

Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches

Pentecost 6 ~ July 12, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

Invocation Pastor Ale Tulu

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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 neighbors 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your 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. **Amen.**

Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

ELW #456

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

The growth of the word to accomplish God's purpose

¹⁰for as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which i purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which i sent it.

¹²for you shall go out in joy,

and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you

shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.



¹³instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

¹You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is | full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

Live according to the Spirit

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone

who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Madison Crane

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The parable of the sower and the seed

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Sermon

Pastor Ale Tulu

Hymn of the Day

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

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Apostle's Creed ELW 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 into hell. 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 response: your mercy is great

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.

Hymn

"Go My Children with My Blessing"

ELW # 543

Benediction

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Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS! Zion's Lay Ministry/Evangelism Board says a special welcome to you this morning and may you be fed spiritually during this time of worship.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
Musician: Phyllis Dalager

Worship assistant: Millie Reiersen
Reader: Glenice Johnson

OUR PRAYERS to Hazel Olson who was hospitalized, now recovering at Oakland Park.

BROADCASTS today are in memory of Vernon & Lillian Kees, sponsored by Vivian Knutson & family

ZION'S WEBSITE for July is sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Loved Ones.

REMINDER to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us.

THE HERALD Newsletter is available online at Zion's site or by mail. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive it by mail. Extra copies are available on tables in the narthex or by the church office.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 8:30AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS - Christ in our Home - Living Lutheran and others are available for pick up outside the church office entrance. New Christ in our Home and Living Lutheran available.

MASK DISTRIBUTION will take place on Monday from 2-4 PM in Zion's parking lot.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Simply Giving/ Silver Creek included in all totals)

June 29-July 5 income: \$4,589.

June 1-30 income: \$24,464.

Year to Date income January 1– July 5: \$175,008.

2020 Budget \$389,621. /\$7,493. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses

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THANK YOU to all who faithfully continue your contributions to Zion during this time of gathering restrictions.

VBS - Registration for virtual Vacation Bible School is by Google form on redeemertrf.org/youth
Please register by July 12th.

One thing we know for sure is that COVID-19 has changed our lives and many are having COVID-19 fatigue and want complete normalcy back. We are blessed so far with a lower transmission rate here, in comparison to many states, but that can change quick so do not become complacent. Be aware of and follow CDC Guidelines. As we are enjoying getting back to some normalcy just use common sense. Stay safe and remember we are never alone. Since we can not meet as usual consider this a "virtual hug to all"

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