

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*May 21, 2023*

MAY THEY BE  
**ONE,**  
AS WE ARE  
**ONE**

JOHN 17:11



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**85 E. Brandt Boulevard**

**Landisville, PA**

*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO ZION!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us in-person or online today! For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, they are available on the table in the Narthex by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

## **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON**

- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the Narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the Parlor as a cry room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.
- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

*P: Pastor      A: Assisting Minister      C: Congregation (bolded)*

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

#### PRELUDE

*Fanfare on "Mit Freuden Zart"*

**Brenda Portman**

*Please stand if you are able.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:**      Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C:**      **Amen.**

**P:**      Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C:** Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

**P:** Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**C:** Amen.

**HYMN**

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

**ELW 393**



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the  
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers  
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they  
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.  
say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

## **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:** Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **† THE WORD †**

### **ACTS 1:6-14**

*Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure.*

**A:** <sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35**

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

C: <sup>2</sup>**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup>**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>**Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

## 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*God will sustain and restore those who suffer.*

A: <sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### *Good Soil*

**ELW 512**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## JOHN 17:1-11

*Christ's prayer for his disciples.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: <sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown

**UBUNTU IS: "A PERSON IS A PERSON THROUGH  
OTHER PEOPLE." – Desmond Tutu**

**DIFFERENTIATION IS BEING A PART OF SOMETHING  
BIGGER THAN OURSELVES WHILE STILL REMAINING  
AUTHENTIC TO OUR OWN IDENTITY.**

***I AM  
BECAUSE  
WE ARE!***



# When Christ is ascended, the Body of Christ becomes transnational.

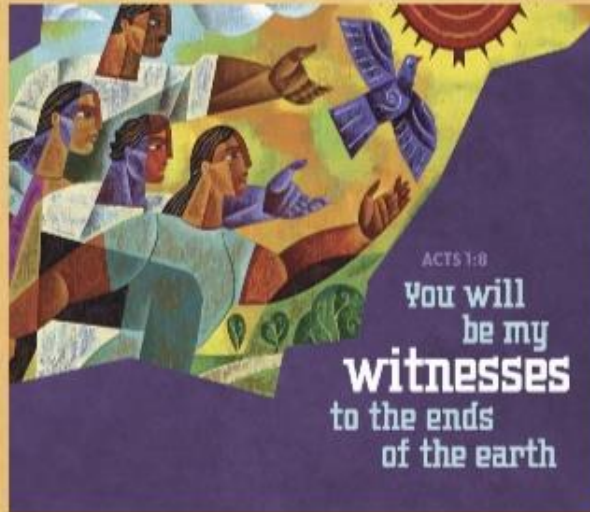
FATHER, *GLORIFY YOUR SON* SO THAT THE SON MAY GLORIFY YOU AND GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN HIM.  
*THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE, THAT THEY MAY KNOW YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST WHOM YOU HAVE SENT.*

FATHER, PROTECT THEM, *SO THAT THEY MAY BE ONE, AS WE ARE ONE.*  
DON'T TAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT PROTECT THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE. SANCTIFY THEM IN THE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD.

I ASK THESE THINGS SO THAT THE WORLD MAY *TRUST* THAT YOU SENT ME, SO THAT THE *LOVE* WITH WHICH YOU HAVE *LOVED* ME MAY BE IN THEM, AND I IN THEM.

LOVE  
UNITY

**When Christ is ascended,  
then the Body of Christ  
goes global.**



**When Christ is ascended,  
the Body of Christ  
becomes One  
across borders and boundaries..**



**When Christ is ascended,  
the Body of Christ becomes One  
across continents.**



**When Christ is ascended,  
then the Body of Christ  
“walks together”  
(= synod).**





**When Christ is ascended  
as Ruler of the Universe,  
then we work together as One  
to have a “collaborative impact.”**



*Please stand if you are able.*

**SONG**

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

**ELW 858**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.



4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680;  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## NICENE CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet, particularly the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay watersheds. Grant us wisdom to use the planet and all that is in it wisely. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice, and actively seek the unity that comes through love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our volunteers, ministry teams and their leaders, council, staff, and everyone else who contributes to the life of the church. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.*

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## † THE MEAL †

### PRAYER

- A: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray together.

C: **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: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. You may commune by coming forward to receive the elements in continuous fashion. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.*

*For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."*

*Please use this time for quiet reflection or join in singing the communion hymn until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

### *In Christ Alone*

**BB 113**

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.





2. In Christ alone my hope, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

***Seek Ye First***

**BB 92**

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you –  
Al-le-lu, alleluia.

2. Man shall not live by bread alone  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God –  
Al-le-lu, alleluia.



3. Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you – Al-le-lu, alleluia.

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

### † THE SENDING †

### BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:  
 all is right:  
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 take your part:

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.  
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

MIT FREUDEN ZART  
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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, May 21**

*\* The flowers are sponsored by Rich Kautter in honor of his two grandsons, Rowan and Zach.*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Bob Wildasin in memory of Cleo Wildasin, WWII Vet., who died May 29, 2016. Happy Memorial Day!*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by Diane and Al Ramer in praise of the ascension of our risen Lord.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Box Office Bible Study Class (“3:16s”) – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

### **Monday, May 22**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 23**

Bible Study – 9-10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Classrooms)

### **Wednesday, May 24**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

“Forgiveness” Bible Study – 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, May 25**

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m.

Choir – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, May 26**

### **Saturday, May 27**

Model Club – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

### **Sunday, May 28 – Pentecost Sunday (*wear red!*); Choir Appreciation Sunday**

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Refreshments to celebrate the choir – After worship

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### CARD SHOWER FOR A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

On Monday, May 22, Richard Olson will be 97 years old!

If you would like to send a card, his address is:

2001 Harrisburg Pk., Apt. B-207, Lancaster, PA 17601.



### CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY: NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28



Refreshments will be served after the service! You are invited to give your words of praise to the choir members by writing messages! You can either give your notes to Adele or you can email them to her (AdeleL3@aol.com). Write one word, a few lines, or a long letter—it's up to you! Thanks for your help in showing our appreciation for sharing their gift of music at Zion!

### WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST: NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday! Be sure to wear red (or some other fiery color) to represent the Holy Spirit's blazing spirit descending on us!



... to Brent Andrew who earned the rank of Eagle Scout this month! His project involved building a block out of pressure-treated wood and a 12-foot pine storage bench for Take Heart Counseling and Equine



Assisted Therapy in Wernersville. In addition to providing seating in the outdoor arena, the bench features removable dividers and a hinged lid to store the horses' toys and training aides. Brent began his scouting career here at Zion as a Tiger Cub in Pack 37! Congratulations Brent on your remarkable achievement!

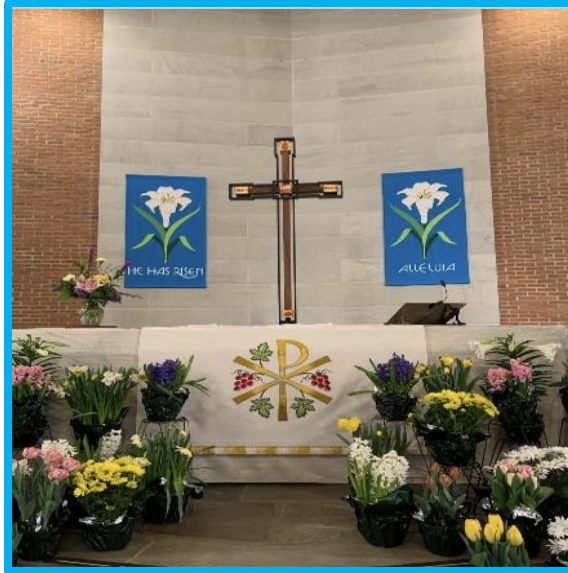


Please let Anne know of anyone at Zion who has graduated this school year so they can be included in a graduate recognition during worship next month. Please email information including name, school and program, degree, any extracurricular involvement, and plans for "what's next" to [adminzelc@comcast.net](mailto:adminzelc@comcast.net).

## “BOOK OF FORGIVING” BIBLE STUDY

The next bible study on the “Book of Forgiving” will be held on May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

Isaiah 2:2-5  
and  
Micah 4:1-5  
describe  
Zion as  
God’s  
School for  
Peace,  
Love, and  
Forgiveness



Outdoor Worship  
Service

### JUNE 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Mark your calendar for the first outdoor worship service this season in the Cooper House yard! Feel free to dress casually and be sure to bring your own chair (or blanket if you prefer to sit on the grass). The other outdoor services will be held on July 2, August 6, and September 3.

Joyful  
noise



The Joyful Noise collection this month will go to the Hempfield School District for students in need. In June, the offering will go to Off the Streets.

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
where FAITH & LIFE connect

### \*In the Parlor at 10:30 a.m.\*

*This class is continuing to study the other 3:16s in the Bible.*



The Wired WORD

### \*In the Zone and on Zoom at 10:30 a.m.\*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

## HEMPFIELD MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

All are invited to the annual Hempfield Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday, May 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hempfield Fire Company's pavilion at Salunga Park, 19 W. Main St.

## HEMPFIELD HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

Have you or a member of your family from East or West Hempfield Township served or are currently serving in the military? If so, consider having them recognized with a banner on Main St.! Banners will be hung on utility poles in Landisville and Salunga this summer. The application can be found at: <http://herrhomestead.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Hometown-Heroes-Application.pdf> or at Cooper's Garage (Main St.). Contact Bob W. with any questions (717-940-9611).

## TWO MORE WEEKS OF THE SPRING-BRING

Help stop hunger with your hands! Bring a box and/or can of food for the Pantry! Please place food items in the bin, write your name on a hand cut-out, and place it in the designated box.

### HELP US REACH THE GOAL!!

Our goal is to display the hands on the wall from the Narthex down the hall to the Food Pantry.



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Throughout April, the pantry served 1,797 people including 522 children, 905 adults, and 370 seniors. In addition, 12 new families were registered! Thank you for the 99 pounds of food donated to the pantry last month! If you would like to donate food this month, the *Pantry is asking specifically for cereal, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned carrots, canned vegetable soup, canned cream of chicken soup, canned cream of broccoli soup, and mac & cheese*

**STAY TUNED** for more information about the Care Team's summer project of collecting care kits for Lutheran World Relief!



## SUMMER DEVOTIONALS

The June-August devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table and in the back hallway. Help yourself!

# **B.Y.O.L.**

## **[Bring Your Own Lunch]**

**Mark your calendar and plan ahead so you can join us for  
lunch and fellowship!**

- **Wednesday, May 31 at 11:30 a.m. – A. Herr Park  
(Harrisburg Pk., Landisville)**
- **Thursday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m. – Rapho Twp. Park  
(Strickler Rd., Mount Joy)**
- **Wednesday, July 26 at 11:30 a.m. – Salunga Park  
(At the Hempfield Fire Station on Main St.  
Landisville/Salunga)**
- **Thursday, August 31 at 11:30 a.m. – Rapho Twp. Park**
- **Wednesday, September 27 at 11:30 a.m. – A. Herr Park**

***This year, this monthly picnic lunch gathering will meet at  
different sites in the area and alternates between  
Wednesday and Thursday!***

**Pack or buy your lunch and bring a friend or grandchild for a  
picnic in the park!**

**Contact Millie (717-898-2313) with any questions.**

***All are welcome!***



# God's Garden

## VBS 2023

Vacation  
Bible School



For All  
Ages!

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg, PA

[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)

717-569-1632

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**July 10 - 13 6:30-8:30 PM**



Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker

Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade

Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, "God's Garden" explores how Jesus grew, how we grow, and how we spread seeds for others to grow.

As the cycle continues, the "Mustard Plant" grows.

Adults and Teens - Join Rev. Esbenshade. Using the text, *Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care*, the class will spend four evening sessions examining ways in which attendees might examine and embrace ways to enhance creation. Author of *Earthwise*, Calvin B. DeWitt, is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-

Madison where he serves on the graduate faculties of Environmental and Resources, Water Resource Management, Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development. This book reflects how he integrates his faith and his work in the science and educational communities.

**July 14 6:30 PM Closing Program - Including  
Lancaster County Parks Naturalist Program - Seed Dispersal**

Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at [www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)



**PRAYER LIST**  
***FOR HEALING***

Dolly Overly  
Jon Wright  
Bob Shirk  
Tom Grzybowski  
Jess Barcaro  
Harry Musselman  
Sam King  
Connie Alsedek  
Joe Adams  
Mary Zimmerman  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Bill Grove  
Judie Ingersoll  
Joan Mays  
Holly Hoover  
Barb Williams  
Kay Crawford  
Jennifer Wiley (Niece of Pat Landis and friend of Mary Hetrick)  
Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly)  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)  
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Ernie Johnson (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Elaine Reuschlein (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)  
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)  
Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)  
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

***FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Thelma Pearson  
Lucy Davis  
Betty Stoner

Deb McCartney  
George Potts  
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)  
Family and friends of Arlene Miller  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)  
Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)  
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)  
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

***FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Evan Benedict  
Christopher Wright  
Chris Andrew  
Thom Whitesel  
Ryan Stitzel  
Doug Kautter  
Justin Gorlaski  
Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)  
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)  
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

***IN CELEBRATION***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

22<sup>nd</sup> -- Richard Olson (*Dick will be 97 years old! If you would like to send a card, his address is: 2001 Harrisburg Pk., Apt. B-207, Lancaster, PA 17601.*)

27<sup>th</sup> – Kyle Brady

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

24<sup>th</sup> – Jason & Mary Green



## **MINISTRY LEADERS**

Ministers  
Pastor  
Music Director  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Technology Assistant  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
Council President  
Council Vice President  
Sextons

Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
David Albin  
Diane Gerlach  
Kim Paternoster  
Denise Haun  
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)  
Tom Miller (p.m.)

## **WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION**

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	<a href="http://bit.ly/Zion_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion_Live</a>
Bible Study Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
Evening Bible Study	Tuesday, May 23 @ 7:00 p.m.
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