## Zion Lutheran Church



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 5:30 p.m. July 27, 2024 9:00 a.m. July 28, 2024

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

#### Welcome

Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you. Worship details: In this bulletin, bold print indicates the congregation's responses. Assisted listening devices, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. Hospitality details: A family restroom is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### RINGING OF BELL

Stand

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

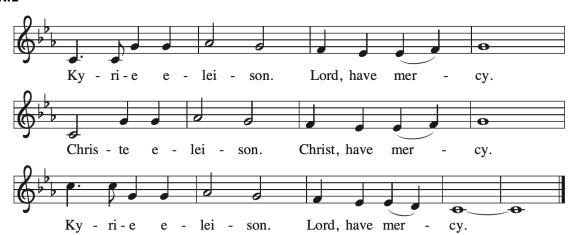
- P Have mercy, O God,
- C against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.
- P As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. You are forgiven! Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
- C Blessed be God forever.

**HYMN:** "I Come with Joy" Page 11

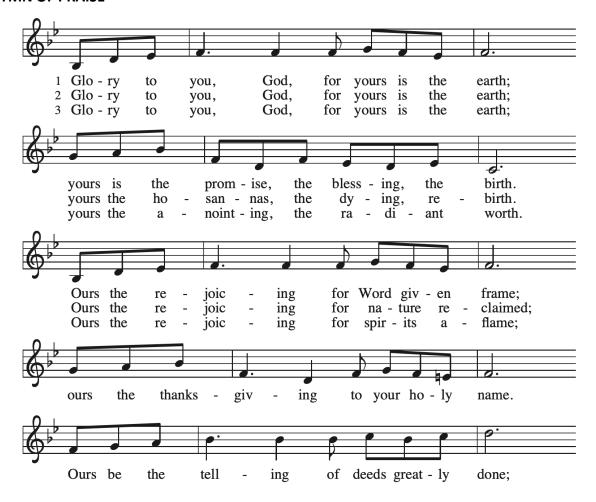
#### **GREETING**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

## **KYRIE**



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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**2 Kings 4:42-44** Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 1445:10-18 (read responsively)

- <sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- <sup>11</sup>They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
- <sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in 1 all your works.

- <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- <sup>17</sup>You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
- <sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

**Ephesians 2:11-22** The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

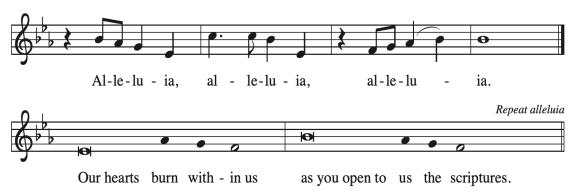
<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**John 6:1-21** In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

P The holy gospel according to John. C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him,

for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

Sit

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Julie Higgs

Stand

**HYMN:** "Christ, Be Our Light" **Page 12** 

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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

Please respond with: Hear our prayer. Each petition ends with: In your mercy.

- Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and Ρ all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

### **PEACE**

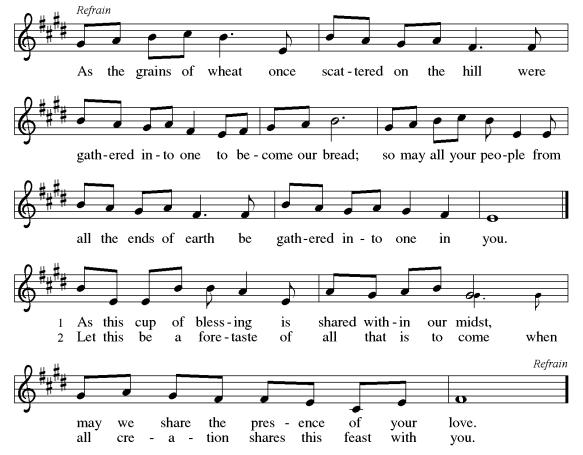
The peace of Christ be with you always. Р

And also with you. C

(Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but are available at the sanctuary entrance.)

## **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"As the Grains of Wheat"



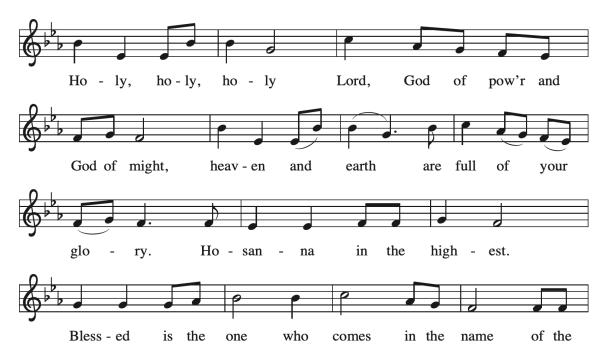
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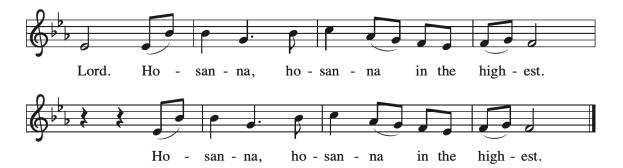
#### OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

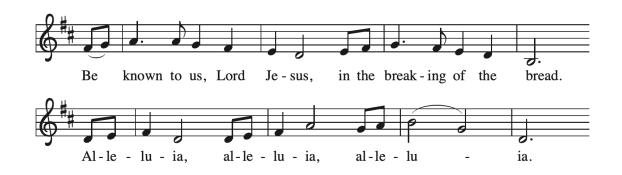
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.

Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.





**Communion Hymns:** 

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
"Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW (red book) #484 ELW (red book) #515

Stand

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

C Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

P God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth  $\oplus$  bless you all, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN:

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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#### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

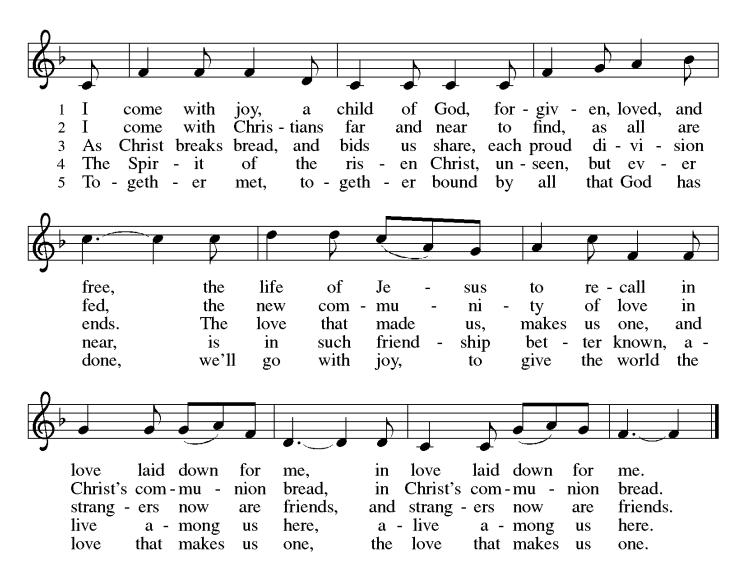
#### **POSTLUDE**

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# I Come with Joy



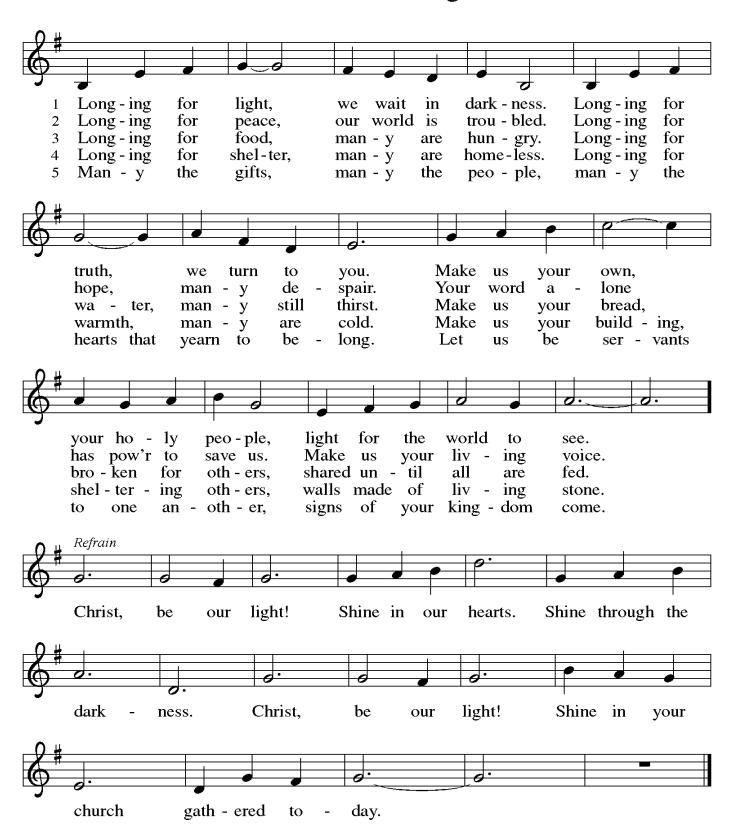
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## Christ, Be Our Light



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## Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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WORSHIP LEADERS 5:30 pm 9:00 am

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Communion Servers:Linda Shaff & Linda DutchessDavid & Michele MeadeGreeters:Helen SteenDavid & Gina Schwartz

THE RADIO BROADCAST THIS SUNDAY is sponsored by Diane Honeywell in memory of loved ones.

**THANK YOU** to those that donated food items for VBS. Over 55 children enjoyed a delicious meal, a Bible story, craft, music and games each evening. Thank you for your prayers and support! Our VBS partnership with St. Paul Church is such a blessing!

**GRIEFSHARE RETURNS:** GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. We will begin the sessions on Saturday, August 3, 2024. The sessions will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Zion Church Library and we will continue to meet every Saturday morning through October 26, 2024. To ask any questions in advance or to let us know you will be coming – please call Diane Dinning at 563-613-3444.

"UNITED WAY OF CLINTON COUNTY" is asking Zion to help in their effort to provide school supplies to every elementary student in Clinton County.

Specifically, Zion is being asked to donate **#2 PENCILS.** Donations may be left in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity! ~ Social Ministry

#### HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, July 31st: 9:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study

Friday, August 2nd: Pastor's Day Off

6:30 pm- Elizabeth Circle

Saturday, July 27th: 4:15 pm— Prospective Member Conversations

5:30 pm- Worship

Sunday, July 28th: 9:00 am— Worship

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, July 20th 5:30 attendance 49 Sunday, July 21st 9:00 attendance 81 Total Weekend In-Person Attendance 130



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