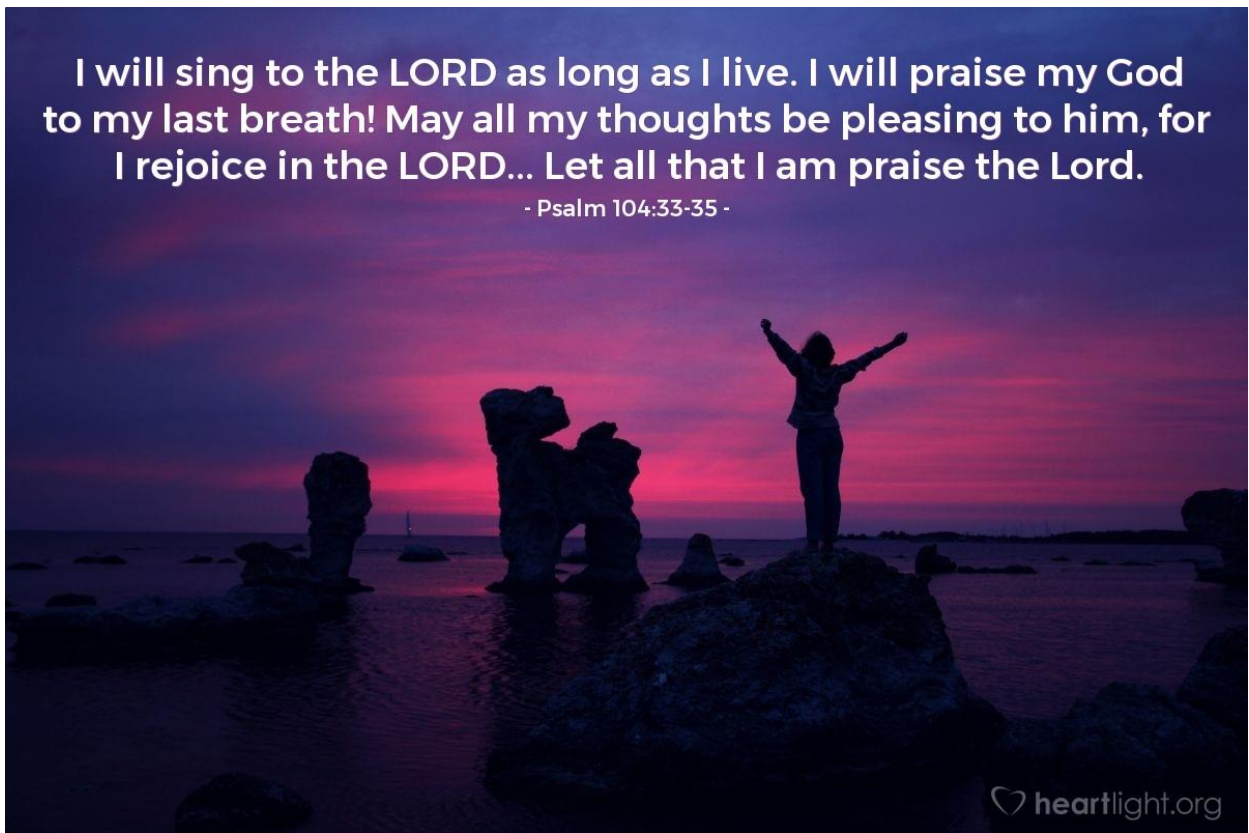




I will sing to the LORD as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath! May all my thoughts be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD... Let all that I am praise the Lord.

- Psalm 104:33-35 -



May 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

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Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

WORSHIP NOTES:

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you.

We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use.

Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just one door down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks. Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Come Down, O Love Divine

Georg Phillip Telemann
Johann Gottfried Walther
Wilbur Held

Charles Potter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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

+ GATHERING HYMN *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* **ELW 401**



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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| <p>4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather for worship today in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

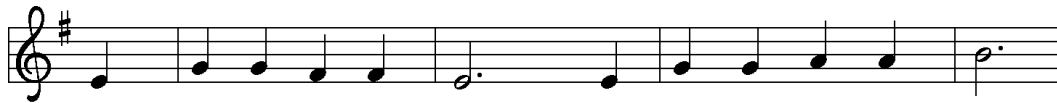
Amen.

+ 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.

+ KYRIE – ELW p. 203



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God* ELW p. 204



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us pray: O God,

on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

Wilbur Held

Charles Potter, piano

Christopher Bierstedt, violin

‡ **WORD** ‡

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

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b. (Please read responsively)

What a wildly wonderful world, GOD! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.

Oh, look—the deep, wide sea, brimming with fish past counting, sardines and sharks and salmon.

Ships plow those waters, and Leviathan, your pet dragon, romps in them.

All the creatures look expectantly to you to give them their meals on time.

You come, and they gather around; you open your hand and they eat from it.

If you turned your back, they'd die in a minute—

Take back your Spirit and they die, revert to original mud;

Send out your Spirit and they spring to life - the whole countryside in bloom and blossom.

The glory of GOD—let it last forever! Let GOD enjoy his creation!

He takes one look at earth and triggers an earthquake, points a finger at the mountains, and volcanoes erupt.

Oh, let me sing to GOD all my life long, sing hymns to my God as long as I live!

Oh, let my song please him; I'm so pleased to be singing to GOD. O my soul, bless GOD!

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **ELW p. 205**



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 READING **John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

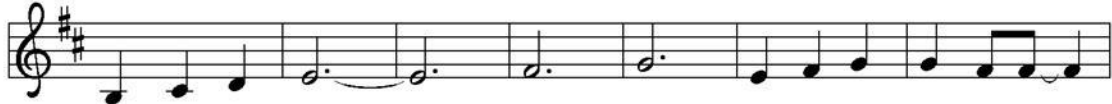
Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

+ NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

+ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also, with you

Please share a sign of peace with one another at this time.

‡ MEAL ‡

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MUSICAL OFFERING

Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray
Dietrich Buxtehude

Charles Potter

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p. 206

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 our thanks and praise.

+ PROPER PREFACE FOR PENTECOST

It is right, our duty, and our joy.....and join their unending hymn.

+ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

THE DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 208



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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ELW 482, 710, 406

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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Ostinato (repeated continuously)

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen**

‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen

+ SENDING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW 400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

Wilbur Held

Charles Potter

‡ Happening This Week ‡

MON, May 29	OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY
WED, May 31	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
THU, June 1	6:30 p.m. All Committee Meeting
SUN, June 4	10:30 a.m. Worship in the Park Picnic

‡ Serving In Ministry ‡

	5/28	6/4	6/11
ACOLTYES	Jackson Evans	Worship in the park	Preston Schroeder
A.M./READER	Terri Hanson/R	Jim Haage /AM	Jan Pohl
COMM. ASST.	Terri Hanson	Worship in the park	
HOSPITALITY	Property	Worship in the park	Ushers
GREETER (S)	Jim & Julie Haage	Worship in the park	Kathleen Schippers

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Bag of Blessings	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$360	\$345	\$117.25

Total Offering Received For Week 5/21/23	\$9624
YTD Offering Received	\$91273
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to meet Weekly Budget	\$5264 (per week)

‡Announcements‡

Please Pray for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, and Billy Rueckert, Rev. Pam Saturnia, Rev. Bill Dyar, Tim Halloran & Melody Evans.

Please join us after worship as we Bless the Garden of Eatin'.

This is Food Pantry Sunday. Please make a memo on your envelope or check for these donations.

This week's altar flowers were provided by Vivien & Tim Halloran for their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Next week's Readings- Genesis 1:1--2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16

We Need your help!! The church website needs new pictures. Please help by submitting church/church event pictures to zionmuscatine@gmail.com or drop them by the office.

Holy Communion - We have returned to distributing Holy Communion at the communion rail. You are welcome to kneel or stand as you receive communion. If you are unable to come forward for communion we will gladly serve you in your seat. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We will use continuous distribution on Sundays when the Zion Bell Choir plays or for festival days when we anticipate a higher worship attendance than normal.

VBS 6/13-6/16. From 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. @ Grace Lutheran Church. This is for 3-5 year olds. Sign-up sheets are available on the round table with the Parent Release Form on the backside, there is also a Helper Form on the table if interested. You can also register by scanning the QR code and following the prompts.



Calling all Musicians- On Sunday July 2, the Zion Orchestra will perform a patriotic piece during the 9 a.m. service. Any instrumentalists, high school age or older, are invited to participate. There will be one rehearsal prior to July 2. Please call or text Gail Pusateri (563-264-5719) by June 14 if interested in performing.

Birthday Party You are invited to an open house to celebrate Doris Watson's 90th Birthday on 6/2/2023 at Zion Lutheran Church!! It will be in the fellowship hall from 4 p.m. – 7p.m. NO Gifts please.

We are adding on a trial basis, Sunday Evening Worship!! Please join us June 18th, July 9th, and July 30th at 6pm.

There is a sign-up sheet upstairs on the bulletin board for the picnic following worship on June 4th.

WELCOME TO
ZION LUTHERAN'S
Worship In the Park
Picnic

JUNE 4TH

WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:30 A.M.
ZION WILL PROVIDE HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BUNS,
AND CONDIMENTS AS WELL AS LEMONADE AND
WATER. THE REMAINDER OF THE MEAL WILL BE
POTLUCK, SO PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE
DISH AND/OR DESSERT.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR FOR SEATING
DURING WORSHIP.
WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU BRING YOUR OWN TABLE
SERVICE - PLATE, SILVERWARE, AND A CUP.



If you have any questions, talk to Stacey Ramos 563-571-0363.



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JUNE 11, JULY 16, AUGUST 20

5:30 - 7:00 PM

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Join us for a collaborative night of intergenerational learning and fellowship! Throughout the summer, we'll follow the journey of a seed and discover how we grow in faith...together!

Everyone - every age and stage of life - is invited!

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Blessing of the Garden of Eatin’

GATHERING AND PROCESSION

Let us bless God, the creator of all things. God has given us the earth to cultivate, so that we might receive the bounty of its fruits. Just as the rain falls from heaven and waters the earth, bringing forth vegetation, so God’s word will flourish and will not return empty. **Amen.**

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WORD: GENESIS 1:1, 11-12, 29-31

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

God of the universe, **you made the heavens and the earth,** so we do not call our home merely “planet earth.” **We call it your creation, a divine mystery,** a gift from your most blessed hand. **The world itself is your miracle.** Bread and vegetables from earth are thus also from heaven. **Help us to see your presence in our daily bread.**

Upon this garden, may you rain down your grace and blessing. **May you send rain and sunshine upon our garden and upon us.** Grant us the humility to touch the soil, **that we might become more human,** that we might mend our rift from your creation, **that we might then know the sacredness of the gift of life,** that we might truly experience life from your hand. **For you planted humanity in a garden and began our resurrection in a garden.** Our blessed memory and hope lie in a garden.

Thanks be to God, who made the world teeming with variety, **of things on the earth, above the earth, and under the earth.** Thanks be to God for those that will distribute the products of this soil, **for the vegetables that will grow here: may they nourish bodies to walk with you.** We rejoice that we find ourselves eclipsed by the magnitude of generosity and mystery. **Thanks be to God.**

Abundant God, we give you thanks for the fruitful earth, which produces what is needed for life. Bless those who work in this garden; grant that the food grown from this soil may nourish those who need it in Muscatine; and help us to ensure that all people share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**