

Wel come

JUNETEENTH

FREEDOM DAY



8:00 AM Service

June 16, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church

2215 Brandywine Lane

York, PA 17404

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— CELEBRATE —

JUNETEENTH

freedom day

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.

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Welcome To Worship, we are glad you are here and happy to welcome you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Please fill out the connect card in the pew and place it in the offering plate ~ we would like to know you worshipped with us. Children's activity bags are available from the tree stand in the narthex. The nursery is available for parents to use, and it does have a changing table and rocker.

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

Please check in with your favorite social media apps as you silence cell phones and electronic devices in preparation for worship.

Mission Statement

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Juneteenth Celebrated
June 16, 2024

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRELUDE *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* arr. John Leavitt

WELCOME

The assembly stands.

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

GATHERING HYMN *We Are Marching in the Light of God*
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GREETING

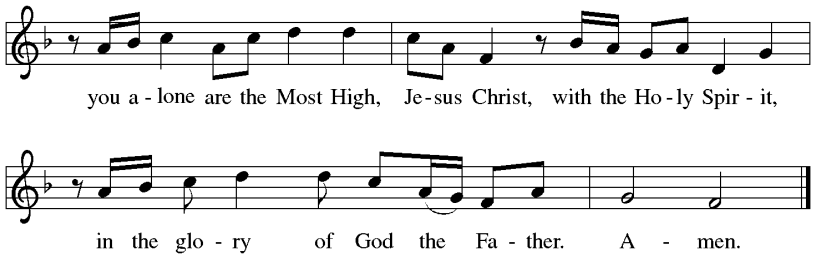
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All



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



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 assembly is seated.

Sharing of the Word

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

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

Thanks be to God.

Holy Refusals and Beliefs – read responsively

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events which surround us.

I refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war, that peace, brotherhood and sisterhood are not possible.

I believe there is an urgent need for people to overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to violence and oppression.

I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace, a way which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of this way is love.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. I believe that right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.

I believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.

I believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up. By the goodness of God at work within people, I believe that brokenness can be healed.

(ALL) **“And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree, and none shall be afraid.”**

(ALL) **“Until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.”**

Amen

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

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

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

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

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.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY

Pastor Kevin

The assembly stands.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the Nicene 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

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers of intercession: **Amen***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

Sharing of the Meal

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



OFFERTORY MUSIC

Cantabile

James Conely

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.'

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

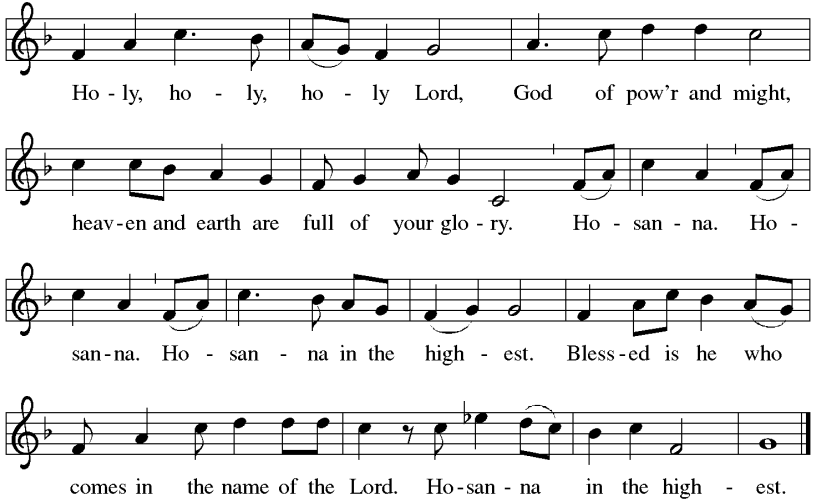
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.
When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.
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.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

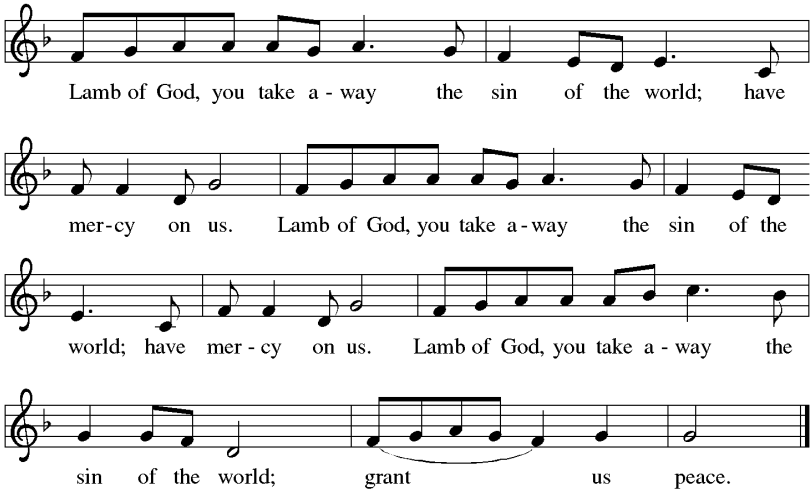
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to the table by Christ's invitation. Should you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the pastor.

COMMUNION MUSIC *I Come with Joy* arr. Nancy M. Raabe

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Loving God, as we venture forth to be women and men of service, go before us as our Guide. Renew us with the spirit of service and sacrificial love exemplified in the life of Dr. King. May we be vessels of hope and justice in a world inundated with countless forms of violence and injustice. May we never stand on the sidelines as we witness injustice done upon our sisters and brothers but walk with eyes open to the needs of our communities, with ears open to the needs of our world, and with

hands open in helpful service to our neighbors. Then we will not only be blessed but be a blessing to our world. This is our prayer
Amen.

Sending Out

ZEST FOR ZION

BLESSING

The assembly stands.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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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.”**

POSTLUDE

A New Hiding Place

Harry T. Burleigh

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 ...

Greeters

Usher is Daun Metzler

Assisting Minister is Mike Mummert

Offering Counters for this weekend are Lori Wise and Kathy Glass