

Zion Lutheran Church

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



Season of Pentecost

Service of the Word

With Baptism

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Note: Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

PRELUDE

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we neglect your presence in our world and lives.
We are quick to judge our neighbors' thoughts and deeds,
and without your guidance, rely on our own positions.
We have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for the ungodly.
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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

See insert

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the members of the congregation greet each other.
**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response after the prayer: Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Ingrid Wengert

READINGS

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SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

See insert

HOLY BAPTISM

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.

**catholic with a small "c" refers to the universal church, as the Greek word "katholikos" means universal or whole. "Catholic" with a capital "C" refers to the Roman Catholic Church.*

THANKSGIVING AT FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor continues with prayer.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with these words:
Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

The pastor concludes the prayer with these words:
Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior who taught us to pray...

THE 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.

PEACE

The pastor and the congregation greet each other.
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 while remaining in place, e.g. by hand gesture, clapping or sign language.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us forth.

BLESSING

The pastor proclaims God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

The pastor sends the congregation into mission.
Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**