

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lewistown, Montana

JUNE 28, 2020



If you are visiting or new to our church family, we welcome you!

Restrooms are located in the hallway at the far side of the narthex.

Should your children need to leave during worship, please feel free to use the seating in the narthex. An overhead speaker is located in the narthex for your convenience.

Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA)
June 28, 2020 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to the day

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

(*Stand)

GATHERING

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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

C **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence
in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

**By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit,
lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with
God through ✚ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

*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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18 (responsively)

¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**

³⁴I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴**I will establish your | line forever,
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’ ”**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily | in your name;
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory | of their strength,

and by your favor our might | is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God,

C **you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy
reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve
one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A reading from Romans.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MUSICAL OFFERING

*CREED

P Together, with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

(Response to petitions)

P Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C **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.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***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 Taste and see that the Lord is good

LAMB OF GOD

P Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C have mercy on us.

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C have mercy on us.

P Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Please remain seated, communion will be brought to you.

***TABLE BLESSING**

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

C Amen

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

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

MINISTRY OF ZION

***PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

As we approach the twentieth anniversary of our full communion agreement, "Called to Common Mission," we give thanks to God for the partnership we share with The Episcopal Church. In the coming months, we will pray for and with one another, seeking spiritual renewal in these challenging times, and revival for the common mission we share.

P God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Welcome! Before worship, you are invited to read and reflect.

Prayer Concerns: Prayer cards are available in the pew racks to communicate prayer concerns to Pr. Lynne. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to pastor after worship.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Jessie Stewart, Myrna Heppe (Pr. Lynne's mother)

Homebound Members: LaVerna Conard, Mary Westburg, DeAnn Paulson, Dorothy Adcock, Bob Papp, Harriet Irish, Don Pfau

Social Concern for June: Zion's Elevator Fund. If you would like to donate to the "elevator fund", make you check out to Zion Trust.

Today

LOVE, INC. volunteer training, Sunday, June 28th, 2:30-4:00 pm at New Life Assembly. Loving people. Changing Lives. Come learn more about how you can get involved with our partner ministry of Love In the Name of Christ!

Week of June 29 – July 5, 2020

Wed 6:00pm Worship
Sun 9:30am Worship

Christ in Our Home for July, August, September is available on the narthex table and several will be placed in the mailbox by the office wing door,.

Congratulations to our Confirmation students who were affirmation in their baptism on Wednesday, June 24th! Kaitlyn Fryer, Jacob Simac, Tate Mangold, Andrew Sura, Carter Wichman, Justin Maier, and Sophia Ziolkowski.

Altar Guild is in need of volunteers for the months of July, October, and January. If you would like information about the duties of altar guild volunteers, call Avis, 538-9401, or the office, 538-5082.

In Loving Memory:

Loyd Bowen will be commended into God's Care and keeping on July 1. Loyd has extended family in and around Lewistown and we expect them to fill our allotted seating capacity. We hope t have our new video equipment up and running by then so we can livestream it on our YouTube channel: Zion Lutheran Church, Lewistown.MT.

Serving on Staff:

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