

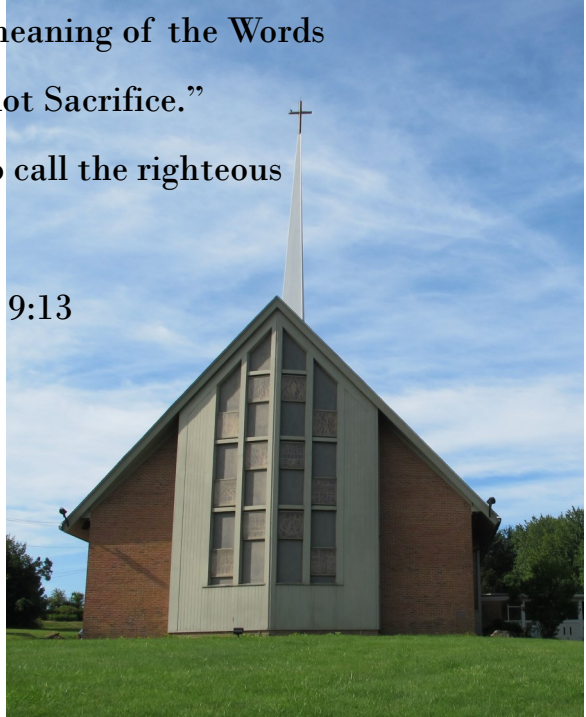
Go & Learn the meaning of the Words

“I desire Mercy, not Sacrifice.”

I did not come to call the righteous

but sinners.

~ Matthew 9:13



Sunday, June 7, 2026
Second Sunday after Pentecost

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Four

Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation

Prelude

WELCOME

GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate" ELW 514

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

God of grace,
you invite the despised, you touch the unclean, you lift the head of
those who are brought low: give us that hope against all hope for a
world transformed by your healing touch; through Jesus Christ, the
mercy of God. **Amen.**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:7-15(*spoken responsively*)

⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness
against you;
for I am ¹ God, your God.

- ⁸ **I do not accuse you because¹ of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are al-¹ ways before me.**
- ⁹ I will not accept a calf¹ from your stalls,
nor goats¹ from your pens;
- ¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the for-¹ est are mine,
the cattle on a¹ thousand hills.**
- ¹¹ I know every bird¹ of the mountains,
and the creatures of the¹ fields are mine.
- ¹² **If I were hungry, I¹ would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all¹ that is in it.**
- ¹³ Do you think I eat the¹ flesh of bulls,
or drink the¹ blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to¹ the Most High.**
- ¹⁵ Call upon me in the¹ day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall¹ honor me.

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our

Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” **ELW 677**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours (local landmarks and bodies of water may be named). Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness (like Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, whom the church remembers today). May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and famine of death.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the son of your praise:

(spoken)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We ask that you Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said; 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

DISTRIBUTION

Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“O God of Love, O King of Peace”

ELW 749

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW 793

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand”

ELW 595

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

SERVING TODAY

Howard Swanson - Lector

Pauline Neumann - Worship Assistant

Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson - Ushers/Greeters

Marie DeGraff - Altar Guild

Sarah Dzialo - Organist

Chris Darby - Guitar

Prayer List

For Health:	Matthew A	Alexis R	For Safety:
Joyce G	Bud J	Malynda A	Andrew C
Cathy L	Jessica A	Annamaria T	Todd S
Marion B	Charlotte D	Lee T	Michael C
Lily V	Jonathan A	Michael G	Tyler G
Holly N	Curt R	Barbara S	Erik B
Lisa A	Joan A	Don R	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Dick C	Fred B	Evan G
Aiden J	Karen R	Bill B	David P
Helen A	Pat J		



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill. See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



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There is a container to leave your used ink and toner cartridges for us to recycle.



Right now as you know, the **Birdies For Charity** event is going on where every dollar we contribute is **matched at 15%**. This is running **through June 28th**. Donations of as little as \$10 are welcome and appreciated.

Please consider donating if you can. No amount is too small and every little bit will make a huge difference to our church, our community and the world. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Richards or Donna Berndtson. Thank you and God bless



RaiseRight

RaiseRight Gift Cards

Place your order today to get RaiseRight (formerly Scrip)

cards! You pay face value for the cards, but Zion receives a percentage of the amount of the card. It's a win-win! See Rick Borg for details.

Solarize Faith. Our solarize campaign continues. If you have questions and would like to learn more, the Inter-Religious Environmental Justice Network and Earthlight Technologies are hosting a Q&A session on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please register here to attend: Solarize Faith Q&A -June 9 or contact Kerry Darby at kerrydarby@yahoo.com or 860-316-7921 for the link.

During Solarize Faith, you will receive a \$1,000 rebate off of your solar project and a \$500 rebate off of your battery storage project, plus our congregation will receive a \$1,000 donation from the solar company, Earthlight Technologies. If you would like to sign up for a free site assessment, please visit this website: <https://www.earthlighttech.com/solarize-faith/>



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for April, May and June** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the door with the doorbell.

Celebrate



Celebrate Portland's
8th Annual Freedom
Day—**Juneteenth**
Everyone is Welcome

Saturday, June 20, 2026

12 Noon—5:00 p.m.

Portland Middle School

93 High Street, Portland

Rain or Shine

Program ▪ Live ▪ Music ▪ Art ▪ Food

Free Ice Cream ▪ Games ▪ Prizes

Education Booths ▪ Vendors

Learn more and get involved!

PortlandCTSolidarity@gmail.com

Help Salute the Northeast

Grace Guild is collecting items to benefit the patients at the State Veterans Hospital in Rocky Hill.

The items needed are:

Clothing new with tags.

White T-shirts all sizes.

Men's and women's sweatpants and hooded sweatshirts.

Underwear and socks (including diabetic socks.).

Baseball caps, and winter hats.

New and unscented, please - Lotions and body powder body wash, shampoo, and deodorant

Alcohol, free mouthwash, and Fixodent

If you are interested in supporting this cause, cash donations are accepted and appreciated. Thank you.

Projects that collect 100 or more items will be randomly selected to see a \$1,000 donation, go to their nonprofit organization.

Items need to be in by Friday, June 19th.



Let's go on an Amazing Adventure! Exploring the Nature of God

This Summer children can participate in Vacation Bible School at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell.

The program starts on Sunday, August 2nd through Thursday, August 6th, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

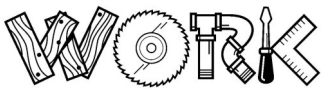
Open to children age 3 to 5th grade.

Volunteer opportunities for older teens and parents.

Visit BethanyLutheranCromwell.com



Scan QR Code at left,
or call 860-635-4618
to register before 7/15



A Work Day is scheduled for **Saturday, June 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, cleaners, ect. or any supplies to clean up the church for the summer.



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:

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| 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 | |

Zion Lutheran Church presents:

Lancaster Show Trip and the Dutch Country

5 days and 4 nights

The trip departs 183 William Street at 8:00 am on Monday, Oct 26. and returns on Friday, Oct 30.

The cost is \$765 per person, double occupancy.

Please call Barbara Shaw at 860-262-3531 for more information and reservations.

Today: June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

4:00 p.m. Zion Serves St Vincent DePaul

This Week:

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

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

Saturday: **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Work Day**

Next Sunday:

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

10:30 a.m. Sunday School meeting

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Next weeks readings: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100;
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

Attendance: Last week - 65; Last year - 52

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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