

Zion Lutheran Church

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



Season after Pentecost

Service of the Word

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. The black cross in the red heart points to faith in the Crucified who saves us. 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.

PRELUDE

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

The congregation stands. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy...in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, 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, 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

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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.*

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, using American sign language.

OFFERING PRAYER

Offerings can be placed in the plates in the narthex & Fields Hall. Offerings are gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,

in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

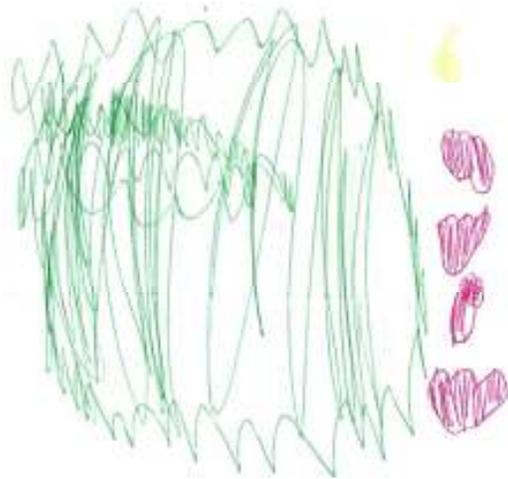
DISMISSAL

The pastor sends the congregation into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus
shines
over you,



William Johnston
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