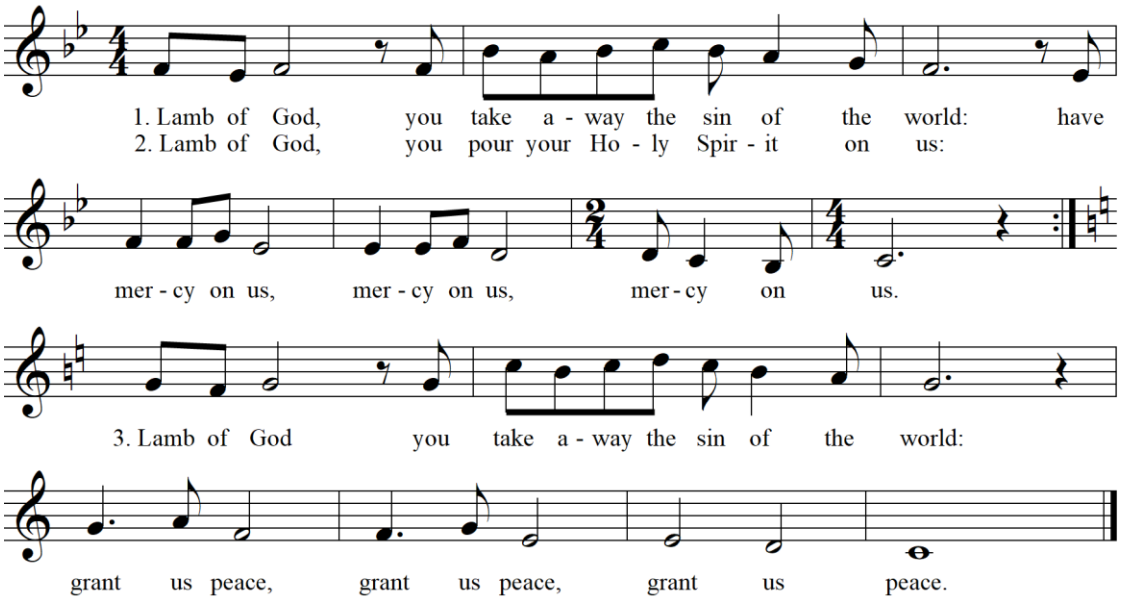
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 732 *Borning Cry*

COMMUNION HYMN 781 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *

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

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *

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 810 * *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

DISMISSAL *

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

POSTLUDE Toccata in G Major Dubois

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Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
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Ushers	Doug Graham
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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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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School Music Camp, 2026 – What a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School Music Camp we had here at Zion. 52 kids and 9 high school counselors have been blessed by Jesus' message of grace, love, peace and Christian community. Our camp would not be possible without the amazing generosity and support of our church council and congregation. Thank you!

Dinner Church – All are invited to attend on **Wednesday, June 24**, at 6:00 PM. Experience scripture, prayer, music, and Holy Communion in a less formal setting, as we share fellowship and discussion during a simple catered evening meal. Due to new carpet installation in the Terrace Room, we plan to meet in the Atrium. Please contact Liz Prystas (eprystas@gmail.com) with any questions.

Family Play Date – Saturday, June 27 - 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM here on our playground (west side of building). BYO coffee and snacks, come for fellowship and enjoy time together! Contact Valerie Garrison with questions valeriemgarrison@gmail.com.

Bi-Monthly Mission May / June – The Other Side Village is a recently built "small home" community in Salt Lake City currently serving 500 previously chronically homeless men and women. Unlike many programs that address homelessness, To learn more about this life-changing community, visit https://theothersidevillage.com/ To contribute, please use Zion's online payment portal ("bimonthly ministry") or label an offering for the collection plate. We will collect Noisy Offering on June 28. Thank You!

Illini 4000 Cyclists – ZELC welcomes the Illini 4000 in July! The Illini 4000 is a non-profit organization made up of young adult bicyclists affiliated with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Each summer, the group bicycles across the U.S., raising awareness and money for numerous cancer research and treatment centers. To learn more about the project, visit illini4000.org. This summer's team of 14 riders will spend the evenings (and overnights) of **Tuesday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 8** at Zion. We would like to offer dinner, fellowship, and gracious hospitality to this group of inspirational athletes/humanitarians for both evenings, as well as breakfast, snack, and lunch items for them to enjoy during their stay. One of the group's initiatives is the Portraits Project, which documents the experiences of individuals affected by cancer through short, respectful interviews. The team would be honored to speak with any members of Zion who are cancer survivors, currently undergoing treatment, or caregivers of individuals with cancer. Please contact Liz Prystas (eprystas@gmail.com) if you can help with food items or if you would like to participate in the Portraits Project. Thank You!!

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, and ice water 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!*

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! More details to come.

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 June 14, 2026 Worship: 79; Online views: 64

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42