

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, August 1, 2021**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Zion Lutheran Church

Worship



### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **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 with bread and wine received at the rail. Instructions will be given at that time. If at home, you will need bread and wine to participate.
- We invite you to fill out our attendance sheet, as well as to reflect on the question at the bottom of it – trusting that God is made known to us in worship, how did you experience God this morning?
- 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, "So that nothing may be lost."*

### **PRELUDE**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*\* Indicates an invitation to stand, as you are able or comfortable.*

P To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself an act of faith: we trust that God's mercy and grace are intended for us, too, and that we also need to hear words of God's love. So with faith and in trust, let us make our confession to God:

A Our hearts are hard, O God –

**C Soften them with your love.**

A Our hands are clenched, O God –

**C Open them with your grace.**

A Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –

**C Invite us to dance with you.**

A Our lives are not our own, we know –

**C Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God.**

P People of God, you are made by God to be love for the world. God's grace is sufficient for you. May you be renewed by God's abundant love, strengthened by God's generous compassion, and held gently by God's tender embrace, that together, we might turn and offer God's love to our neighbors. In the Holy Name of God: Creator, Redeemer (+), and Sustainer, Amen.

## **\*GATHERING SONG -- What Feast of Love**

ELW #487

1 What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

### **\*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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **THE WORD**

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.*

#### **FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

*p.55 Pew Bible*

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 78

*God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)*

*Refrain:*

The musical score is for the Refrain of Psalm 78. It is written for a Cantor/All and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody for the Cantor/All is on a single staff, and the piano accompaniment is on two staves (treble and bass). The lyrics are: "The Lord gave them bread from heav - en." The score includes a first ending and a final ending. Chords are indicated above the piano staff: Em, D, Bm, Esus, Em, and E.

## SECOND READING: *Ephesians 4:1-16*

*p. 951, Pew Bible*

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

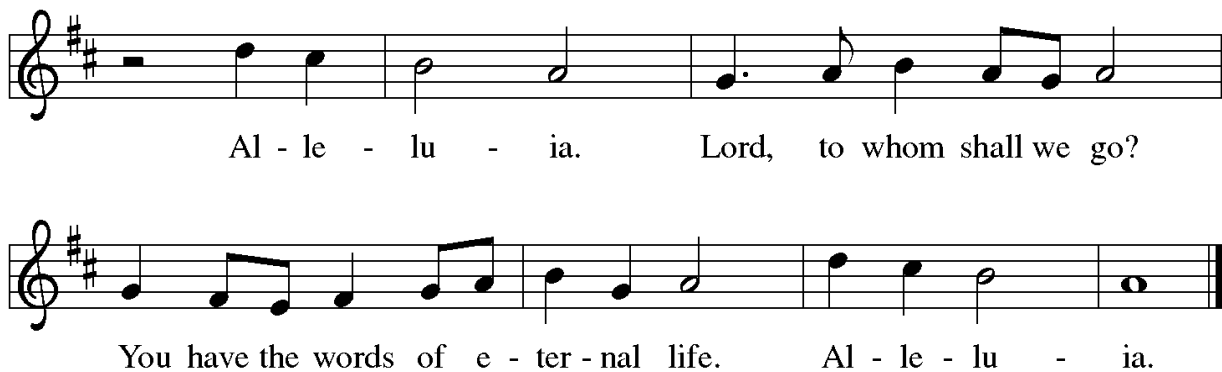
<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – SETTING 4



### \*GOSPEL: *John 6:24-35*

*p. 867-868, Pew Bible*

*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.” <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son-of-Man will give you. For it is the Son-of-Man that God, the Father, has sealed.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to Jesus, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one whom God has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**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

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW #485

1 "I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father  
beckons."

3 "Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*

*Refrain*  
"And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."

4 "I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live  
forever." *Refrain*

2 "The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live  
forever." *Refrain*

5 Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who have come into the world. *Refrain*

### \*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 offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each petition with the words “Feed the world with your love.” You are invited to include your own prayers – joys and thanksgivings, needs are sorrows, near the end.

A O God, we lament the ways that your church is divided by past and present controversies. *A brief silence.* And we pray: guide the ELCA toward ecumenical cooperation with other Christians; uphold the ministries at Zion, especially our Sunday morning teams; and direct each one of us toward the ministry for which you have formed us. You are the Spirit of life, O God:  
**Feed the world with your love.**

A We lament the harm that humans have inflicted on your earth. *A brief silence.* And we pray: ensure the fertility of farms and fields; lessen the power of extreme weather; and strengthen worldwide efforts to live in such a way that climate change is slowed. You are the Pulse of our life, O God:  
**Feed the world with your love.**

A We lament that countless people suffer daily from hunger and thirst. *A brief silence.* And we pray: lead us to provide food and clean water to all peoples; strengthen ELCA World Hunger programs and sustain the efforts of local food banks, including the HIM Food Pantry. You are the Bread of life, O God:  
**Feed the world with your love.**

A We lament that the coronavirus continues to kill thousands each week. *A brief silence.* And we pray: send healing to all the sick and suffering, especially to those who receive no medical care; look with compassion on health care workers; and visit all whose pain is known only to you. We remember before you: Bernice, Betty, Florence, Kathy, Harold, Joshua, Erna, Kevin, Donna, Kim, Laverne, Rene & Mark, Dallas, and Debbie. You are the Physician and the Nurse of life, O God:  
**Feed the world with your love.**

P We pray also, aloud and quietly, for the joys and concerns we name before you now (pause). Into your merciful hands, O triune God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the life you offer us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ, who comes to us in love.*

### 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*

### ANTHEM

### OFFERTORY

#### **O Holy Spirit, Root of Life**

ELW #399

1	O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things: anoint our wounds, awaken us	with lustrous movement of your wings.
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### \*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. Amen.**

### \*DIALOGUE

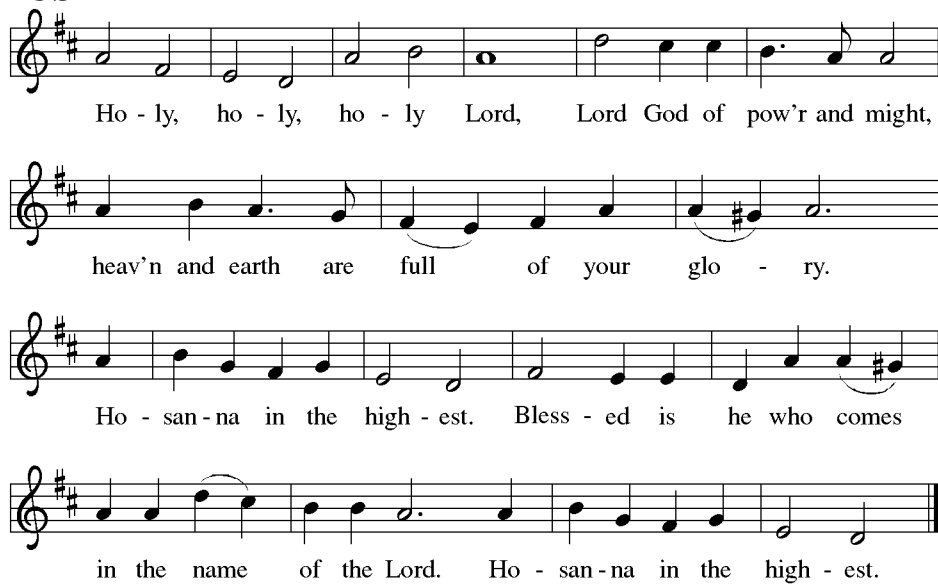
P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*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.

## 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

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW #656

1 Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.

3 We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

2 Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

**\*BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

P     Go forth into the world in peace;  
      be of good courage;  
      hold fast that which is good;  
      render to no one evil for evil;  
      strengthen the fainthearted;  
      support the weak;  
      help the afflicted;  
      honor everyone;  
      love and serve the Lord,  
      rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
      and the blessing of God almighty,  
      the Father, the Son (+), and the Holy Spirit,  
      be among you and remain with you always.

C     **Amen.**

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

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