

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 **10:00 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.

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(please stand)*

Merciful God, we look around us at the world, at our nation, our local communities, our families, and we acknowledge the presence of conflict, pain and suffering.

These affect all our lives at one time or another.

We know that we can lessen the pain when we reach out to those who are hurting, and when we look for ways to bring restoration and healing where there is brokenness.

We confess that there are times when we fail to recognise the suffering and needs of others and so forget to share your love revealed so clearly in Jesus.

Forgive us when we happily accept the blessings of life while neglecting to serve as he served - with unconditional love, humility and compassion.

Forgive us where we are weak and when we fail, and empower us with your Spirit to be strong, yet gentle, bearers of your love and compassion through our words, our actions and our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We can cast all our anxiety on God who cares for us deeply. So, be assured that the Spirit of God is resting upon us, restoring, supporting and strengthening us all with power. The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

OPENING SONG

“Ancient Words”

Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart.

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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)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sue Gates - Piano

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

Pew Bible NT p. 122

ALLELUIA *(please stand)*

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to his name.

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HOLY GOSPEL
(please be seated)

John 17:1-11

Pew Bible NT p. 115

SERMON

Pastor Marcia

SONG OF THE DAY

“Take My Life”

Frances Havergal, Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio

Take my life and let it be Consecrated Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, Always only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use Every power as You choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour At your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be Ever only all for thee.

Take myself and I will be Ever only all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be Ever only all for Thee.

OFFERING

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

OFFERING SONG

“Glory”

Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.
Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.

Holy One, all creation crowns You King of kings.
Holy One, King of kings, Lord of lords, Holy One.

Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.
Glory to the King of kings,
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Jesus, Lord with eyes unveiled, we will see Your throne.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Song of God, Emmanuel.

Glory to the King of kings,
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Loving God, we praise you for linking our lives with yours through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. We offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to make your name known, and Christ's love visible through our worship, witness and service. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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** *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Worthy Is The Lamb”

Darlene Zschech

Thank you for the cross, Lord.
Thank you for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Wash me in Your cleansing flow;
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns;
You reign victorious high and lifted up.
Jesus, Son of God, the darling of heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

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“Eat This Bread”

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

Gracious God, we praise, worship and adore you for the food received at your table. We go from here, strengthened, refreshed, and empowered by your Spirit to be true and joyful witnesses to Jesus Christ. We look to that day when, with the great company of witnesses that surround us, we may eat and drink and be glad with him in the glory of your kingdom. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Go from here today
blessed by the God of all grace
strengthened by the presence of Jesus Christ
held together by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CLOSING SONG

“I See The Lord”

Paul Baloche

I see the Lord, and He is seated on the throne.
The train of His robe is filling the heavens.
I see the Lord, and He is shining like the sun.
His eyes full of fire, His voice like the waters.
Surrounding His throne and thousands singing

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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