

Zion Lutheran Church

Passing on the faith in the heart of Long Valley since 1760



Season of Pentecost
Contemporary Worship Service

Welcome to worship at Zion

HOLY COMMUNION: Believing in the “real presence” of Christ, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality; that is all baptized persons are welcomed to Communion.

***Children** who have not had Communion instruction are invited to receive a blessing. Children who already receive Communion in another congregation may commune here, too.

***Ushers** will direct you to come forward. Please return to your seats by the opposite aisle.

*Typically, at **8am worship**, we commune by “intinction” which means dipping the wafer into the wine. At **10:30am worship**, you will pick up a cup filled with wine from the filled tray and place the empty cup in the tray carried by the acolyte.

*If you **do not drink wine**, please know that communing in “one kind” (wafer only) has been done throughout the centuries.

***Gluten-free wafers** are available by request. The wafers are made of sweet potato and rice flour and are also free of wheat, casein, dairy and yeast.

CHILDREN: We invite children to participate in worship at whatever level they are able, including reading.

***Children’s sermon:** Typically, children up to 5th grade come forward. If new or your child is shy, you might consider coming up with your child/ren.

***Activity bags:** Because one hour is a long time to sit quietly for most children, we also have activity bags available in the narthex.

*We are hoping to have **childcare** available during worship supervised by parents and other volunteers. Please let the pastor know if you are interested in volunteering for this.

COVER: The Martin Luther Seal was designed for Martin Luther while he was in Augsburg participating in the meetings which had the outcome of the Augsburg Confession, one of the most important documents of the Reformation. The black cross in the red heart points to faith in the Crucified who saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified." The heart stands in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose. Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end.

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Note: Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

The congregation stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Almighty God...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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...and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: "Make Your Presence Known"

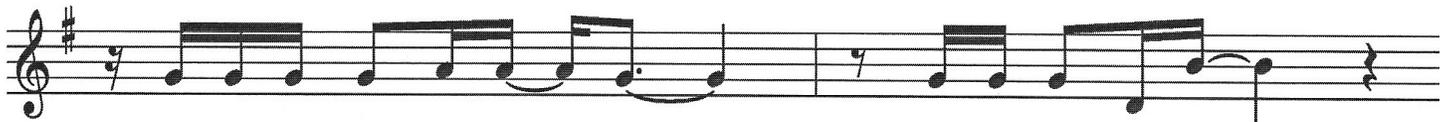
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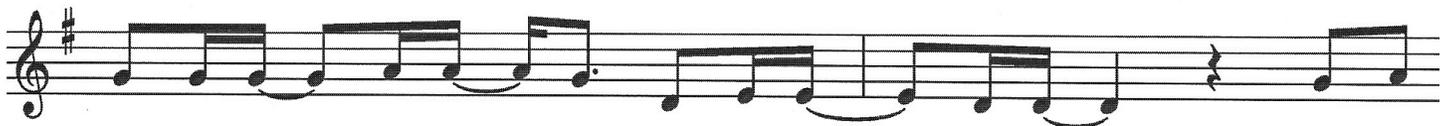
1. Gath - ered here to - geth - er, ___ gath - ered by Your grace; _
 2. When we call, You an - swer, _ You will hear our cry; _



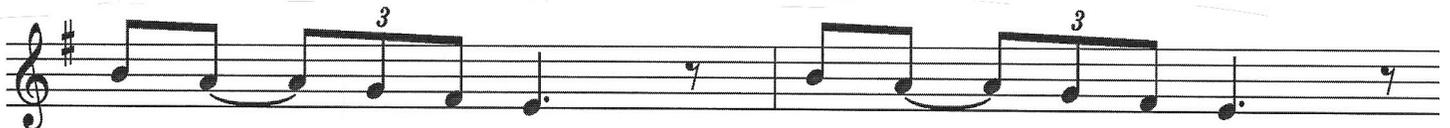
Hav - ing one ___ de - si - re, ___ to seek ___ Your face. _
 Like a lov - ing Fa - ther, ___ You dry ___ our eyes. _



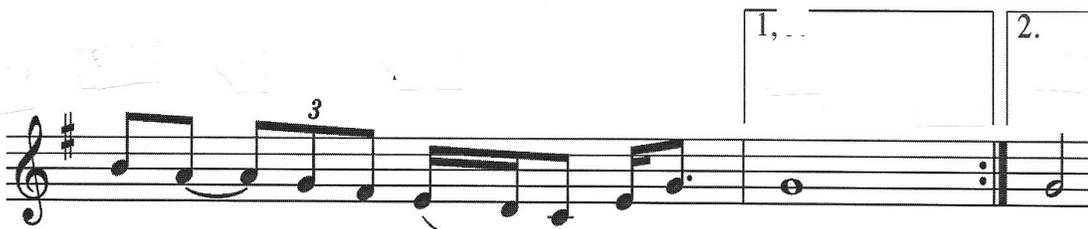
U - nit - ed in be - liev - ing ___ that our faith is true, _
 Fill our mouths with sing - ing, ___ give us ears to hear; _



thank - ful in ___ the knowl - edge we be - long ___ to You. _ We pray,
 Gath - er us ___ to - geth - er, please draw ___ us near. _



make Your ___ pres - ence known, make Your ___ pres - ence known,



make Your ___ pres - ence known ___ in our hearts. hearts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God.

who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them;

who keeps his promises forever.

PEACE

The pastor and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words. The congregation resumes singing.

GATHERING SONG: "Make Your Presence Known"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response after the prayer. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

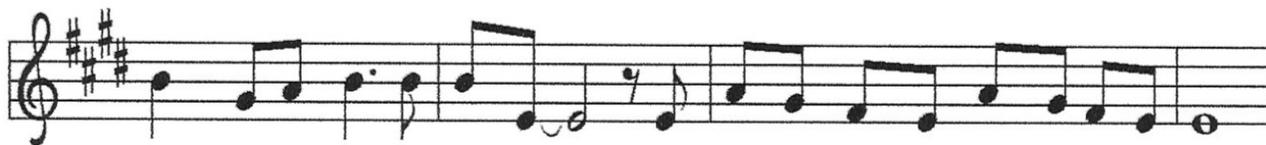
CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Pastor Ingrid Wengert

SONG: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

READINGS

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SERMON:

Pastor Ingrid Wengert

SERMON SONG:

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The congregation stands.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 to the dead.
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.**

PRAYERS

Each petition ends with these words.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

The pastor concludes the prayer:

Into your hands... through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

ANTHEM:

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The congregation stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together,
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The pastor greets the congregation and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your merciful will for all humanity,
but in the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant:

**to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to sin.**

In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.

Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

COMMUNION SONG: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"



O - pen the eyes _ of my heart, _ Lord, _ o - pen the eyes _ of my heart; .



_ I want to see You, _ I want to see You. _



To see You high and lift - ed up; _ shin-



- ing in the light of Your glo - ry. _ Pour out Your pow'r and love; .



_ As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. _____



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly; — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, — I want to

see You. _____

The congregation is seated.

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

AFTER COMMUNION SONG: "In My Heart"

In my— heart, My thanks I give to you; In my—
 heart, My thanks I give to you; Right—
 where I— am— as best I— can, In my
 heart, My thanks I give to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response after prayer: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us into the world to serve our neighbor.

BLESSING

The pastor proclaims God's blessing.

The Lord bless you.....and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

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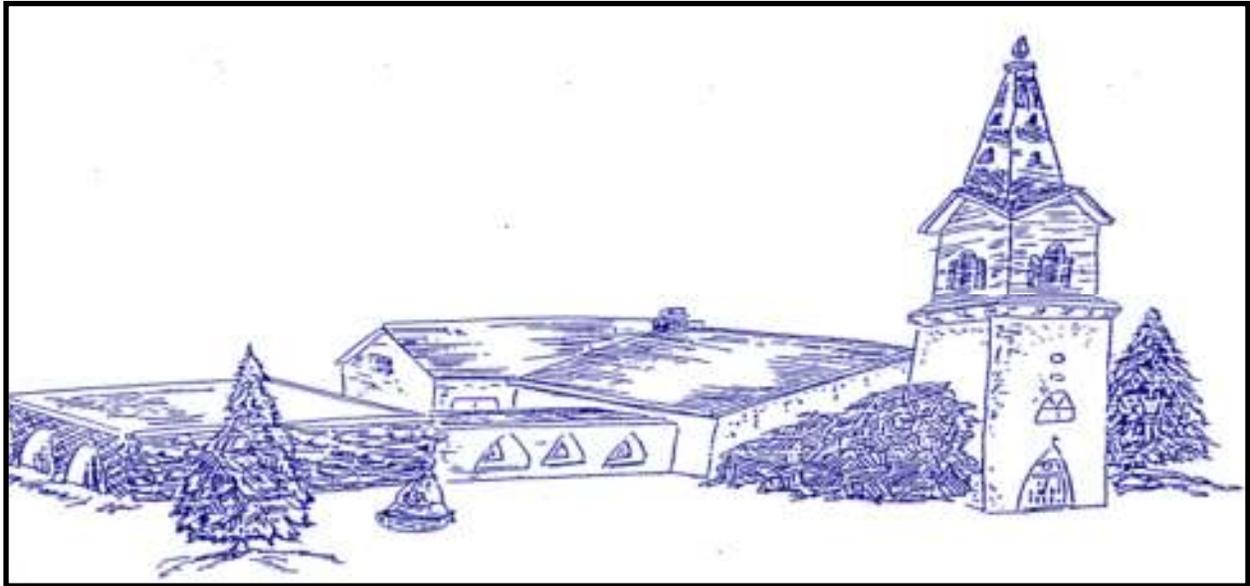
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

The pastor sends the congregation into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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