FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 28, 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. O God, **you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 722 * *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*

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 *

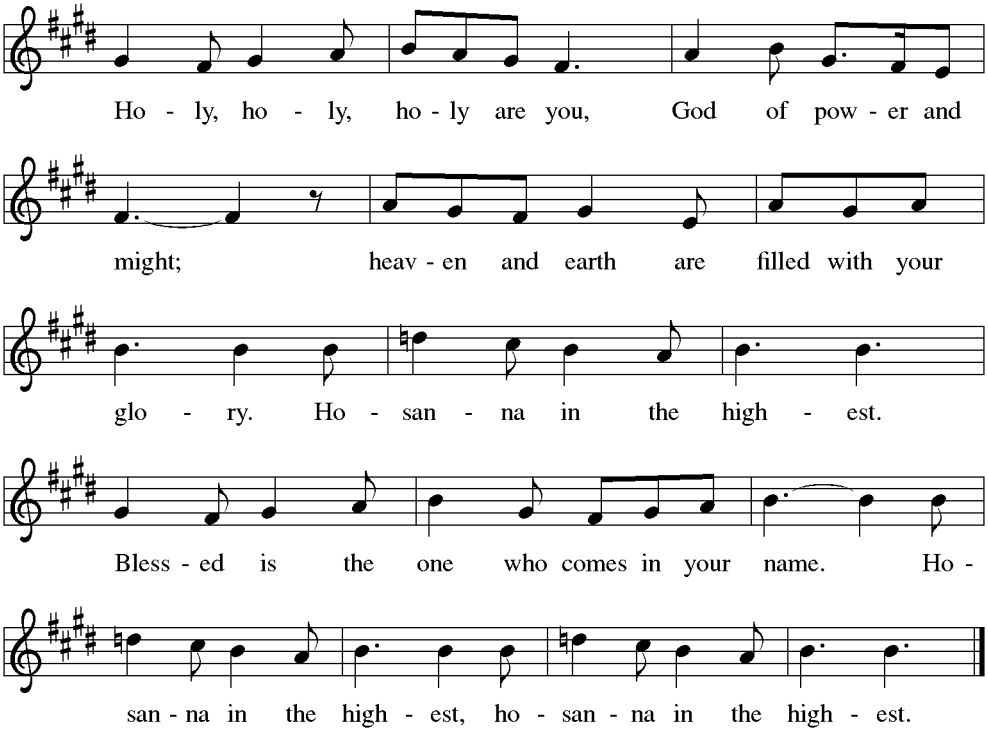
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

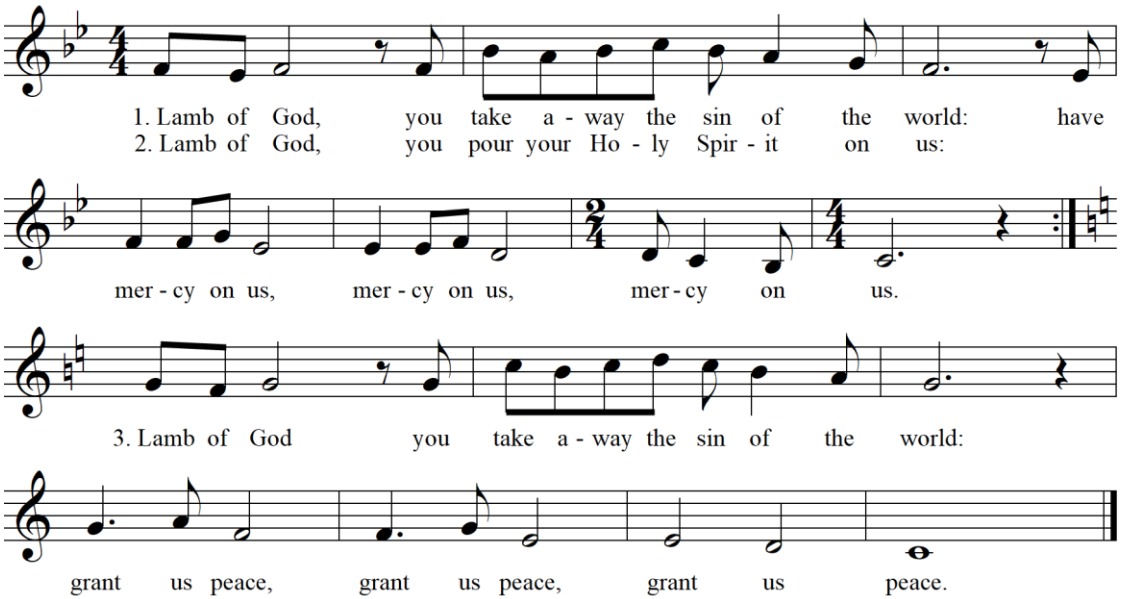
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 592 *Just As I Am, without One Plea*

COMMUNION HYMN 802 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

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 676 * *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

DISMISSAL *

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

POSTLUDE "The Heavens Declare" Marcello/Dubois

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Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
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Communion Assistants	Sabrina Bell / Ross Anthony
Altar Guild	Tracy Hackworth
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Ann Marie Mogren / Andrew Benseler
Fellowship Hosts	David & Michelle Buff

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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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. 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 TODAY. Thank You!

Vacation Bible School Music Camp – Thank you to all who made our weeklong VBS Music Camp such a joyful, creative week filled with the Holy Spirit. We hosted forty nine children, more than half from other denominations or with no church home. Kids learned many of the Bible stories based on water through singing, instruments, Bible study, chapel messages, playtime, skits, art, games, crafts and service. Ten teen counselors volunteered their entire week plus 6 hours of training sessions to bring all of the fun. We have been blessed by wonderful teachers: Sabrina Bell, Holly Graham, Cari Bodily, Emily Hackworth, Deja Mitchell, Sophia Bodily, David Chamberlin and Susan Swidnicki. Our shepherds were essential to the camp's success: Sara Sok, Topher Haskell, Brielle Bodily and Margaret McCoullum.
We have held a goal to bring the highest quality camp and make it affordable for all and we are able to do this through the generosity of the people of Zion.

In addition please join me in thanking: **Chapel messages:** Pastor Tony Auer, Kurt Kragthorpe, Sabrina Bell, Liz Prystas, Holly Graham, Marghi Barton, Peter Staks and Margaret McCoullum; **Snacks** for the entire week: Marghi and Gene Barton; **Lunch hosts**: Doug Graham, Margaret McCoullum, Susan Auer, Liz Prystas, Emily Hackworth, Michael Drews; **Counselor snacks**: Jan Heins, Linda Strohacker, Liz Prystas, Anne Mackenzie, Bill and Julie Mackie, Holly Graham; **Family reception:** Alyce Gross, Liz Prystas, Jan Heins, Jo Grahn, Kirsten Zimonja, Martha Westman; **Clean up**: Liz Prystas, Sabrina Bell, Anne Mackenzie, Jo Grahn, Alyce Gross, Doug Graham, Tracy Hackworth; **Ingredients for service project lunches:** Diane Krehbiel, Fred and Linda Strohacker, Kathy Foulks, Jane Erdahl, Liz Prystas, Alyce Gross, Anne Mackenzie, Topher Haskell and the Boeh family.

We pray that Zion's VBS week will be a lasting foundation in each person's faith life and walk with Jesus.

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 21, 2026 Worship: 81; Online views: 93

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30