Zion Lutheran Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

PRELUDE "Holy Ground"



arr. By Mark Hayes

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!Here is our water of life! Alleluia!Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has
done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia! At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

(reported to CCLI #26997 May 13 2024) We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. 1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that our unity will one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

- We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. 2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
- 3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

musical interlude

All praise to the Father from whom all things come, 4. And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son, And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

BLESSING

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.

We are called by the Holy Spirit to gather for praise and thanksgiving. We are promised the presence of a counselor.

We are grateful for the Advocate, who intercedes for us.

We don't even know how we should pray, but the spirit helps us! The spirit intercedes for us. Thanks be to God!

- 1 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- 2 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 - 3 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.And also with you.Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit
brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth,
and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.And also with you.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 'Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine

o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*"*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

(Congregation reads the bold)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

- ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
 - with its swarms too many to number,
 - living things both small and great.
- ²⁶There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

- ²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
- ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD. ^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

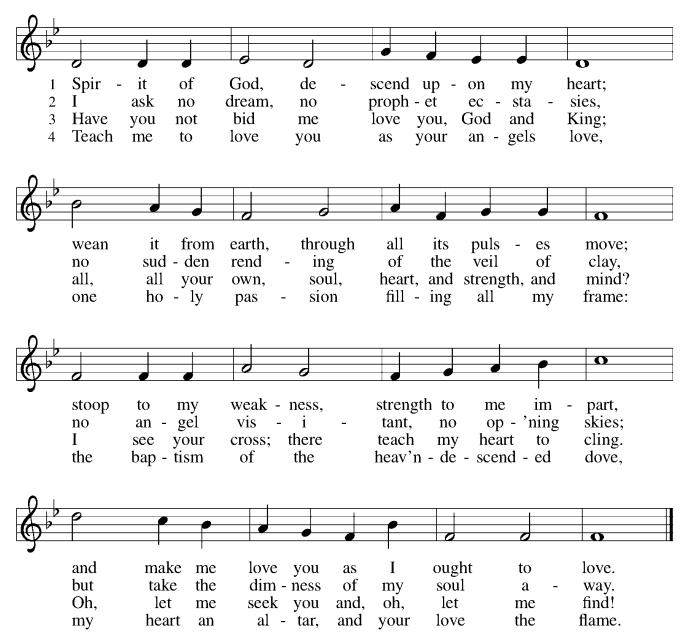
[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastoral Intern Rachel Perkins-Gama

SERMON SONG "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Red Hymnal #800

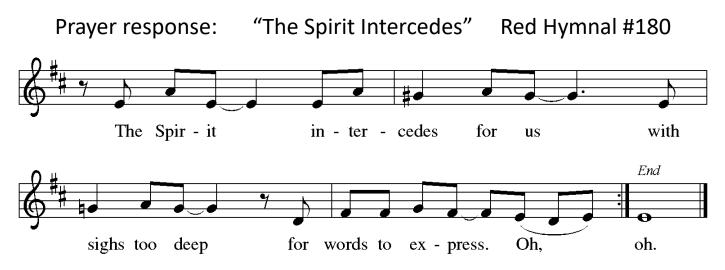


APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.



Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

MUSIC & OFFERING "Holy Spirit" by Katie Torwalt & Bryan Torwalt

Offering envelopes are available in the pews at your seat to designate gifts toward the ministries of Zion. The Offering Box is near the back, pulpit side and you can also go online at www.zionrockford.com, or you can click on the QR code.

The Prayer Table is available for you to write a prayer request and place on the cross on the table. Prayer requests will be shared with a group of people who pray at Zion. You may take a prayer shawl from the worship space if you would like.



(from LBW)

TABLE BLESSING "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

- 1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.
- 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with you I will one will to do and to endure.
 - 3 Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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 God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

> Holy Communion will be received up front. Please receive the wafer into your hand and take a cup from the communion assistant. The inner ring is grape juice and the outer rings are wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like the individual prepared disposable communion, they are in a basket in the center of the worship space.

COMMUNION SONGS



May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen. Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world. Through Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope 🕂 bless you now and always.

Amen.

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING SONG "Spirit Song" (reported to CCLI #27824 May 13 2024)
Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Oh let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love:

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole He'll descend upon your life and make you whole

SENDING

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Every Time I Feel The Spirit" arr. by Mark Hayes

WORSHIP LEADER'S

Communion Assistant: Sue Drilling & Deb RaymondSound:Deangelo BrunsonMedia:Cameron KellermannMusic:Zion ComboUsher:Charles Dahlberg & Kamyra BrunsonReader:Nancy WardenFellowship:Multi Cultural Team



June 1, 2024

"Pride Parade"

Zion is in the parade! We will setup at 10am! RPS205 Administrative Parking Lot (north of Fourth Avenue) Parade starts at 11:00am

Sponsored by the Multicultural Committee Zion Lutheran Church - 925 Fifth Avenue – Rockford, IL 61104

BAGGING FOR CORNUCOPIA

We are in need of plastic shopping bags for the Pantry. Please drop off at the office and join us on the fourth Monday, at 1:00 PM, in the Youth Center for lots of fun while we fluff, & bag (Coffee & treats too) for Cornucopia Pantry! Thanks, Karen Kermgard. * May 2024 Bag Fluffing will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 1:00pm.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Would you like to be a Communion Assistant, Reader, Sound, Usher, Greeter or Worship Host? You could have the assignment on the first, second, third or fourth Sunday of each month at the 9:15am worship service. Please let the church office know if you are available, interested or have a question.

WOZ-- Cornucopia Food Pantry & Save the Dates: During May we are requesting donations of Canned meat – tuna, chicken, beef, etc. for distribution at the Pantry. There is a great need for these items! A grocery cart is in the Narthex for donations, or you can bring them to the church office. Thank you so much for your help!

Save the Dates: Thursday July 18th - 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall BUNCO.

Continue to look for updates in the Grapevine and weekly bulletins: WOZ Board: Sue Drilling, Maggi Hallin, Karen Kermgard, Kathy Rasch, & Linda Reinhardt.

Around the Table program on May 19 will feature Eden Brown from the Liam Foundation. Their mission is to encourage, heal, and empower the LGBTQIA+ community in Northern Illinois through Love, Integrity, Advocacy, and Mentorship. They are neighbors of Zion Lutheran Church as their new LGBTQIA+ Center is located at 1005 5th Avenue. With this new space, they provide a safe and affirming place for folks from their community to gather. Please join us after the 9:15 service on May 19 as Eden Brown will talk about their organization and the first ever PRIDE parade which will take place on June 1st.





June 2, 2024 at 10:15am Fellowship Hall



"SOLAR ENERGY"

LED BY BRAD ROOS

Sponsored and Held at Zion Lutheran Church - 925 Fifth Avenue – Rockford, IL 61104

MIDTOWN FUN & HEALTH FAIR



Saturday June 8, 2024 from 11am-2pm Patriots Gateway Community Center 615 S. Fifth Street - Rockford, IL





PRAYER CORNER! WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR:

The ELCA, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Stacie Fidlar, Pastor Thomas, Pastoral Intern Rachel Perkins, Pastor Emeritus Denver Bitner, the Zion Church Council, Pastor Caleb Uk of the Burmese congregation; the Zion Staff, Zion Outreach Board, Staff and Programs of Patriots Gateway Center, Katie's Cup and Zion Development Corporation.



- Pastor Cosmas Mujungu of Sepuka Parish
- Pastor Selvakumar and Arcot Lutheran Church in India and Sepuka/Msisi Church in Tanzania.
- For the Northern Illinois Synod; North Conference churches; Midtown Lutheran Parish, faculty and students of Rockford Lutheran Schools, Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries.
- For those who grieve the loss of loved ones.
- For healing: Eloise Anderson, Chiquita Bills, Phyllis Brynteson, Colette Buchert, Linda Callahan, Yolanda Churchill, Norma Daugherty, Jim Duhigg, Deanna Hartenberg, Vanda Nielsen, Linda Reinhardt, Wayne Spitzer, Carrie Steder, Brian Veitch, and Megan Zaphel.

If you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving to share, please notify Pastor Mike or Pastoral Intern Rachel. The prayer room is upstairs to the left of the sanctuary and is available during office hours and on Sunday before and after worship services.

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:15am	Worship
	10:15am	Around the Tables—Fellowship Hall
Monday	8:00am	Miss Carly's Sandwich Making—Kitchen
	9:30am	Book Study—Stockholm Inn
Tuesday	8:30am	Staff Meeting
	6:00pm	Church Council Retreat—Youth Center
Wednesday	7:30am	Katie's Cup Golf Outing– Timbre Pointe
	8:00am	Bible Study—Stockholm Inn
	8:00am	Miss Carly's Sandwich Making—Kitchen
	5:00pm	WOW—Fellowship Hall
Thursday	11:00am	Memorial Team
	1:00pm	Bag Fluffing—Youth Center
	4:30pm	Patriots Board
Friday	9:00am	Private Music Lesson—Youth Center
Saturday	9:30am	Ruthie's Kitchen—Breakfast
	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen & Closet
Sunday	9:15am	Worship

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