

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Lillian DallaPiazza in memory of her Loved Ones.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Lois Sauro in memory of her mother.

**Food Bank Collection** is TODAY. The item of the month is fruit juices and drinks. Thank you for your donations on June 12<sup>th</sup>. During the June 18<sup>th</sup> distribution, 92 families were assisted which included 30 children, 93 adults, and 49 of the elderly. Your participation in this vital ministry is appreciated.

**Calling all vocalists and musicians!** Zion is looking for volunteers to play or sing for the offertory during our summer services. Young people who are taking voice/instrument lessons are encouraged. Contact Paula Gardner at 412-276-0269 for more information.

Zion Lutheran will be hosting a "Dinner & Movie" **Blood Drive** for the Central Blood Bank on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. All registered donors will receive a coupon for a free dinner entrée at the Stone Pepper Grill and a free movie ticket for the Carmike Theater. Come out and donate to this vital community outreach. Visit [www.centralbloodbank.org](http://www.centralbloodbank.org) or call 1-866-DONORS-1 for more information.

**Zion Night at PNC Park** will be Saturday, July 23 leaving at 5:30 pm. For further information, please contact Dick Wible or any EGAF committee member.

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### **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!**

The Gospel of John is 21 chapters long. In our study of this so-called “Fourth Gospel,” we have made it all the way to chapter 12, where Jesus enters Jerusalem for the last time. How can it be that as early as chapter 12 (with 9 chapters left to go, fully 40% of the John’s Gospel), we have already made it to the last week of Jesus’ life? In other words, why does John focus so much on the last week of Jesus’ life, including his death and resurrection?

We’ve been moving through John at a deliberate (but not sluggish) clip. We’ve seen Jesus perform seven “signs” that point to his identity as the one who is sent from the Father and, as such, can do things as trivial (yet still miraculous) as turning water into wine and as life-changing as raising the dead. We’ve also seen Jesus present a solid case for himself in the face of hostility from the authorities, making any argument against him look foolish and juvenile. We’ve seen him call disciples, teach about himself, and fulfill Old Testament Prophecy.

And yet, the focus on John’s gospel is on the last week of Jesus’ life: his last evening with the disciples, arrest, trial, torture, death and resurrection. Why? Because that is what has guaranteed us all forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Because that is the source of any “good news” we have. Because without that, nothing Jesus had done up to this point matters.

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# The Divine Service

## *The Prelude*

### *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

(please stand)

**Opening Hymn:** Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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## *The Invocation*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## *Confession and Absolution*

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**Pastor:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the

Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:*** This Is the Feast

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**Refrain:**

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.

**Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

**Refrain**

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.

**Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

**Refrain**

***The Collect***

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

Pastor: Let us pray. O almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us without all doubt to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that, following in his steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in communion with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

(Please be seated)

**The Service of the Word**

**The Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-17**

*The beginning of this passage is quoted in the Gospel lesson. The entire passage speaks to the salvation God will bring to his people.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,

Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of the donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem;

And the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations;

His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow.

I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword.

Then the Lord will appear over them, and his arrow will go forth like lightning;

The Lord God will sound the trumpet and will march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.

The Lord of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones,

And they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar.

On that day the Lord their God will save them, as the flock of his people;

For like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!

Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

## **The New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

*In the Gospel lesson, Jesus speaks about serving him and a final judgment. In this Epistle text, Paul does the same.*

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

(Out of respect for our Lord Jesus Christ, please rise)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**People:** (sing) **Glory to Thee, O Lord!**

### **The Gospel: John 12:12-36**

*Jesus enters Jerusalem for the final time, receives glory from the Father, and predicts his death.*

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of

the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** **(sing) Praise be to thee, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

### ***The Children's Message***

***The Sermon Hymn:*** All Glory, Laud, and Honor 442

### ***Sermon***

(Please stand)

***The Creed:*** Apostles' Creed 192

***The Offertory:*** Create in Me 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

(Please be seated)

### ***The Collection of the Offering***

(Please stand)

### ***The Prayer of the Church***

Leader: ... Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Service of the Sacrament (208)**

Pastor: As we approach the Lord's Table, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Here us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

### ***The Words of Institution***

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

#### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

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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.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

### ***The Distribution***

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- **We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.**
- **We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.**
- **We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.**
- **We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.**

*During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."*

**The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.**

### ***Distribution Hymns***

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart 806  
Abide With Me 878

***Post-Communion Collect*** 183

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

***Benediction***

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen!**

***The Recessional:*** Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling 826

***The Postlude***

**† *Service Participants* †**

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Elikier
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & Jay Anderson
The Acolyte:	Anthony Vallelunga
The Greeters:	Elsie DallaPiazza
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Wayne Oechslein & Larry Zreliak
Altar Guild:	Clara Hayes & Lois Dittmer

