

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 14, 2026



Welcome to worship today!

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**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**June 14, 2026 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**GATHERING**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**L** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**C** **we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

**L** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C** **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *All Are Welcome*

**(ELW 641)**

**GREETING**

**L** 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.**

## KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 149)

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

C **God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

## FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup> ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 100 (Spoken responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence | with a song.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;  
we are God’s people and the sheep | of God’s pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God’s | holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

**C      Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)



## GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [1-23]

**L**      The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

**C**      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is

plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

L      The gospel of the Lord.  
C      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Here I Am, Lord*

(ELW 574)

## CREED

L 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 THE PEOPLE

L Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

(Response to prayers)

L God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

L Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
C **Amen.**

## PEACE

L The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

## THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the

brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,

and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

L Loving God,

C **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.**

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

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

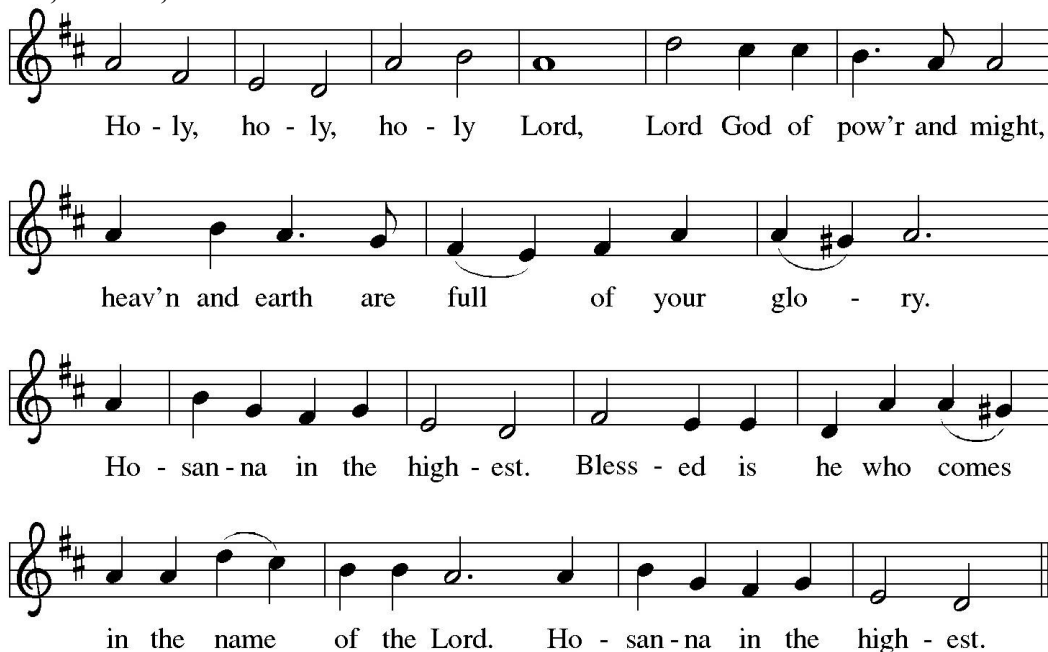
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## PREFACE

L 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

L      Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, our will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L      Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)



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, grant us peace.

**SONG DURING COMMUNION: *Come, Let Us Eat***

**(ELW 491)**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**L**      Compassionate God,  
**C**      **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**BLESSING**

**L**      Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.  
**C**      **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *I Love to Tell the Story***

**(ELW 661)**

**DISMISSAL**

**L**      Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**C**      **Thanks be to God.**

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**Serving Us:**

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**Pianist: Rhonda Jeide**

**Lector: Cindy Giese**

**Communion Assistants: Diane Lutz & Karen Combs**

**Ushers: Scott Lutz**

**Greeters: Sharon Nordahl**

**PowerPoint: Falan Aanenson**

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Scott, Ed, Jessie, Norma D., Tia (Pam Bowen's granddaughter), Ken, Scott, Larry, Byron Swanby, Dan, Mike, Bill, Dianne, Matt, Pam, Ron, Avis & Stephanie

**Please call** the office if you would like to join Prayer Partners.

**Social Concern for June:** **S.M.I.L.E.S.** Supplemental Meals in Lewistown Elementary Schools S.M.I.L.E.S. provides food for elementary students on the weekends. 100% of every donation stays local and goes to our community!

**If you would like to contribute to this effort, please mark SMILES in the memo line of your check.**

**Week of 6/15 – 6/21**

|      |         |                   |
|------|---------|-------------------|
| 6/15 | 9:15am  | Prayer Circle     |
|      | 6:00pm  | Council Meeting   |
| 6/16 | 9:30am  | Rachel Circle     |
| 6/17 | 12:00pm | Men Over Lunch    |
| 6/18 | 6:30am  | Men's Bible study |
|      | 9:00am  | Quilting          |
| 6/21 | 9:30am  | Worship           |

**Week of 6/22 – 6/28**

|      |         |                |
|------|---------|----------------|
| 6/22 | 9:15am  | Prayer Circle  |
| 6/24 | 12:00pm | Men Over Lunch |
| 6/25 | 9:00am  | Quilting       |
| 6/28 | 9:30am  | Worship        |