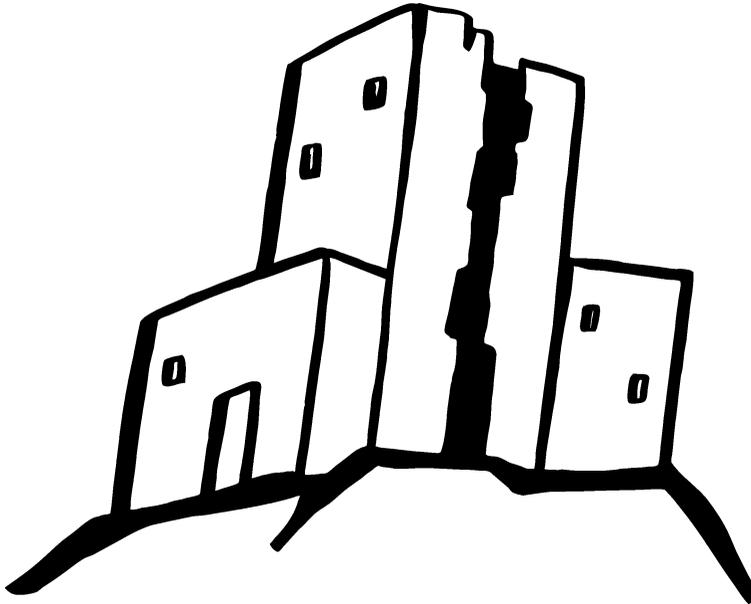


**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 6, 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 – Lift Up Your Hearts



Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gra-cious



mer - cy! Sing out your joy to the Lord,



whose love is en - dur - ing.

### Verses



1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
2. Let the earth wor - ship, sing - ing your praise.
3. God's right hand made a path through the night,
4. Lis - ten now, all you ser - vants of God,



Praise the name a - bove all names!	Say to God, "How
Praise the glo - ry of your name!	Come and see the
split the wa - ters of the sea.	All cre - a - tion,
As I tell of these great works.	Bless - ed be the



won - drous your works,	how glo - rious your name!"
deeds of the Lord,	bless God's ho - ly name!
lift up your voice:	Our God set us free.
Lord of my life,	whose love shall en - dure!

## 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.**

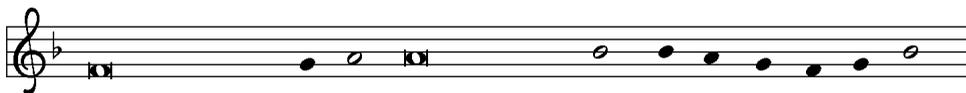
## KYRIE



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.



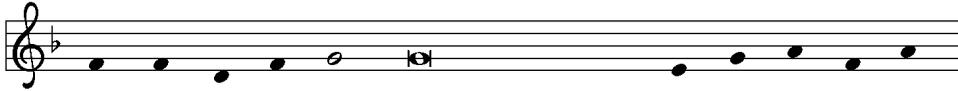
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



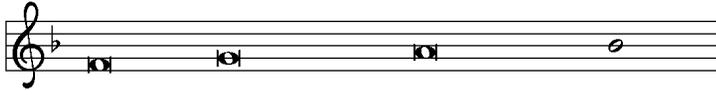
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



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. **All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING – Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALMODY – Psalm 130

### Refrain



Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love.

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. **Refrain**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,  
O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness,  
in order that you may be feared. **Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;  
in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning. **Refrain**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel  
from all their sins. **Refrain**

## **SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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 3:20-35

#### Response – Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;]<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Mark Peters**

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Build Us Up*

ELW 670



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

## 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

Let us come before God in prayer.

For the church we pray: O God, on this Sunday, we ask you to sustain believers around the world. We give thanks for the ELCA's commitment to being an inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities it brings. Pray that we will always be learning and reforming, discerning how to do God's work in a diverse world, and inviting and equipping one another for this essential work. **We cry to you, O Lord.**

For the earth we pray: God our strength, you restore what is withered. As all creation stretches forth in hunger and thirst for you, revive what has ceased to flourish and repair what has fallen into decay. Make us partners in your holy healing. **We cry to you, O Lord.**

On this anniversary of D-Day, we ask you to bring an end to warfare throughout the world. Halt the violence between nations, on our streets, and inside our homes. Heal the wounds of prejudice, and embolden all who strive for peace. **We cry to you, O Lord.**

God who knits us together as the body of Christ, we ask you to bless all relationships and marriages. Nourish the fidelity of partners for one another, and be yourself a companion to those who live alone. **We cry to you, O Lord.**

For recovery from illness we pray: Pray for nations experiencing repeated waves of COVID-19 infection and communities impacted and struggling, and pray that their health care workers, medical facilities and efforts to vaccinate as many people as possible will slow the pandemic. Bring healing to humanity as it struggles against the coronavirus.

On this National Cancer Survivors Day, we ask you to strengthen both those who are recovering from disease and those who now face death. Provide care for all persons afflicted with mental illness, and sustain their families. Visit those whose pain is hidden from us and those we name here before you: . . . **We cry to you, O Lord.**

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in the faith, especially those we name here before you, and we ask you to welcome us with them into your eternal life. **We cry to you, O Lord.**

Into your hands, mighty God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

**PEACE** – The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**A TIME OF REFLECTION**

**OFFERING SONG – Give Thanks**

**TFF 292**



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

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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!

*Last time*

### 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 – *Taste and See*

ELW 493

*Refrain – All*



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.  
 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
 To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
 You'll want for noth-ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
 I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;  
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

*Refrain*



for God has been so good to me.  
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust.

## 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.**

## SENDING SONG – *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

ELW 860



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## 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	Barb Leinum
Ushers	Lynn and Carol Belanger
Live Streaming	Ted Saxton (Small Town Tech)
Musician	Joe Belanger

**Our Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Larry and Doris Trask in memory of David Trask.

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

**The ministries of the church** are still in need of your offering and monetary gifts as we determine what the church may look like right now and in the near future. You can still mail your offering to the church, and, in addition to the Simply Giving program, we now accept donations through Pay Pal. The financial institution where you bank may also have an automatic bill-pay program for you to utilize. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the church.

**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.

**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.

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

**Zion's Preparedness Plan** – Our Smart Team has made revisions to Zion's Preparedness Plan which was approved by the council. Please see the June 2021 newsletter or our webpage. Copies of the updated plan are also available at the ushers stand.

### **GOSPEL MESSAGE – Protective Detail?**

The crowd gathering around Jesus today is not entirely friendly. Some are attacking him as having “gone out of his mind” (Mark 3:21). The scribes accuse him of being demonic. His family tries to restrain him. They see the hostility, perhaps feel the danger. They love Jesus and do not want to see him harmed.

As is his habit, Jesus responds with wit and wisdom. The passage ends with Jesus surrounded by a crowd that seems safer. His family approaches again, and they hear a tough, dismissive word: those who do the will of God are my family. Scripture is consistent in its witness that the will of God is the path to life. Jesus does not need to be protected; he is working to bring the gift of life into the world in a new way.

How often do we find ourselves trying to protect Jesus? Maybe you have had a fight about faith with a family member. Maybe you avoid an acquaintance because of challenging conversations about beliefs. Maybe you have “agreed to disagree” because politics and faith have proved too divisive. Maybe you have experienced the split of a congregation or a church because of differences of opinion about how the gospel calls us to live.

From the book of Acts to present-day denominational struggles, church debates have often been about two sides claiming to be right about Jesus. We stand our ground and resist or demand change. In this we find a mixture of protecting ourselves, protecting our faith, protecting our understanding of Jesus, protecting Jesus.

In today's story Jesus reminds us he does not need protection. He is not going to get it on the cross. Instead, he wishes life for us, dies to make life for us, lives to make life for us. All of this so we can live to help make life for others.