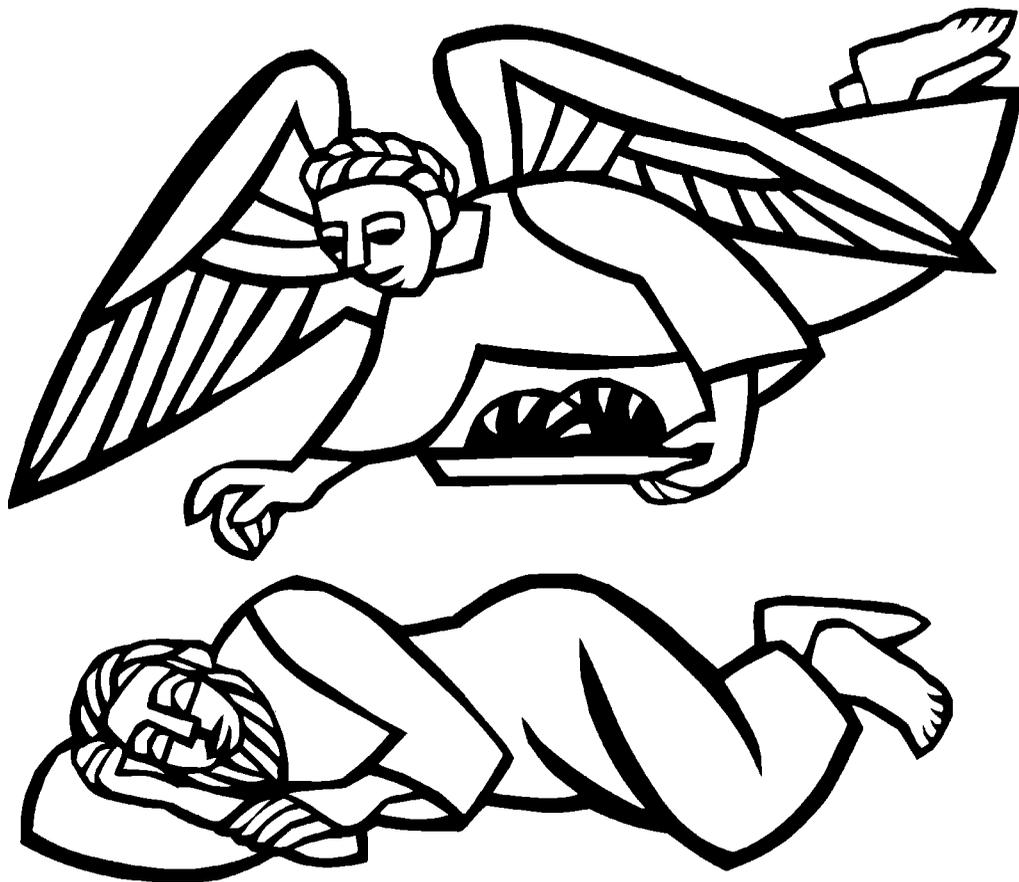


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lewistown, Montana

August 8, 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.

As a reminder our worship services are available online: Zion Website:

<http://www.zionlewisownelca.com/worship/video-services>

YouTube Channel: Zion Lutheran Church, Lewistown, MT

Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA)
August 8, 2021 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction of the Day

As drought and fire continue to devastate grasslands and timber throughout Central Montana, we trust in the truths that creation belongs to God. Because God takes delight in the diversity of creation, we cannot also hold that God rejoices in the destruction of land and species we see all around us. We look to the scriptures to understand that pain in creation is never God's desire nor God's will. Even when the scriptures indicate that God is the cause of destructive elements, God's grief is part of the story. Neither passive nor intentional human destruction of creation is part of God's instructions for stewardship of the earth.

Gathering

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

MINISTRY OF ZION

***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 God of power and might,
C **we put our hope in you as our shield from all harm. We trust that you are indeed grieved by destruction and pain in the earth. Help us to perceive the presence of Jesus with us in times of pain and terror. Bring into our hearts and into all creation the peace that can only come from the One to whom the wind and the waves listen. Amen.**

BAPTISM

God bring those who are baptized out of death and into new life.

Jackson Schwede, child of Kale and Jill Schwede is baptized today. Jackson's sponsors are Zach Murphy and Kelsey Templin.

PRESENTATION

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Baptismal sponsors: We present Jackson Charles Schwede for baptism.

P Kale and Jill, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Jackson and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C **We do.**

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BAPTISM

P Jackson Schwede, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

P Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.
Sustain Jackson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Jackson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

WELCOME

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

MUSICAL OFFERING *Welcome Child of God*

Blessing of the Lector

P Lord you sustain our hearts with your Word. Be present with those who will read to us the Scripture this day. Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis.

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 33:13-22

¹³The LORD looks ↓ down from heaven,
and sees all ↓ humankind.

¹⁴God sits firmly en- ↓ throned and watches
all who dwell ↓ on the earth.

¹⁵God fashions ↓ all their hearts
and observes ↓ all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size ↓ of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by ↓ their great strength.

¹⁷The horse gives vain ↓ hope for victory;
despite its great strength it ↓ cannot save.

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ↓ you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your ↓ steadfast love,

¹⁹to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.
²⁰Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.
²¹Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.
²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-23

A reading from Colossians.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

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C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Baptized in Water*

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church,
the world, and all of creation.

(Response to petitions)

P God, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your
saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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** *Now the Feast and Celebration*

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

***Offering Prayer**

P All that we have, O God, comes from you. Our time, our possessions, our skills, and our knowledge are gifts from your generous spirit. We offer to you what is your own that it may be used to your glory and for the good of your creation in this community and throughout the world. Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P The God of all creation be with you.

C And also with you.

P The presence of Christ fill you with peace and wholeness

C May it be the same for our neighbors and friends.

P The Spirit of holiness and restoration stir within you.

C Make it so for us and for all creation.

P You are worthy, our Lord and God, by your very nature to receive glory and honor and power. Out of your wisdom and love, you created all things- seen and unseen. The scope of your creation is beyond our full understanding and we are in awe of your holy imagination. Out of this love for all things, Jesus came into the created world and lived among us- that we might grow in deeper awareness of the Divine presence, will, and love. All creation is redeemed through his life, death, and resurrection. And so, with singing plains and calling mountains, with whispering cottonwoods and swaying pines, with howling wolves and chattering prairie dogs, with all the saints who have gone before, we join in the song of all creation and sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Indeed, you are holy, worthy of praise and our highest allegiance. We cannot flee from your presence nor would we wish to. You are present in the calmest of days and in the whipping of a windstorm. You are present in the swirl of river rapids and in the cracked earth of a dried pond. You are present in the in panting of a deer and in the screech of an osprey. You are present in the tang of the huckleberry and the mildness of Montana wheat. Your holy presence is most clear to us in Jesus Christ, the word made flesh and the pioneer of our faith. 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.

P 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 this cup, we give thanks for the Word living in and among us,
Full of wisdom and power.

We rejoice in our new life through his death and resurrection.

As we await Christ's coming again in glory,

We pray for the Holy Spirit to empower us as his body on earth,

To do the work of caring for others and for the whole creation.

May his presence in this meal grant us the willingness and the strength to
Imitate him more fully in all things.

To the One who hears all our prayers,

At this meal, where you promise to meet us,

We offer our deepest gratitude, our most sincere awe,

And our humblest requests for your guidance and help.

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

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.

*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

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

*BLESSING

P From the breadth of the plains,
To the heights of the mountains,
There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God,
In whom you live, move, and have your being.
God- Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all creation, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG** *Wade in the Water*

Refrain

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

Refrain



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Jessie Stewart, Tia Gaughan (Pam Bowen's granddaughter), Sig Stokken

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

Social Concern of the Month: Lutheran World Relief, Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. Our goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end. If you would like to contribute to this effort mark LWR in the memo line on your check.

Altar Guild is in need of volunteers for the months of September, October, February, and July. If you would like information about the duties of altar guild volunteers, call Lana, 366-2364.

ZLCW is looking for an Adult Forum Refreshment Coordinator to help Laurie Bentley in recruiting refreshments for the fall season starting in September.

Family Hiking Trip to the Cascades: August 11 we will be leaving the Zion parking lot at 7:30am. Be sure to pack a lunch. If you would like to join us please call Falan. 406-350-2112

Today:

Join us after worship for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Week of 08/09-08/15

Wed	12:00pm	Men Over Lunch at the Elk's
Sun	9:30am	Worship

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