

**May 24, 2020 Seventh Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Virtual Service**

Music

GATHERING HYMN: “Reconciliation Song”

See printed words

HYMN OF THE DAY: “You Are Mine”
verses 1-3

ELW #581

SENDING HYMN: “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW #655

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for today’s service were given to the Glory of God by **Rick and Elaine Kesler** in honor of their 21st Anniversary.

We thank **Judy Bumpus** for serving as the lector for our virtual services, and **Brian Bumpus** for lighting the candles and ringing the bells!

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS: Will Beaumont

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

We continue to pray for the needs of: Marna Keller, Frank Baker, Marilyn Nelson, Ken Winterfeldt, Courtney Derr, Donna East, Bob Weis, Justin Fogarty, Margie Muller, June Sweeney, Robert Brobst, Sr., Anna Secka, Charlie Burd, Emily Mancuso, Kirk Klein, Wally Kreutzer, David Kruetzer, Cathy Mindel, Erna Dietz, Zach Bumpus, Bob Clay, Karen Sauer and family, Burt Horner, Kailene Brobst

See the *Long Valley Lutheran* newsletter for prayer requests for friends and family of Zion members and friends. *New* prayer requests will appear in the announcements each week.

Please contact the church office for additions or to make updates.

Readings

FIRST READING:

Acts 1

A reading from Acts, the first chapter.

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68

To be read responsively

¹Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;**
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;**
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;**
but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of
Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.
¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**
³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.
³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 17

The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*COVID-19 and Reopening Update

Zion will continue to observe the state's guidelines for public gatherings and refrain from public worship & meetings. Council met virtually on **May 19th** and will continue to live-stream worship through **June 14th**, unless events change, and then they would meet to discuss and make decisions.

Zion's Reopening Task Group met virtually for the first time this week. **It includes:** Judy Bumpus (Council), Craig Dise, Chair (Zion's medical advisory task group), Jance Denzler (parish events), Burt Horner (Property), Lori Prussack (Zion's medical advisory task group), Emily Rochotte (youth & children's ministries), Malainie Stoma (Worship & Music), Cathleen Sullivan (Zion's medical advisory task group), and Pastor Ingrid. It has been gathering information and will continue to do so, including a congregational summary that has been emailed & mailed. **Please be sure to take the reopening survey by May 29th so that the task force can accumulate the information for its group meeting on May 31st.**

*OFFICE HOURS

We will continue to postpone official office hours, however Laura will generally be available in the office from **9 AM to 12 PM, Monday to Thursday** during the shutdown period. This will allow Laura to adjust the billable hours to the workload when possible and/or appropriate. Should you need to see Laura or Pastor Ingrid in the office, please be sure to make an appointment first so that they will be sure to be in the office to accommodate your needs. **The office will observe the Memorial Day holiday.**

*WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NEXT TUESDAY

You can join the weekly Bible study via video link (but you don't have to turn on the video) or simply by phone dial-in next **Tuesday, May 26th** at **1:00 PM**. See the website for details.

***FOOD DRIVE**—It is already May! Typically this is when our church tries to help our LVCAP food pantry stock up for the summer months. If you can help to provide food for the pantry, please drop it off at the Hoffman's collection site. The church website has a link to LVCAP if you would like to look for some of the items most required. Thank you so much!

***WANT TO HELP?** If you can pick up a few things at the store for someone who can't go out, please contact the office.

***2020 GRADS**—We are continuing to solicit information about High School and College Graduates so that we can honor them in the LVL Newsletter. Parents, *please* send your graduate's info into the office and include: *school, activities, honors and awards, picture (even in their cap and gown if you have it) and future college or employment plans if they know them.* **We don't want to leave anyone out!** Also, be sure to send your well-wishes for your grads! We welcome well-wishes from all who have some to offer our grads. **The graduation insert will be published in the June newsletter.**

***FLOWERS**— A huge *thank you* goes out to those who have been sponsoring our weekly altar flowers. We do have open slots for **all of July except July 26th**. Flower arrangements are \$13 each. You may send flower checks to the office or use electronic giving.