

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith \* Growing in Spirit \* Reaching Out to Those in Need*  
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7th Sunday in Easter **8:30 am** **May 28, 2017**

INTRODUCTION

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please stand)*

With word and song, we gather to praise God

who has blessed us with the gift of life in Jesus Christ.

We are drawn into God's presence through Jesus,

and the burdens we carry he takes upon himself.

We are truly blessed, for God has listened and responded to our prayers.

We worship you, O God, with gladness in our hearts

and songs of praise on our lips.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

We do worship you, O God, with gladness in our hearts and words of praise on our lips for you have revealed the human face of your love in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Through him, you have gifted us with the Spirit of truth who enables us to be the human faces of your love wherever we worship, witness and serve you.

As you have so graciously blessed us, may we bless others in Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your everlasting Spirit of truth. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" **ELW #544**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. *(please be seated)*

HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ Is the King!" **ELW #662**

SPECIAL MUSIC Sue Gates - Piano

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING **Acts 1:6-14** **Pew Bible NT p. 122**

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ALLELUIA *(please stand)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

Pew Bible NT p. 115

The holy gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Marcia

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

ELW #393

CREED *(please stand)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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** *(please be seated)*

OFFERING

*The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the
“For Children Everywhere” box.*

OFFERING HYMN

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(please stand)*

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who
are in need.

Response: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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**

SENDING

BLESSING

Go into this week with...
The blessing of God upon you
The presence of Christ upholding you
The Spirit of truth within you.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING HYMN **“On What Has Now Been Sown”** **ELW #550**

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Preaching: Pastor Marcia Sylvester
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Counters: Lynae Poel - Sharon Paranto
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Coffee Hosts: Sharon Paranto – Vivian Eske
Ushers: Don Craft, Darrell Sorensen,
Derek, Amy, Emily & Kaylee
Efraimson

Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Keep us steadfast in your word. Shape us according to your will. Heal our divisions. Protect us from discord. Unite us in your love. Empower us for mission. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the earth. For forests and vineyards, marshes and springs. For grasslands and pastures, farmlands and orchards. Protect your creation from damage by earthquake, flood, wind, drought, fire, or hail. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations. For those who govern and all who hold authority. For those who have been displaced by warfare, economic hardship, or disaster (*especially*). Bring freedom, justice, and stability to areas of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who are anxious. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who are hungry or homeless. For those who grieve and all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For our congregation. Deepen our lives of prayer. Open us to the guiding of your Spirit. Fill us with compassion. Nourish us at your holy table. Strengthen us in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember those who have died, especially our loved ones and those who have given their lives in service. Inspire us by their example and bring us to your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

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⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given

to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."