

Sunday, June 28, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan
9:00 a.m. Worship



HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Four

Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation

GATHERING

Prelude:

WELCOME

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.



1 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de_a - le - grí - a,
 2 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de_a - la - ban - za
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet - ing,
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless - ing,



un cán - ti - co de_a - mor al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a.
 que_ex - pre - se nues - tro_a - mor; nues - tra fe_y nues - tra_es - pe - ran - za.
 a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing;
 a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing:



El hi - zo_el cie - lo,_el mar; el sol y las es - tre - llas
 En to - da la crea - ción pre - go - na su gran - de - za,
 you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen - dor;
 cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



y vio_en e - llos bon - dad, pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.
 a - sí nues - tro can - tar va_a - nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.
 de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
 and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

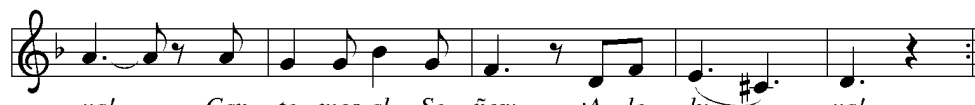
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¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! Can - te - mos al Se -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -



ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu -
 bove: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -



ya! Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

Last time



Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Welcoming God, giving space for creation to return your love:
make us apostles of the open table, a place of hospitality to challenge the world with the gift of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18 (*spoken responsively*)

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

³ “I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your | line forever,**
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’”

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily | in your name;**
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.

¹⁷ For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;**
our king to the Holy | One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have

been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 10:40-42**

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Peter Willse, LLM

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY “In Christ There is No East or West” **ELW 650**



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division (places experiencing division may be named). Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. (We pray especially for) Bless caregivers as they show God’s hospitality through their generous service. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places (like Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons whom the church remembers today). 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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

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.

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 *(traditional)*

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

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

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Just as I Am”

ELW 592



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“For the Beauty of the Earth” **ELW 879**



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Refrain
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

SERVING TODAY

Sylvia LeShane - Lector
Deb Gustafson - Worship Assistant
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson - Ushers/Greeters
Marie DeGraff - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist

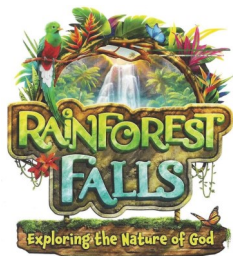
Prayer List

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	Roselies K	

Grace Guild is purchasing items, that there is a great need for, to donate to the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services in Newington.

The items needed are:
 Men's White or color T-shirts - M, L, X L
 Men's Underwear - M, L and X L
 Personal Items - Razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant and body wash. If you are interested in helping support our local veterans, cash donations are accepted and appreciated.

Items and donations will be accepted through June 28th.



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



We're coming down the home stretch.. The last day to make donations to support our Capital

Improvement Fund at Zion is JUNE 28th. Please note that all donations received by the 28th will be matched with a 15% bonus. Kathy Richards and Donna Berndtson will be available after church in the lounge to help anyone who has questions or is interested in making a donation. Hopefully we will meet our GOAL. You WILL be able to donate at this time. The minimum donation is only \$10.00. Thank you.


Last chance! Our Solarize Faith campaign is coming to a close on June 30. If you have questions and would like to learn more, please contact Kerry Darby at kerrypdarby@yahoo.com or 860-316-7921.

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 Zion 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/>



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.

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 *  Thank you to Dave and Michelle Schneider for organizing and hosting coffee hour today. *
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Council Members: President - Kathy Richards, Vice President - Paula Brown, Secretary - Barbara Helming, Financial Secretary - Rick Borg, Other Members - Beth Keser, Bob Redman, Peter Willse, Christine Kelsey, Kate Schneider



Please Recycle Ink and Toner Cartridges Here.

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

Today: June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion- Outdoor Service (weather permitting)
Guest Preacher - Peter Willse

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: **6:00 p.m.** N/A
Tuesday: **6:30 p.m.** Property/Finance Committee
Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Notice:

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



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:

July 26

August 30

September 27

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.

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Next Sunday:



July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
Guest Preacher - Peter Willse
11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

Attendance: Last week - 45; Last year - 47

Next weeks readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for July, August and September** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the door with the doorbell.



The **Worship & Music Committee** is collecting 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
fruit in small containers
applesauce in small containers
boxed raisins

microwavable popcorn
gummy fruit snacks
peanut butter pretzels
packaged peanut butter & crackers

packaged cheese & crackers
breakfast bars (Belvita, Kind or any brand)
granola bars
cookies

crackers
chips