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**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 4 2021
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are found in the back.**

Prelude

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Anishnabe and Algonquin People.

Introduction

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Gathering Hymn O Christ Oh Radiance True ELW 675

Confession & Forgiveness – Page 94

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

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

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 neighbours 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 - Page 138

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– Page 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Canticle of Praise – Page 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than

enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud**

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

KIDS' MESSAGE - Filled with Grace

Object suggested: Cereal bowl.

Today let's talk about being strong. You and I, each one of us, are born to be strong, but we don't always feel that way. We may become frightened of certain things or spend time feeling bad about past mistakes. We may worry that we cannot do something we would like to do, or need to do. This makes us feel weak.

Jesus teaches us that we can become strong because of our weaknesses. He said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (12:9).

That is a difficult lesson. How can we be strong at those times when we feel weak?

Let's think about that question in this way. Could you think of yourself as being like this bowl? What would you most like to put in the bowl? We could fill it with Cheerios or ice cream or chocolate pudding and that would be wonderful. Now think of what you could be filled with that would help you live a strong, happy life.

Can you imagine being filled with God's grace? Grace is a word that means we are given something we don't deserve. It is another word for God's love.

God understands our weaknesses and forgives us for the mistakes we have made. God's love and grace gives us the power and strength to make good choices. The Bible teaches us that when we feel weak his grace is enough.

When you fill your bowl with cereal and milk each morning, think about filling yourself with God's grace and love. What power!!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *Page 142*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the

unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon - Mark 6:1-13 - July 4 2021

What do you think about when someone mentions your hometown? Maybe it's the sight of your mother's overabundant garden or running through the backyard to get to your grandparents' house. Maybe your hometown holds fond recollections walking to the corner store—a few coins in hand—with your best friend. Maybe it's a creaky porch that your family used to occupy every Saturday morning, or your father's distinctive recipes, those familiar smells rising from the stove.

A hometown can communicate comfort and security. There is something about driving on well-traveled streets, of walking into a restaurant and seeing people you know or who know your parents or children. There can be profound warmth in such a familiar world.

Sometimes, though, hometowns are less the stuff of dreams than they are of nightmares. Hometowns can trigger instances of deep trauma, resurrecting decades-old anxieties. Maybe the memories of your hometown are not comforting at all.

Hometowns conjure up all kinds of memories and emotions. Over the years, they become saturated with profound import and meaning and can even take on a life of their own. Hometowns can be lifegiving and heart-rending and everything in between. Today, our gospel text from Mark recounts Jesus returning to his hometown with his disciples in tow. And for all the pleasant moments that might have been brought to his mind, there were, we hear, some pretty significant challenges. He was challenged and questioned at every turn. He could not amount to much because he was just the carpenter's son. Jesus knew the hearts of the people and that he would never be accepted as the Messiah so he says, “Prophets are not without honour, except in their own hometown, and among their kin, and in their own house.” Then he healed two individuals to prove his worth.

Jesus does not wait for the people to accept his position as the Son of Man but rather he makes his rejection his rejection stir on initiative. Those he was preaching to in the synagogue took offence to him. Jesus was preaching the gospel message. Imagine the charismatic leader Jesus sharing the good news of the resurrection. Yet as the gospel writer says, “Even though they could see whom he was Jesus was amazed at their unbelief.”

Then suddenly the story shifts from Jesus’ rejection to the initiative of his disciples. He sends the disciples out two by two giving them power to drive out unclean spirits. He gives them one instruction to take nothing, go out and proclaim to all that they must repent. How is it that they are to live?

When I read the gospel story for today, I could not help but read it from the perspective of us being us: a church coming out of covid. In Jesus ministry there were a lot of highs and lows. Good and bad things happened. It is a roller coaster all throughout the gospels. This past year has been an up and down ride for the entire globe.

At Zion, I am seeing happy faces, excitement, people joyfully talking together in the same room and for me I am happy to be preaching to a congregation of people not just through viral means. I am thrilled to be able to get to meet some of you face-to-face. I have described it to others like so: it is as if the entire church has gone on a year long sabbatical or holiday and is returning reinvigorated with fresh ideas.

As your new pastor I am excited to be here. You seem excited that I am here. I have met with church council and the worship committee. Your leaders are excited to explore new forms of ministry and worship. So much so, the council is retreating together in September to talk about our goals and grow together in faith. Now is the time to pray and explore; to experiment and accept the outcome; to discern what ministries we might try to do together and so much more. We are walking like the disciples with the just the gospel of Jesus in hand. We are being called to mission, and a ministry yet unknown. We don’t need anything to share the gospel other than our voices.

It won’t always be smooth sailing as we journey together. Some will accept you into their home or lives, and others will not. That is to be expected. Jesus tells the disciples you know there will be some that don’t want to hear you. Just shake the dust off your sandals and move on to visit someone else. It can be really frustrating when you want someone to hear the gospel with the same excitement that you do and they choose not to.

We can love them all the same and trust that God will touch their lives another time.

Let us also trike out two by two and reinvigorate the ministry that takes place at Zion. Prepare for new beginnings in the fall. Bring your ideas to the forefront. Programs and such will be different because they have to be. Yet never forget, we live in a resurrection world and we are living in a new resurrection moment with new life; new hope; new dreams; and the same love of God. Thanks be to God for his most glorious inspiration and love. Amen.

Hymn of the Day The Son of God, our Christ 434 LBW

Apostles' Creed– Page 105

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 the triune God in prayer ending each petition with Lord in your mercy, and responding **hear our prayer.**

A brief silence.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need; especially, Florence, Jason, Richard, Heather, Vince, Aileen, Robert, Flora, Dorian, Ryan. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries (*local ministries may be named*). Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be always with you

C: And also with you.

Offering

Please place offerings on the plate as you leave the church or feel free to drop off your envelopes at the church and you can also e-transfer offerings.

Offertory Hymn 884 ELW Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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:

(Singers) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

DISTRIBUTION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

(Singers) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music during Communion

Post Communion Prayer Page 155

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord + look upon you with peace.

Amen.

Hymn The Church of Christ in Every Age ELW 729

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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News and Announcements:

Please Pray for Those Who are Ill, in Hospital, or Requested Special Prayers: Florence Felske, Jason Godin, Richard Hubert, Heather Miller, Vince Rabishaw, Aileen Roesler, Robert Schoof, Flora Schrie, Dorian Verch, Ryan.

DONATION

A donation has been made towards the Organ Restoration Fund by Cheryl Sack & family in honor of Edith Gorr, a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, who celebrates her 98th birthday on July 3rd. *“Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.” Psalm 97:12*

RE-OPENING FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE.

We are excited to announce that Zion is holding in-person services again. We are now limited to 25% capacity (which means that you no longer need to pre-register if you plan to attend the weekly church services.)

WEBSITE UPDATE

It's time to update our pictures for the website....our church family during the pandemic....please email them to Jan.scheidt21@gmail.com or call 613-732-8792 so that we can make arrangements to come take your picture! Thank you!

SERVICE BROADCAST ON COGECO

Cogeco Community Channel is now broadcasting Zion's services at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30pm on Sunday mornings a week later.

UPDATES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

We would like everyone to know that Pastor Scott will be available at the church office during regular office hours – Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. If possible please call in advance of coming into the office to ensure that he is available to see you. Pastor Scott is available for backyard visits too. The church office phone number is 613-732-8792 or call Pastor Scott's cell phone at 705-313-0333

CAMP LUTHERLYN SUNDAYS

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our Rally Sunday morning service at Camp Lutherlyn on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

**Today's Video Has Been Brought To You By Zion Lutheran Church's
Production Crew:**

Presider: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Musician: Blaine Sack

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Today's Scheduled Worship Leaders

Counters: Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Des Schrie

Ushers: Doug & Pauline Malliff

Sexton: David Lehman

This Week at Zion –July 5 - 11

Monday

Kevin & Jean on Holidays until July 11th

Tuesday

7p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday

10am

Pentecost 7 Worship Service with Holy Communion