

Worship Plan for Sunday, June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Zion Lutheran Church

Worship



GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On behalf of the Zion Church Family, a very warm welcome to our guests, friends, and family. We are so pleased you are with us. Welcome to Zion!
- If you are here by Zoom or by phone, a special welcome to you as well. You can find our bulletin on our website, or you are welcome to just listen along.
- For this morning's worship, we will have Holy Communion. You do need a Holy Communion packet, or to collect your own supplies, if at home.
- Finally, we ask that you wear a mask and maintain distance from those outside of your household for the duration of our time together.

FRAMING QUESTION

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

You are invited to center yourself in this worship through a moment of prayer.

- *Breath Prayer – breathe deeply, recognizing God's own breath in your breath, God's presence within and beside you*

Or

- *Word Prayer – you are invited to silently repeat a phrase from this morning's Gospel reading, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God?"*

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.
Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,
C **help us.**
It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

P Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

We Walk by Faith

ELW #635

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er
spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

2 We may not touch your hands and
side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:

4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.

5 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight

***GREETING**

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

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Help us become
gardeners of faith, sowing seeds of Good News wherever we go, open to your
surprises of unexpected growth. In Jesus name we pray,

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING:

*The first reading is from **Ezekiel 17:22-24***

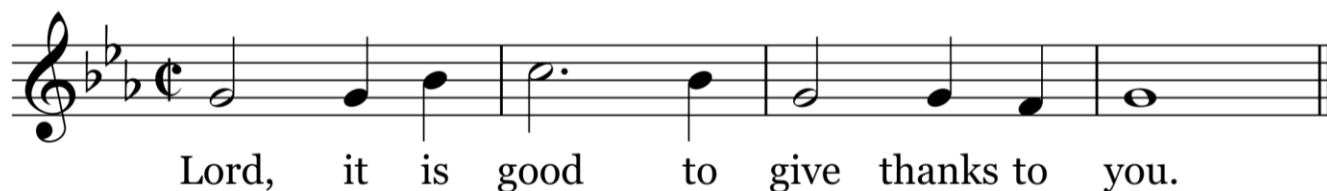
p.684-685 Pew Bible

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92

Refrain:



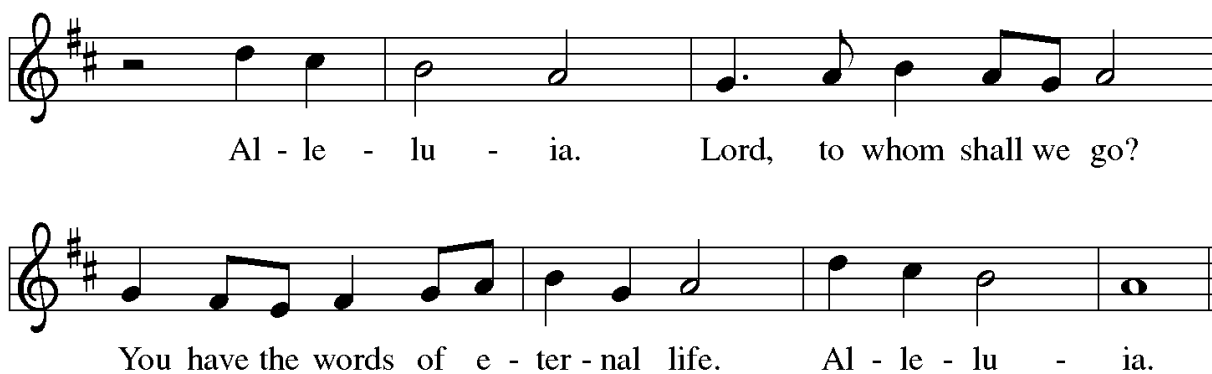
SECOND READING:

The second reading is from 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 p. 939-940, Pew Bible

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – SETTING 4



*GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

p. 815-816, Pew Bible

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Jesus Loves Me, ELW #595

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain
Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

ELW #580

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| 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call
to live according to your word
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall. | 3 We marvel how your saints become
in hindrances more sure;
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your pow'r to cleanse and cure. |
| 2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and life itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair. | 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavored done. |

*APOSTLES CREED

We confess our faith in the words of 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**

- P Let us come before the triune God in prayer. You are invited to include your own prayers – joys and thanksgivings, needs and sorrows, near the end.
- A Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith all around us. Through strategic planning, careful listening, and obedience to you in prayer, open us to your vision for Zion in this new chapter of our life together. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, restore your beloved earth. Lead us to work for the good of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A God of Play, we pray for Lutherhill Ministries, our partner camping ministry. Grant them an enriching summer season and deepen the faith and joy of all children. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness, particularly those who live near to Zion. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A God of hope, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. We pray especially for Bernice, Agnes, Florence, Kathy, Harold, Joshua, James, Rhonda, Jan, Eva, Michaleine, Erna, Maxine, Ann, Chris, Thomas, and Ryan and family. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- P We pray also for ourselves and those we love (pause). We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

***PEACE**

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

THE MEAL

OFFERING

Zion is receiving offerings by the offering plates near the back doors, by the Tithely app, or by mail. Please include your attendance card as well

OFFERTORY

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

ELW #399

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| 1 | O Holy Spirit, root of life,
creator, cleanser of all things:
anoint our wounds, awaken us
with lustrous movement of your
wings. | 2 | Eternal vigor, Saving One,
you free us by your living Word,
becoming flesh to wear our pain
and all creation is restored. |
| | | 3 | O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r,
encompass us with wings
unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all
above, below, and through the
world |

*OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray together. Jesus, Bread of life,
C **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.**

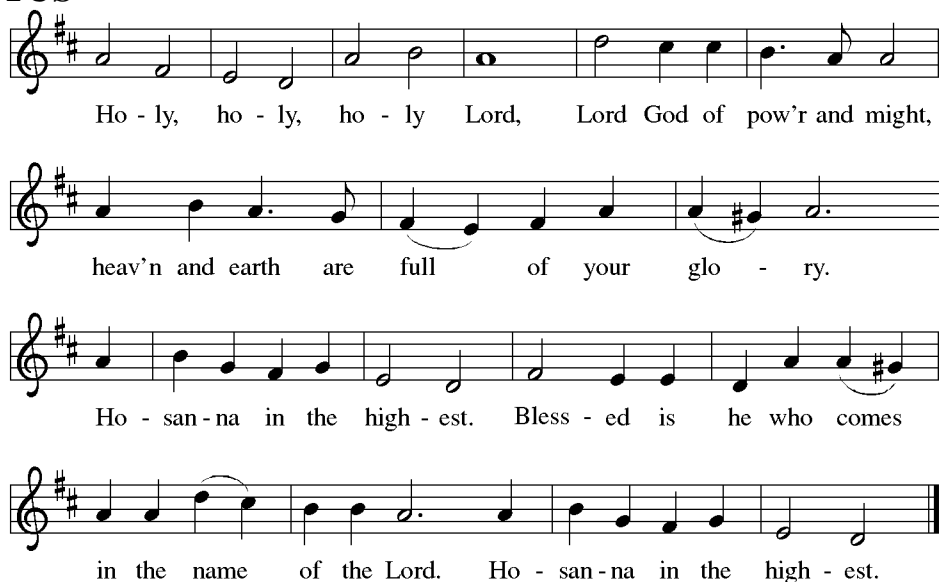
*DIALOGUE

- 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.**

***PREFACE**

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:

***SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray, as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come, eat and be satisfied. You are invited to take your communion packet...

COMMUNION HYMN

In the Singing

ELW #466

1 In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in your presence at this table,

Refrain

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.

2 In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people, *Refrain*

TABLE BLESSING

P Now that you have tasted the goodness of God in bread and wine, let us be the body of Christ, blessed and broken for the whole world.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW #807

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

*BLESSING & DISMISSAL

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God. (AND WE WILL!)**