

Zion Lutheran Church

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



Season of Pentecost
Traditional 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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Season of Pentecost

Note: Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

PRELUDE:

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

INTROIT

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 HYMN

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GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the members of the congregation greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE:

In peace, in peace.....

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

to Verses

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all.....

Refrain

For the people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word.....

Refrain

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



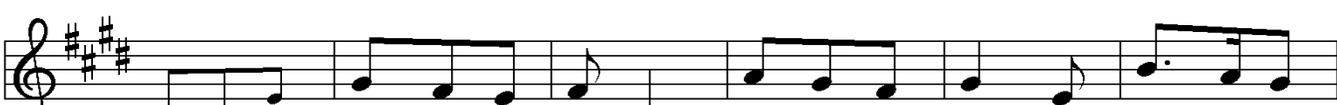
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response after the prayer: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

ANTHEM:

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Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Ingrid Wengert

READINGS

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SERMON

Pastor Ingrid Wengert

HYMN OF THE DAY

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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.

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. The congregation is seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

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

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line is for the Presider: 'The Lord be with you.' and the Congregation: 'And al-so with you.' The second line is for the Presider: 'Lift up your hearts.' and the Congregation: 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third line is for the Presider: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and the Congregation: 'It is' The fourth line is for the Congregation: 'right to give God thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Continuing with the preface for the day, concluding:* . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The pastor continues with the Words of Institution.
 In the night in which he was betrayed... **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.
 Let us 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.

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 HYMN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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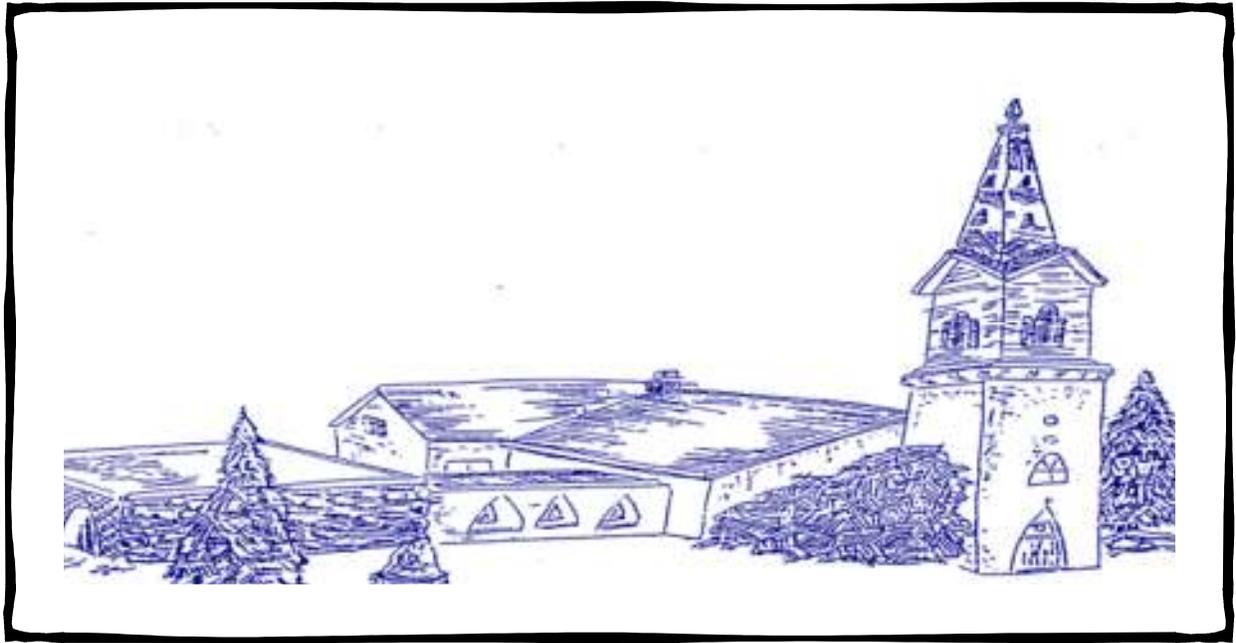
The pastor sends the congregation into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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