

# *Go and Tell*

*- Luke 8:38-39*

A photograph showing a person from behind, running through a field of wildflowers. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a hazy, orange-tinted sky, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The person is wearing a red shirt and dark shorts.

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**  
*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

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## HOLY COMMUNION

*Setting Two*

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

### WELCOME

*Please stand*

## GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,**

**and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,**

**and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of + Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING:           **Isaiah 65:1-9**

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

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

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

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

<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:

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

<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

**ELW 512**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 8:26-39**

The holy gospel according to Luke the 8thth chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the

Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

*Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan*

*One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Please stand*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet (international companion churches and synods may be named) and Christians in our community (local congregations may be named). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence (areas in crises may be named). When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life.

As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

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## **MEAL**

*Please be seated*

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER** (*remain seated*)

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit*

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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It is indeed right...

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

**LAMB OF GOD**      "Jesus Lamb of God"      **ELW 199**

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"      **ELW 494**

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"      **ELW 544**

*Please stand*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table

and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
+ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** "On Our Way Rejoicing" **ELW 537**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude:*

### **SERVING TODAY**

Pam Nordstrom - Lector  
Michelle Schneider - Worship Assistant  
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan  
- Ushers/Greeters  
Marie DeGraff - Altar Guild  
Sarah Dzialo - Organist



## Prayer List

<b>For Health:</b>	Marjorie F	Karen R	<b>For Safety:</b>
Joyce G	Jessica A	Stacey T	Andrew C
Bill B	Charlotte D	Pat J	Todd S
Cathy L	Jonathan A	Lois B	Michael C
Marion B	Pauline N	Bruce G	Tyler G
Lily V	Curt R	Peter W	Erik B
Holly N	Matthew S	Loee M	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Phil O	Charline C	Evan G
Lisa A	Joan A	Shirley C	David P
Aiden J	Diane E	Family of	
Helen A	Dick C	Blademil T	
Matthew A	Milluzzo and		
Bud J	Neri families		



The east side driveway has been torn up and will be repaved. We are not sure of the exact timeline, but need to stay off of it for about 1 week after the paving is done. The end of the driveway will be roped off during that time. For anyone coming to the church during that time, please be very careful turning in and out of the parking lot.

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 \* Anyone interested in continuing Coffee Hour during \*  
 \* the summer months, can sign up for a Sunday on the \*  
 \* sign up sheet in the narthex. It doesn't have to be \*  
 \* anything fancy, just a simple snack to \*  
 \* share for a time of fellowship after the \*  
 \* church service. There is Keurig machine in \*  
 \* the lounge if anyone wants coffee. \*  
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## Notice:

The church office will be closed on Fridays during the summer months. For any emergencies, please contact Pastor Sara or Kathy Richards.



With summer weather around the corner, our town's youth will soon be home and on school vacation and in need of snacks during time off. The **Worship & Music Committee** thought it would be a great idea to collect snack donations for the summer months to be donated to the Food Bank. We will be collecting starting in June. A few Ideas for items would be:

juice boxes or canned juices	packaged peanut butter & crackers
fruit in small containers	packaged cheese & crackers
applesauce in small containers	breakfast bars (Belvita, Kind or any brand)
boxed raisins	granola bars
microwavable popcorn	cookies
gummy fruit snacks	crackers
peanut butter	chips
pretzels	

## Next Sunday

The Outdoor Worship Service on June 29th will include a baptism.



Please bring a hat sunglasses, water, an outdoor chair and a **towel in case you get wet during the baptism.**



## **Summer Worship**

Worship will continue to be held in the Sanctuary during the summer months, but on the last Sunday of each month we will have outdoor worship on the front lawn in front of the Fellowship Hall (weather permitting). The dates are:

**June 29**

**July 27**

**August 31**

Bring your own chair(s), the more comfortable the better! Bring a hat, sunglasses, water, anything to make you comfortable if it's sunny and hot.



## **Let Faith and Freedom Ring**

Zion is participating in the Birdies for Charity platform of the Travelers Championship. Donations will go toward the Bell Restoration project and the Capital Improvements fund. Zion receives a 15% bonus on all donations made through Birdies for Charity from now until June 22, 2025.

Scan the QR code to make online donations (<https://qrco.de/faithandfreedomring>) and select Zion Lutheran Church, Portland CT from the list. To pay by check, print a donation card from the website or pick one up in the narthex. All donations by check require a minimum of \$200.

Donations will be allocated to the Bell Restoration unless the donor notifies Zion the percentage of the donation that is for Capital Improvements. Email Valerie at [zion.lutheran@snet.net](mailto:zion.lutheran@snet.net) to specify a %.



**Today: June 22, 2025**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church

**This Week:**

**Monday: 6:00 p.m.** N/A

**Friday: 7:00 p.m.** N/A

**Saturday: Private Party (Upper Fellowship Hall)**

**Next Sunday:**

**June 29, 2025**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion – Outdoors  
Baptism

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church

**4:00 p.m.** Private Party (Upper Fellowship Hall)



Attendance: Last week - 47; Last year - 45

Next weeks readings: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16;  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

**MISSION STATEMENT**

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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