

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lewistown, Montana

May 30, 2021



Welcome to worship today!

As we move beyond the time of the pandemic, we continue to encourage those who have or recently had a fever, cough, or shortness of breath please do not worship in the church today.

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# **Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

**May 30, 2021 1st Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Introduction to the day**

*When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.*

## **GATHERING**

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

## **MINISTRY OF ZION**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, **✠** one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C** **Amen.**

**C** **Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.  
God, our provider, help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

- P Beloved people of God:  
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.  
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.  
 Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:  
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C **Amen.**

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE, VERSE 3 ONLY



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

➤ 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

➤ Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

➤ Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

➤ For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **\*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. Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

C **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8**

*This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 29 (Spoken responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;**

**worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**

**the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**

**and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;**

**the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**

**the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;

give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.



**\*GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

*Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**\*CREED**

**P** With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 INTERCESSION**

P Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

(Response to petitions)

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

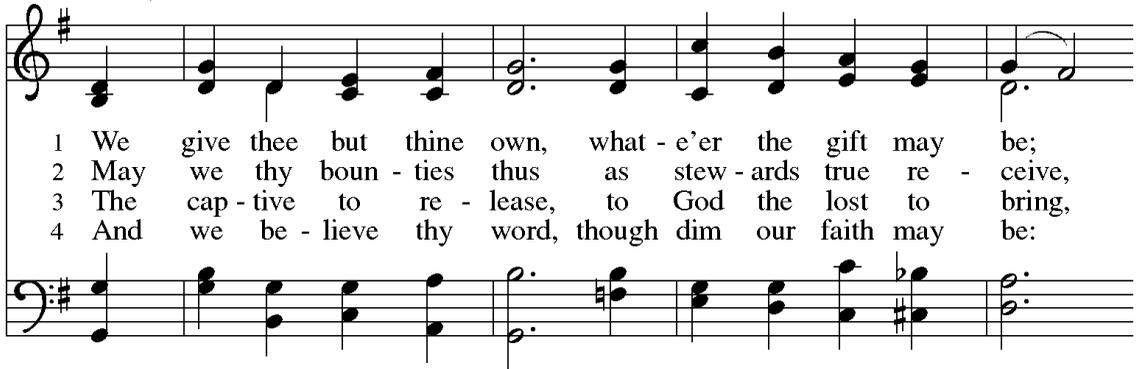
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

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

**OFFERING, VV. 1 & 4** *We Give Thee but Thine Own*



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

### COMMUNION SONG



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

### \*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.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## SENDING

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

L Pastor Lynne, on July 15, 2015, we of Zion Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and Eric have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

People of God, members of Zion Lutheran Church,  
do you release Pastor Lynne Ogren from service as your pastor?

C **We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

L Pastor Lynne, do you recognize and accept  
the completion of your ministry with Zion Lutheran?

P I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

P Let us pray.  
Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ  
you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.  
You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to  
them, and you call them to various avenues of service.

We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Lynne  
among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:  
bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place:  
keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:  
prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;  
heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Pastor Lynne and Eric and all of us  
to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.

As they have been a blessing to us,  
so now send them forth to be a blessing to others;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **\*BLESSING**

P The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!***



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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**Pianist: Brian Priest**

**Ushers: Bill Cowen**

**Lector: Vickey Cowen**

**Communion Assistant: Vickey & Rylee Cowen**

**Disciples: All the Baptized**

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

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Jessie Stewart, Tia Gaughan (Pam Bowen's Granddaughter)

**Homebound Members:** LaVerna Conard, Mary Westburg, DeAnn Paulson, Dorothy Adcock, Don Pfau, Marv Mathison, Marvin Beck

**Social Concern of the Month: Katie's House**

Katie's House is a transitional living house for women who have graduated or completed a rehabilitation program. We are located in Lewistown, Montana. The purpose of this program is to provide an environment for women to find their full potential through Jesus Christ and to become role models through their faith that will continue on in their homes, churches and communities. While living at Katie's House we expect each woman to have full time employment, attend classes and studies at house, attend church, and volunteer at church and community efforts. We will ensure that each woman is able to find full-time employment and receives help fulfilling the other requirements of this program.

**A reception** for Pastor Lynne and Eric will be held in the courtyard following worship today.

**Covid restrictions** have been lifted, in light of that we will begin having refreshments after worship in the fellowship hall starting June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Week of 05/31-06/06**

Wed	12:00pm	Men Over Lunch at the Elk's
	12:00pm	Women's Podcast
Thur	6:45am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	Quilting
Sun	9:30am	Worship

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