

# ***Zion Lutheran Church***



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2026***

*As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.*

# Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

*\*Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Kirk Denton, organ

--setting by Robert J. Powell

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, 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.**

### \*GATHERING HYMN

*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

ELW 777

### \*APOSTOLIC GREETING (℞ **And also with you.**)

**\*KYRIE**



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**1** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



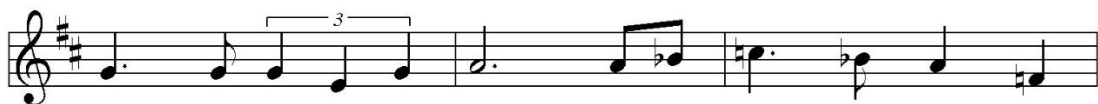
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



**III** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

**II**



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir- it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.



☒ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (☒ Amen.)**

**FIRST READING (☒ Thanks be to God.)**

Zechariah 9:9-12

**SECOND READING (☒ Thanks be to God.)**

Romans 7:15-25a

**\*GOSPEL VERSE**



☒ Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*(after the reading of the Gospel)*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

ELW 608

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE (☪ And also with you.)**

*Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile, or a message.*

**OFFERING**

*Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.*



**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Variations on The Star Spangled Banner*

Kirk Denton, organ

--John Knowles Payne, 1861

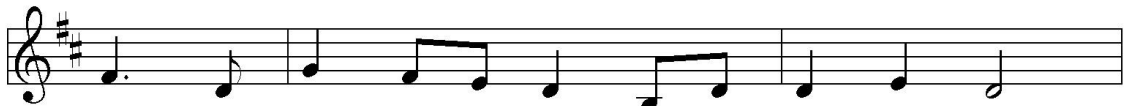
**\*OFFERTORY CANTICLE**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u- nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Amen.)**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\*SURSUM CORDA**

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 our thanks and praise.**

**\*PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

**\*FRACTION SENTENCE**

## AGNUS DEI



☒ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Shall We Gather at the River (Shaker Tune)* Kirk Denton, organ  
--setting by Gordon Young

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING** (☒ Amen.)

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (☒ Amen.)

**\*BENEDICTION** (☒ Amen.)

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Lord of All Hopefulness* ELW 765

**\*DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

**As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Servants in God’s House**

**July 5, 2026**

**11 a.m. Traditional Worship**

Loretta Rapp (Greeter)  
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)  
Doug Davis (Asst Minister)  
Pat McIntosh (Lector)  
Bob Rockwell (Head Usher)  
Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)  
Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)  
9 am Only

**Servants in God’s House**

**July 12, 2026**

**11 a.m. Traditional Worship**

Lee Ropp (Greeter)  
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)  
Bob Rockwell (Asst Minister)  
Gene Appleby (Lector)  
Kenneth Basler (Head Usher)  
Carrie Basler (Sanctuary Usher)  
Bruce McIntosh (Comm Asst)  
Doug Davis (Sound System)

**Our Mission**

As a people of God,  
we share Christ's love,  
grow in faith, and  
serve others



**Our Vision**

Zion aspires to be a church where all are welcomed and loved; God's purpose for each of us is found; and lives are transformed.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jack Newkirk, Sr. on his birthday by Jack and Amy Newkirk.

The doughnuts are sponsored by Sharon Boyer and in memory of Ruth Gardner.



### **Zion Prayer List 7-5-2026**

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Danny Moser, Erika Schenkelberg, Eileen Deschenes, Mackenzie Miessau, Lois Holder, Beverly Bidle, Pat McIntosh, Natalie, Alexa Masser, Kris, Rick Wisner, Karen Carpenter, Margaret Guyton, Kim Buhrman, Nancy Allen, Harriett Hahn, Gary Fulmer, Kieffer Crummitt, Sr., Carrie Basler, Robert Berkey, Brittany Mushuda, Benedict Phelps, Colin Sweigert, Shirley Hyssong, Samn Huffer, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Addison Hopson, Deb Kahihikolo

*We recently updated the Prayer List. If we took someone off that you would like to keep on, please let us know. Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.*



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