Welcome



Sunday 8:00 am Service February 23, 2025 Zion Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

February 23, 2025

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRELUDE Simple Gifts arr. Patricia Sanders Cota Bells of Brandywine

WELCOME

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

Gathering

GATHERING HYMN

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

ELW 605

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Sharing of the Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

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

Thanks be to God.

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
- ⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

- ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
- ¹⁰ In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.
- ¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.
- ³⁹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;

you are their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 6th 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 TIME

MESSAGE Pastor Kevin

Silence for reflection follows the message.

The assembly stands.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of intercession: Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. 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.



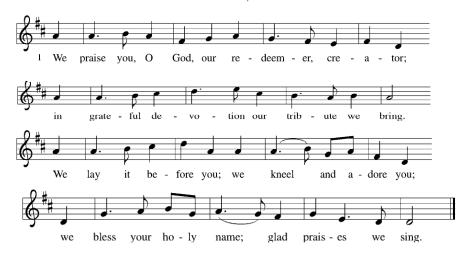
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Simple Gifts
Shaker Melody, arr. Mark Schweizer

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We Praise You, O God



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

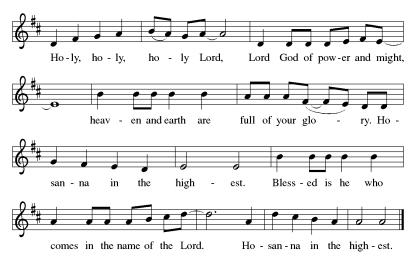
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:



Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of 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.





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who believe in Jesus are welcome to commune. Should you prefer a gluten free wafer, please indicate this to the pastor.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Chaconne

Johann Pachelbel

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,

and send us out to embody your good news

of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

Sending Out

GOD MOMENTS

ZEST FOR ZION

BLESSING

The assembly stands.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Where Charity and Love Prevail ELW 359

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE I Worship You, Almighty God

Sandra Corbett-Wood, arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Welcome To Worship

- If you are a guest, 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.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mandy Holtzapple-Leung in honor of her mother, Linda Holtzapple's birthday.

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

Ushers are Marlin and Janice Kindig

Assisting Minister is Juliann Roderick

Offering Counters for this weekend are Lori Wise, Suz Smith and Rose Hartzell

Prayer list can be accessed with this QR Code

Prayer List February 22 and 23, 2025

Members

*Leah Cunningham *Eileen Chindblom Karen Bissell Karyl Keller Louise Chenoweth Kara Lordan ^Charles and Mary Dye ^Yvonne Falkenstine ^Gina Campbell ^Rita Ware ^Lester McMackin ^Brenda Hilty ^Ruth Fishel ^Dolly Hoover

Family & Friends

Bryan Munchel Phil Brown Tony Kluzia Cathy Rohrbaugh
Scott Deardorff Joann Ream Aunt Kathy Judy Reilly
Colleen Lavin Virginia Lorbin BethAnn LaManna
Liam Henretty Darin Miller Joye Jacobson Gale Shaw
Tom Royer Joe Wilt ^Irelyn Sprenkle ^Reed Phillips ^Roland
Mechler ^J J ^Lucas Haney ^James Spang ^Connie Hamilton
^Norma Woerner ^Stephanie Beyer ^Dave McNeil ^Joan Turko
^Doug Barbour ^ Phyllis Schafer ^Dick Crock ^Duane Rawson
^Rose Aumen ^Janie Bloom ^Kim Staub

Grieving

*Family and Friends of Jason Thomas Family and Friends of Joan D. Hensel

Thanks and Praise

Doug Barbour Gina Campbell

Refugees

Afghanistan Families Sudan Family

Military

∧Matthew Brandstedter ∧Alec Peckmann

Missionary

∧Chad Stout ∧Hannah Cunningham

Prayer requests will remain on the list for four (4) weeks.

Long term will remain for a year.

A new prayer request card may be submitted thereafter.

* New Request and ^ Long Term