

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 30, 2024**



**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Growing in God's Grace

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*Please be sure that all electronic devices are silenced.*

\*Indicates to stand, as able.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available to better hear our worship service.  
Please ask an usher if interested.

## **GATHERING**

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

*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness** *(Please face the baptismal font)*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**A: Amen.**

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our provider,

**A: 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.**

L: 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.

**A: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** ELW 886

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

**\*Greeting**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray... Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

# **WORD**

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

## **First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33**

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup> The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup> It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup> to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup> to put one's mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup> to give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not  
reject forever.

<sup>32</sup> Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup> for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

R: The word of God.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

## A Reading from: *Psalm 30*

*(Please read responsively – all join in on the bold verses)*

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup> **O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- <sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**
- <sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup> **While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**
- <sup>7</sup> You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup> **I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
- <sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- <sup>10</sup> **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."**
- <sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- <sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

<sup>7</sup> Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup> now

finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup> I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

R: The word of God.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



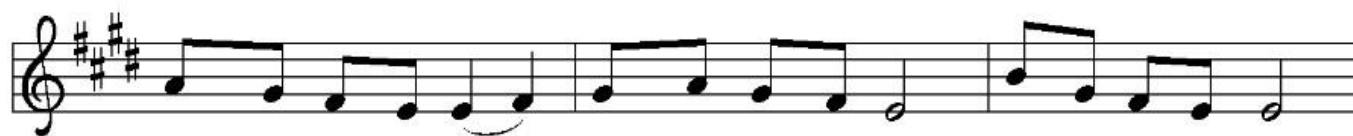
Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. 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.

## **\*Gospel: Mark 5:21-43**

L: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him.

Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children's Message**

### **Message**

**\*Hymn:**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

ELW 733

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

### *Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*



## **\*Apostle's Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*Prayers of the People**

The response to "In your mercy," is "**hear our prayer.**"

## **\*Offering of Christ's Peace**

### ***Passing of the Attendance Booklets***

*During this time please sign the Fellowship Folder in the pew near the center aisle, then pass toward the side aisle for others to sign.*

## **Offering**

### **Offering Music**

### **"Surely the Presence"**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

## \*Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

A: Amen.

## MEAL

### \*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*Thanksgiving at the Table

L: Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for creating us to live together in unity  
and for forgiving our failures in following your call.  
Blessed are you, Abba Father, for sending your beloved Son  
and for adopting us to be your family of sisters and brothers.

**A: Lord, we receive this good news.**

L: Blessed are you, Sovereign of mercy,  
for establishing your kingdom in Jesus the Messiah.  
He healed the sick, and welcomed women and men,  
and taught the commandments.  
Blessed is he, the Son of Man, who became a servant of all,  
and who overcomes the might of Satan until the end of time.

**A: Lord, we believe this good news.**

L: On the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

We remember the good news of his life given for us,  
his death on the cross, and his rising from the tomb, and together we  
say,

**A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

L: By the power of your Spirit, hidden in the ministry of Jesus,  
reveal yourself to us here, hidden in this bread and cup.  
Do not forsake us, but save us in the time of trial.  
By this mystery of Christ's body and blood, cast out our demons,  
cleanse our hearts, and strengthen our service toward all in need.

**A: Lord, do not ever forsake us.**

L: To you, Lord God, the Blessed One,  
and to your Son, coming at the end in glory,  
and to the Holy Spirit, descending on us now like a dove,  
be all our praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

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

**A: 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**

L: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

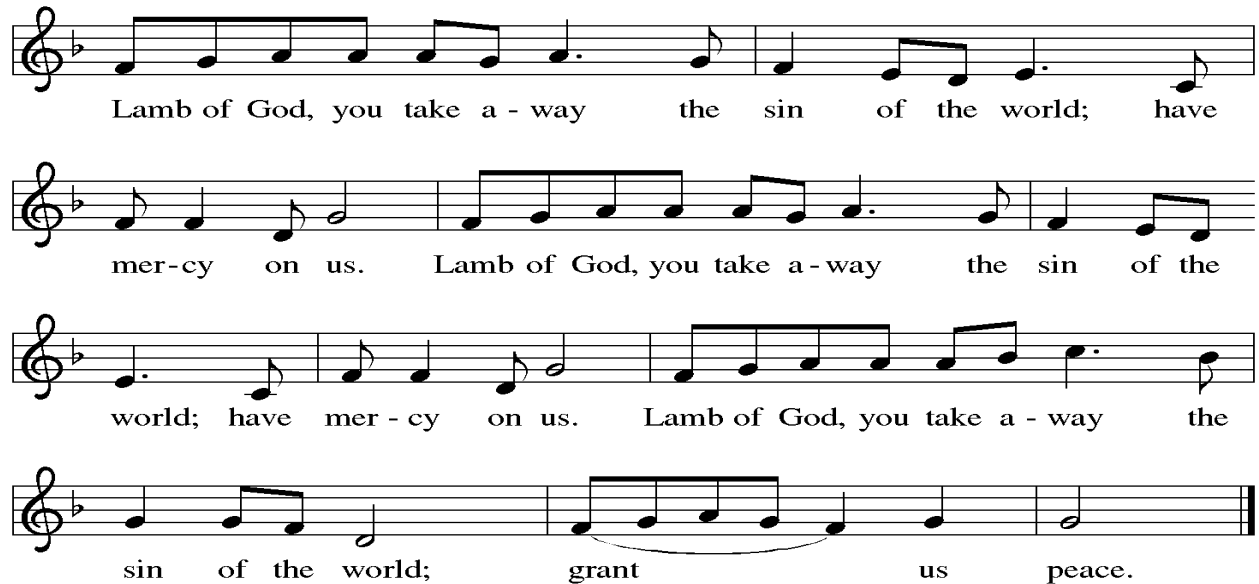
### **Sharing the Supper**

*We practice open communion. All baptized believers are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Ushers will direct worshippers up the center aisle where you will receive bread and wine/juice. A tray to dispose of your empty communion cup will be located on the windowsill at the side aisle. Juice and gluten-free options are available upon your request, please be sure to*

inform your server. Please notify an usher if you need communion brought to your pew. Welcome to God's table!

## Communion Hymn

## "Lamb 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.

### \*Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray...Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

A: Amen.

## SENDING

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

### \*Blessing

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

A: Amen.

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,  
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,  
alleluia!
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,  
alleluia!
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
alleluia!

## **Announcements**

### **\*Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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