

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

9:30 am & 7:00 pm



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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

God, our provider,
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.

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.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG – *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

ELW 756



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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.**

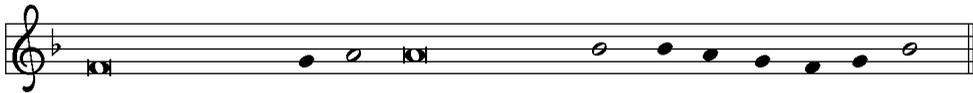
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



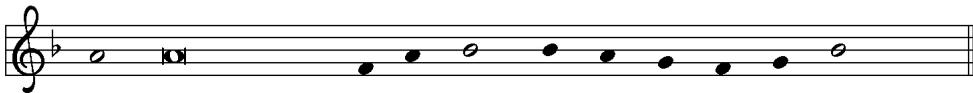
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



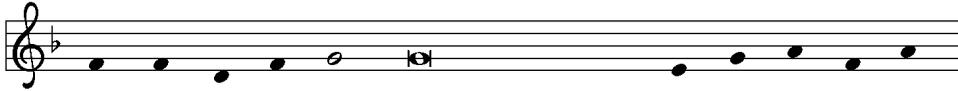
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



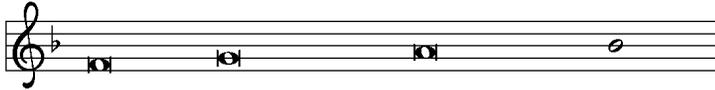
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – *This is the Feast*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

FIRST READING – Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY – Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Refrain



You stilled the storm and si - lenced the waves of the sea.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe, **Refrain**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters. **Refrain**

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea. **Refrain**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail. **Refrain**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea. **Refrain**

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people. **Refrain**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah! **Refrain**

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL – Mark 4:35-41

Response – Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Mark Peters

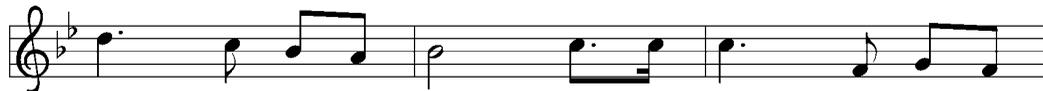


HYMN OF THE DAY – *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

ELW 755



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
 3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
 hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
 fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
 will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
 rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

CREED

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

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 INTERCESSION

We praise you for yet another Sunday, for another week before us. In all our doings, lead us and guide us, and mercifully accept our personal petitions.

O God of our salvation, at this time of the summer solstice, we praise you for the magnificence of nature. Inspire us to care for your wonderful works. Hold the ark of the church in your loving hand, give our leaders endurance through all manner of hardship, and guide us in the way that we should go. O Lord of our life, receive our prayers: **Your mercy endures forever.**

We praise you for the good that we receive in this nation. Purge from us prejudice against those who differ from us in any way. Guide local and worldwide leaders and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. On this World Refugee Day, we pray that refugees travel in safety and reach the promise of a better life for their families. O Hope of every nation, receive our prayers: **Your mercy endures forever.**

We praise you for the loving support of fathers to their children. Bless fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, godfathers, and all of each gender who give fatherly care. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot father a child and for fathers who have lost children. We remember in prayer those who are deployed in the military or incarcerated, or who experience separation from family while traveling in their work. Wherever children are deprived of fathers or love, provide responsible and affectionate care. Eternal Father, strong to save, receive our prayers: **Your mercy endures forever.**

We praise you for the lessening of the pandemic, and we pray for all around the globe who continue to face the coronavirus. Open wide our hearts to all who suffer. Send healing and wholeness to any who are sick. Rock of ages, O Harbor in every storm, receive our prayers: **Your mercy endures forever.**

We praise you for your steadfast love, and we lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE – The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

A TIME OF REFLECTION



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

*At this time, open your communion kits and receive the body and blood of Christ,
given and shed for you.*

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, grant us peace.



COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG – Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near, And the day is past and gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
hand. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
- 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders Today

Preacher	Pastor Mark Peters
Liturgist	Cathy Lucca
Reader	Ward Merrill
Live Streaming	Ted Saxton (Small Town Tech)
Musician	Joe Belanger

Our Radio Broadcast is sponsored today by Joe Belanger in honor of all fathers and people who have taken on fatherly roles.

Prayer Concerns – Gen Ziamba, Klaus Schumacher, Ron Epley, Jim Stavseth, Mollie Besch and family, Helen Knutson, Susie Battalion, Doug Nagle, Tony Miller, and Kathleen Ganter.

Our radio broadcast and live streaming will continue at Zion. Sunday’s service will be shown on KCC-TV Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm and 11:30 pm; Monday mornings at 5:30 am and 9:00 am. This is our local access station – Midco Channel 7.

Simply Giving – Simply Giving supports the spiritual practice of giving on a regular basis. This online service (direct deposit to Zion) provides more options and flexibility to grow giving, add income to the church, and enhance cash flow. Simply Giving can strengthen the financial health of Zion and help us in doing God’s work together. If you’d like more information or if you’re interested in signing up, please contact the church office.

Happy Father’s Day to all the men who work diligently to be good fathers – whether they are stepfathers, biological fathers, spiritual fathers, mentors, or some other father figure.

Zion’s office hours – The office at Zion is open Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am until 12:00 noon, and by appointment. Masks are still required in the building.

Worship practices – Throughout our worship service, the congregation is asked to stand; other times to be seated. If it's difficult to stand or to stand for extended periods of time, please remain seated.

Communion at home – Even though we have resumed in-person worship at Zion, our radio broadcast and live streaming will continue. Participating in the sacrament of Holy Communion is encouraged, even if you are worshiping virtually. Communion kits will still be available at the church, or you may use elements at home (wine/grape juice, bread).

Sharing the Peace – During the sharing of the peace, simply say “Peace be with you” to those around you without leaving your seat.

ATTENDANCE

June 13

9:30 am – 28

7:00 pm – 15

GOSPEL MESSAGE – Just as We Are

Jesus spent a day beside the sea teaching, and then the disciples took him in a boat “just as he was” (Mark 4:36). These are easy words to skip past between the wisdom of parables and the stilling of the sea. After a day of teaching to the masses, Jesus was tired. Indeed, he fell asleep in the boat. Perhaps he was hungry. He was already being followed everywhere by an ever-growing crowd, given little time to himself for rest. It was Jesus, “just as he was,” who calmed the storm. This was not the transfigured Jesus or the resurrected Jesus, but the fully human (and fully divine) Jesus after a long day.

Psalms 139 reminds us that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (v. 14). Yet we often struggle to let people encounter us just as we are. Some of us have been conditioned to believe that “just as you are” is not good enough, smart enough, or worthy of attention, credit, or love. Others have been praised for perfection and must strive to maintain that image.

Most of us have some way of hiding bits of ourselves and our experiences. This may look like a wall of silence and a minimum of words, or a flood of information that reveals no more than the silence. We have all learned to live with a mixture of our own secrets, doubts, fears, and hopes. Our public selves reveal some, but not all, of who we are.

What if “just as we are” is exactly where we are most powerful and most able to bless others? What if “just as we are” is where we are most able to bring grace and peace to our families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors? Come to worship today just as you are, and know that is right where Jesus meets you and calls you into service.