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June 22, 2025 ✚ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

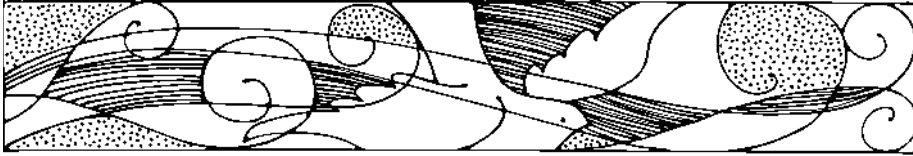
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





Second Sunday After Pentecost

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord.

“For I am God and there is no other.”

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Today we are faced with the reality of death —
and our Lord’s power to overcome it.

(Let us take a moment of silence for reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**By our actions — and our inaction —
we have opposed your will
and hindered the progress of your Word.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

A great prophet has risen among us!

God has looked favorably on his people!

Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and for his sake our sins are forgiven.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ,
God gives the power to become children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

#523

Refrain



Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
 2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
 3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
 ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
 peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



Refrain



walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
 heard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
 geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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Opening Litany

While Jesus walked this earth, teaching and healing,
 the crowds around him kept asking one another, “Who is this man?”
As his faithful followers, we now identify him as the Messiah.

When he eloquently preached at the temple in Nazareth,
the people were amazed at his words and said, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"
As his faithful followers, we now identify him as the Son of God.

After Jesus calmed the storms that raged through the Sea of Galilee,
the disciples asked, "Who is this,
that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

**As his faithful followers,
we now identify him as the Ruler of heaven and earth.**

And after Jesus forgave the sins of a paralytic,
the Pharisees whispered to each other,
"Why does this man talk like that?"

**As his faithful followers, we now identify him as the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.**

Then when people today ask us,
"Who is this Jesus you keep talking about?"

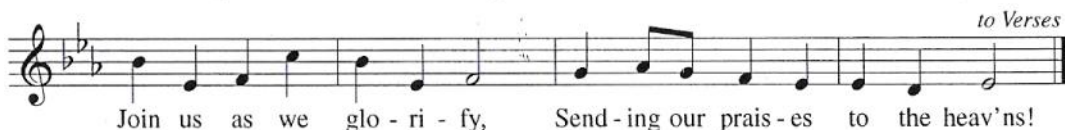
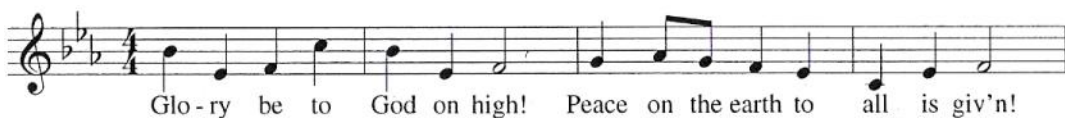
**May we identify him as the One who has called us heirs
according to his promise.**

Apostolic 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.

Hymn of Praise

Family of God





1. Je - sus Christ, to you we sing, O Lord, on - ly be - got - ten Son. (Ref.)
2. Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us- Je - sus, take our sins a - way. (Ref.)
3. Reign-ing with the Ho - ly Spir - it and the Fa - ther. A - men. (Ref.)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... (*A brief silence is kept.*)

O Lord God,

we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.

In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us,

and defend us from everything that is evil,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:19-28

Let us read Psalm 22 responsively.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!

All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor
the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

A reading from Galatians.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

Family of God





Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

The Holy Gospel according St. Luke, the 8th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave

them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness* #843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate! Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

Prayer of Intercession

P Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers
for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church.

Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love.

Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians
across the planet and in our community.

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

P We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster,
bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made.
Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation:
farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers,
conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice,
drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth.

Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence.
When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor,
soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick, *especially...*
Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness,
and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender,
or any other human distinction.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for this assembly.
Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one.
Weave among us the fabric of belonging
so that we rejoice in each person gathered here,
and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence...
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith.
Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life.
As we remember their faith and witness,
may we trust your promise that we are yours forever.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Family of God



1. Your vine - yards, O Lord, may and they
(2.) gath - er the hopes and the

bear fruit for you. Please fill our cup full of your
dreams of all here; U - nite them in pray'r with these

bles - ing, we pray. And gath - er a har - vest from
of - f'rings we bring. Pre - side at our ta - ble, and

what you have sown, That we may be fed with the
grant us, we pray, A fore - taste of your prom - ised

bread of life. 1. 2. Now
feast to come. A - - men.

✠ MEAL ✠

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.



Proper Preface

Blessed are you, God and Father of all.
Through creation and covenant, prophet and promise,

you have called us your own and made us your children.
 You pledged yourself to Abraham and Sarah and their offspring forever.
 Through the law you showed your people the path of life;
 when they rejected your ways, you did not forsake them
 but sent prophets to bring them home to you.
 In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
 making us heirs according to the promise made to Abraham,
 and adopting us as your children through faith.
 In Christ you gather to yourself all your people in an eternal embrace
 where there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female.
 In his dying and rising you take away our sin
 and open to us the gift of everlasting life.
 And so, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven
 enfolded in the bonds of your love,
 we praise your name and join the unending hymn.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Family of God

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, Sing
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -
 ty! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is he who
 comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Bounteous God, as you fed Elijah in the wilderness
that he might draw near to your holy mountain
and come into your presence,

make this bread for the journey
our place of encounter with you,
Send your Holy Spirit upon your church,
and in the strength of this food
draw us near to the least and the lost.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us
the body and blood of your Son;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, and gave you thanks;
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

After supper Jesus took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
*Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Everlasting God, in whom deep calls to deep,
you speak your word of life into the fullness of silence.

Calm the fury of destruction around any
caught up in tornado or hurricane, earthquake or fire.

Come to those who yearn for peace and protection.

Quiet every troubled spirit and strengthen every soul cast down.

Silence in us all clamoring for attention that is not your own.

Give us courage to hear the sound of sheer silence,
that we may know your still, small voice.

Bring us at last into your holy presence,
and gather us with your saints around the altar of your praise,
when all who belong to Christ shall be one in you, eternal Father,
in the power of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together 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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Family of God

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.

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Distribution Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

#510

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y.
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Distribution Hymn

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

#681



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way-side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts.



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh-ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

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Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
make you strong to do His will, and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... (*A brief silence is kept.*)

Life-giving God,

**through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.**

**Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.**

This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

The God of peace, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
continue to bless you, comfort you,
and guide you in your journey of faith. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

#798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.



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Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.
Luke 8:35 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 8:26-39 (NIV).

A	E	E	X	A	M	N	L	A	T	G	T	R	L	J
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F	W	O	R	D	R	F	X	P	T	E	G	P	E	E
C	F	N	E	O	I	Y	W	T	R	J	G	Y	P	U
F	P	N	O	O	T	Y	M	D	U	P	U	N	O	B

FOOT
PIGS
GUARD
DEMON

BEGGED
BROKEN
GALILEE
FEEDING

PEOPLE
REPORTED
HILLSIDE
SPIRIT

HAND
DROWNED
DRESSED
LAKE

CHAINS
CURED
JESUS
EVIL