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5th Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025 10:30 AM Holy Communion ELW Setting 4

*Congregation stands Greeting/Announcements <u>Prelude</u> Moment By Moment

arr. Smith

Cinda Roteman, piano

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: 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.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

*<u>Opening Hymn</u> **As We Gather at the Table**

ELW 522

*<u>Apostolic Greeting</u>

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. *<u>Kvrie</u>



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



*Hymn of Praise



*<u>Prayer of the Day</u>

A: Let us pray... O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

<u>The Lessons</u>

First Lesson: *Deuteronomy 30:9-14* L: A reading from Deuteronomy:

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *Psalm 25:1-10*

L: We will now read the psalm responsively:

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1To | you, O Lord,
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I lift | up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

3Let none who look to you be | put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

4Show me your | ways, O Lord,

and teach | me your paths.

5Lead me in your | truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

6Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.

7Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

BYou are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;

therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

9You lead the low- | ly in justice

and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

Second Lesson: *Colossians 1:1-14*

L: A reading from Colossians:

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>Sermon</u>

*<u>Hymn of the Day</u> Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

ELW 708

*<u>Apostles' Creed</u>

- P: Let us confess our faith together with the Apostles' Creed.
- C: 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, 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 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 the Church

A: Freed by Christ and led by the Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God for the world, the church, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Rouse all people to speak and act for justice, and inspire our leaders to guide us into peace. God of truth,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bless all the baptized, and grant strength to all servants of the church who have gone to work in your harvest. God of truth,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Energize and uphold us in bearing the burdens of those weighed down by poverty, hunger, loneliness, abuse, anxiety, and illness. God of truth,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Comfort us with the certainty that we will be united with the saints who walked among us now and rest in your presence. God of truth,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of mercy, we pray for all who are sick or suffering, especially..., the shut-in members of our congregation, all who are on our prayer list, and the ones we name in our hearts.

A brief silence.

A: Receive the prayers of our hearts, O God, and grant that we may forever trust in your promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

*<u>Peace</u>

- A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.
- A: Let us share God's peace.

The assembly is invited to spread God's peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them: peace sign, fist bump, elbow bump, air kiss, prayer hands with a bow, heart hands, etc.

Offering

At this time we give thanks for the members of Mount Zion who are able to give financially to further our mission of spreading the Gospel in accordance with God's plan by ministering to the spiritual and human needs of all people through our gifts, talents, and our love in Jesus Christ.

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Cinda Roteman, organ

arr. Southbridge



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



*<u>Offertory Prayer</u>

A: Let us pray... Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

*<u>The Great Thanksgiving</u>

- 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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





- *Eucharistic Prayer
- P: Brothers and sisters, the time has come for us to remember:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

*Invitation to Communion

- P: Come now faithful servants, our Master's table is prepared, come now and enter into His Grace.
- C: Praise be to God!

Lamb of God



Communion Meal

We ask that anyone unable to approach the altar for communion please stay seated and notify the usher. The pastor and assistants will gladly come down to give communion to those who remain seated.

Hymns during distribution:

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My HeartELW 800Jesus Calls Us; o'er the TumultELW 696

*Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

- 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... Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

*<u>Benediction</u>

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*<u>Dismissal</u> A: Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

<u>Postlude</u> Song of Joy

Boodle

Cinda Roteman, organ

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME: To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

ABOUT TODAY'S LESSONS:

First Lesson: Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

Second Lesson: The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

Gospel Lesson: Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

Announcements

Welcome Visitor: We thank you for visiting our church family. Please fill out a visitor card and sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

Large Print Worship Booklets are available for those in need of larger print. Ask an usher if you would like one.

We ask that anyone unable to approach the altar during communion stay seated and notify the usher. The Pastor will gladly come down and give communion.

Altar Flowers: These beautiful arrangements are provided every Sunday (except Lent and Advent) by sponsors from our congregation. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway beside Pastor's office. Sponsors can take the arrangements home after the service. Please remember to take a white slip of paper when you sign up and return it with your payment to the office or place it in the offering plate.

A Message from the Call Committee: As we re-engage in the call process, we need your help. Not only will we need your participation to vote on the new pastor, but also in the lead up to the new call and afterward as we support the new pastor as we move to do the work of the congregation. We will have new groups that will need people to join to do the work that needs to be completed. We will have new or reinstated activities/committees and services that need you to be a part of them to be successful. We will have a new pastor who needs our support to do their work. We can't do it without YOU. Think about what your gifts, skills and interests are and what additional role you can play in this

congregation. Together we can do great things as we work to do God's work in our local community and the world.

Calling a New Pastor Member Requirements:

It is time again to review the church records, so we have names of voting members identified for when we vote to approve a candidate as our next pastor. Voting members must meet all four of the

following criteria –

1. baptized in the name of Christ

2. officially joined Mt. Zion Lutheran Church either through confirmation, letter of transfer or applying and being presented to the congregation via the Pastor's readings.

3. recorded participation in communion once during the year

4. recorded monetary contribution once during the year.

This is a rolling calendar so we are currently checking from June 2024 - June 2025. The next review will be September 2024 - September 2025.

If you are unable to attend church in person and would like to be served communion, please call the church office (717/757-7626) to schedule a time for Pastor Bob to visit and distribute the communion meal.

Help Needed- the following are the needs of the church. On the bulletin board is more information. Prayerfully consider your role in the church community.

Help Needed	Contact Person
Count and Record Contributions	Carol Trainer
Contact Person/s for carpet and roof repairs	Ellen Gibb
Property Manager	Member of Council
175th Anniversary	Kollene Stauffer or
	Cheyanna Snyder
Hershey Handbell Ensemble	Kollene Stauffer or
	Kathy Gable
National Night Out	Ellen Gibb or Jessica
	Harvey
Worship Leaders: ushers, lay assistants,	Ellen Gibb
communion assistants	
Altar Guild	See the sign up on the
	bulletin board
Food Pantry Volunteers	Kathie Boop
Food Pantry Money and Supplies	Marked envelope for
	money, items needed on
	back table, and paper
	grocery bags leave in the
	narthex in the baskets
LifePath Ministry Donations for Pantry –	Kathy Gable
drop off at stores under Mt Zion's name	

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT ZION

Week of July 6, 2025

Wednesday	7 12:30	Bible Study
Sunday	10:30	Worship

Assisting Today in Worship

Celebrant	Pastor Burkhart
Organist	Cinda Roteman
Lay Assistant	Ellen Gibb
Communion Assistant	Merris Harvey
Lector	Ellen Gibb
Ushers	Pat Hauer
	Cheyanna Snyder
Cashier	Cheyanna Snyder
Camera	Cheyanna Snyder

Mt. Zion Prayer List

Continue to pray for: Raven Ambrose, Bonita Anderson, Fran Anderson, Jerry Arnold, Shannon Arnold, Janet Shermyer Berkheimer, Lauren Beyer, Jacklyn Billet, James Billet, Mary Bishop, Mary Sue Bottstein, Joan Brenner, Joyce Brown, Ralph Brown, Robert Brown, Sarah Brown, Scott Brown, Ted Brown, Eric Bruner, Joseph Bruggerman, Julie Christy, Jess Combs, Phyllis Comery, Ian Conover, Billee Couch, Tim Couch, Lizzy Cowit, Steven Cowit, Tana Cox, Jason Crowley, Madeline Crowley, Vivian Deardorff, Lynn Deitzer, Dee DeVeny, Annie Diehl, Gerri Deller, Kendall Dellinger, Zoe Doll, Andrew Doughty, Joe Ellis, Carol Emswiler, Layla Esteves, Pastor Courtney Erzkus, Chris Farmer, Pam Fay, Dudley Fink, Jason Frederick, Martha Frederick, Scott Frederick, Jacinda Frigm, Gloriann Green, Rev. Donald Green, Lonnie Ginter, Ronnie Ginter Jr., Gina Goodrich, Linda Grone, Jeannie Grove, Bob Gundlach, Mary & Tom Haberkorn, Jay Hammel, Dolly Harbolt, Donna Hayes, Mike Healey, Alicia Hedrick, George Heller, Sharon Harvey, Brian Hinderer, Ruth Hoak, Linda Hodgson, Bob & Sue Hoffheins, Heather Hoffman, Dennis Hummel, Carol Johnson, Colleen Jones, Jolene Klinger, Gene Krisukas, Mike Kowslik, Sarah Kuhn, Kelly Lehr, Lou Ann Leibensperger, Jean Leiphart, Heather Luchka, Dick Lynn, Bob Lyon, Fran Marple, Brad March, Sharon March, Amy Martzall, Rose McGowan, Kenneth & Sue Miller, Sally Miller, Jennifer Mitterholtzer, Jodi Mitterholtzer, Matthew Mitterholtzer, Otto Mitterholtzer, Rebecca Mitterholtzer, E.T. Moore, Angy-Mike Mossengo, David Murphy, Sandy Murphy, Ellen Myers, Karen Naugle, Tom Needhum, Sandy Nelson, Nancy & Lou Orndorff, Deb Overly, Ben Renner, Alison Reppert, Carrie Roman, Jeff Sargen, Kaeley Saylor, Craig Schaszberger, Joan Schildt, William Schmeed, Maxine & Larry Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, Anthony Shaw, Zach Shiffer, Rick Shreve, Heather Smith, Condoda Smith-Boyle, Heidi Snyder, Thomas Somerville, Candy Stambaugh, Judy Stambaugh, Herb Stauffer, Bud Stevens, Carol Stickles, Lisa Striebig, Lynn Suter, Debra Tracey, Micheal Tudino, Jace Valenti, Jane Van Zant, David Walker, Andrew Walter, Ruth Ward, Bob Warren, Bonnie Warren, Bill Weaver, Bruce Weaver, Dodie Weaver, Victor White, Bob Wolf, Larry Wood, Donald Zepp, Rich Zerbe, Joan & Ben Zelinski, and the shut-in members of our parish.

The Prayer List is reviewed each month. Though names may remain on the prayer list for an unlimited time, periodic updates are appreciated. Contact KATHIE BOOP (717-855-6763) for any additions or subtractions from the prayer list. If a name has been mistakenly deleted, please notify KATHIE BOOP.

Financial Snapshot for July 08, 2025

<u>Current checking account balances – July 08, 2025</u>

FUND BALANCES THAT ARE NOT CAPITAL FUNDS

Administration	\$ 4,340.71			
Pastor's Discretionary	\$ 67.51			
Contingency	\$ 15.01			
Rental	\$ 4,008.60			
CAPITAL FUND BALANCES				
Memorial	\$ 91,149.51			
Special Needs	\$ 39,670.07			
Youth	\$ 4,978.49			
Food Bank: June 2025: Deposits \$420	Expenses \$ 900 Balance 07/08/25 \$ 177.08	}		
Total Contributions - Offering/Electronic July 06, 2025 \$ 3,313.66				
Bills paid but not yet cleared bank	\$ 87.88			
Estimated monthly bills as of July 08, 2025 Sound System	\$ 44,929.55 Includes Down Payment	for		

Thank you for remembering our consecrated commitment we made in 2024; just as God is faithful to His promises to us, we are faithful to our promises to Him.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Swords, Treasurer at <u>mtzionyorktreasurer@gmail.com</u>.

or call at 717-503-0527 (cell)

MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor: Sexton: Administrative Assistant: Treasurer: Financial Secretary: Minister of Music, Emeritus: The Rev. Robert Burkhart Rod Robles Kathy Gable Kathy Swords Brian Hinderer Sue Hoffheins

Church Council

Ellen Gibb, President Cheyanna Snyder, Vice-President Jessica Harvey, Secretary Kathy Gable Lynne Suter Brian Hinderer Kollene Stauffer

OUR MISSION

To spread the Gospel in accordance with God's plan by ministering to the spiritual and human needs.

COME TO THE BANQUET

On a weekly basis, Mount Zion Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion. God invites all who believe in the Real Presence in, with, and under the bread and wine to come to the banquet table of grace. Through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God calls us to be a part of His gracious love.

We are one body, as we come together knowing that God reconciles all sinners. God calls us all to repent and ask for forgiveness – to be loved for who we are, people of God empowered to share His love to the entire world. We at Mount Zion will always extend an invitation to all to join us at the banquet table of grace.

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As We Gather at Your Table





Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP





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Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

