

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Juneteenth Celebrated
June 15 and 16, 2024**

*In the name of Christ welcome to worship,
we are glad you are here!*

The Gathering

Gathering Music

*What A Friend
Break Every Chain*

Maher
Reagan

Welcome

Reception of New Members

***Confession And Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***Gathering Song** *Soon and Very Soon* Crouch

***Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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.

Let us pray

Most gracious and all wise God, before whose face the generations rise and fall; Thou in whom we live, and move, and have our being. We thank thee (for) all of thy good and gracious gifts, for life and for health; for food and for raiment; for the beauties of nature and human nature. We come before thee painfully aware of our inadequacies and shortcomings. We realize that we stand surrounded with the mountains of love and we deliberately dwell in the valley of hate. We stand amid the forces of truth and deliberately lie. We are forever offered the high road and yet we choose to travel the low road. For these sins, O God forgive. Break the spell of that which blinds our minds. Purify our hearts that we may see thee. O God in these turbulent days when fear and doubt are mounting high give us broad visions, penetrating eyes, and power of endurance. Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, for a better distribution of wealth and for a brotherhood that transcends race or color. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

The Sharing of the Word

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

Holy Refusals and Beliefs Projected

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

***Gospel** Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord

May this Gospel of the Lord, help you know Jesus and make Jesus known.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Message Pastor Kevin

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayer of the Church**

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace**

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

The Sharing of the Meal

Offering- at this time, please take a moment, if you feel called and are able, to make a financial contribution to the ministry of Zion.



Offering Music *Instrumental*

***Offering Prayer**

***Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Lord's Prayer**

Invitation to Communion

Partaking of the Elements

Communion *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Tomlin

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

The Sending

Zest for Zion and Time for God Moments

***Blessing**

Amen

***Sending Song** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* ELW 841

***Dismissal**

“Go out into the world in peace; **have courage**;
hold onto what is good; **return no one evil for evil**;
strengthen the faint-hearted; **support the weak**,
and help the suffering; **honor all people**;
love and serve the Lord, **rejoicing in the power of the
Holy Spirit.**”

Sending Out in Song

Reprise

*Congregation may stand

New Members - This weekend we are pleased to receive the following new members into our congregation:

- Leona Hubley
- Deborah Klinedinst

We welcome them and pray God's blessing upon their ministry here in our midst.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and by Karl and Regina Peckmann in memory of their fathers, Hans Peckmann and James Morton, and in honor of their son Alec's 25th birthday.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of the church especially to those serving this weekend ...

Serving at 5:30 pm

- Greeter
- Usher
- **Assisting Minister** is Faye Schriver

Serving at 10 am

- Greeters
- Usher is Kathy Glass
- **Acolytes** are Lincoln Strittmatter and Brock Fogle
- **Lay Reader**
- **Assisting Minister** is Regina Peckmann

Windswept musicians and singers.

Offering Counters for this weekend are Lori Wise and Kathy Glass

***Welcome To Worship**, we are glad you are here and happy to welcome you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We would like to know you worshipped with us today – please fill out the Connect Card in the pews and place it in the offering plate. Children activity bags are available from the tree stands in the narthex.*

If you would like to explore a deepening faith relationship with Jesus Christ within the fellowship of our assembly, please speak with Pastor Kevin.

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WELCOME!



Juneteenth honors the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. The name “Juneteenth” is a blend of two words: “June” and “nineteenth”. It’s believed to be the oldest African American holiday. With annual celebrations on June 19th in different parts of the country dating back to 1866.

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 10 AM

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Mission Statement

Reaching up, reaching out, reaching in with faith and love.