

Zion Lutheran Church of Lake Crystal, MN

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Mission: To Make Jesus Known To All In Our Words and Actions

The Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020

In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship in our sanctuaries. We will gather as an online community for prayer and worship at 9:00 a.m., when our service is livestreamed on Zion's Facebook page.

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new!

Parts of this service and the sermon have been provided by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for use by its congregations this week. Our preacher is ELCA presiding bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, however in today's gospel reading Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Welcome

Lamenting the Grip of Melancholy

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.
With Job of old we cry out:
Everywhere the innocent suffer.
Our desires and efforts achieve us little.
O God, are you good, yet do nothing to help us?
Our answers have holes, and we fall through.

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P: Hear us, O God:

C: Hear us, O God.

P: Revive us with hope:

C: Revive us with hope.

P: Give us your life:

C: Give us your life.

A time of silence is kept.

P: Hear these words, and receive their power:
The majesty of God the Father undergirds all that is.
The mercy of God the Son accepts our despair.
The comfort of God the Spirit embraces us in communities of care.
Thanks be to God:

C: Thank be to God.

Gathering Hymn - “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” (performed by Sheldon Meyer)

*O Holy Spirit, enter in,
and in our hearts your work begin,
and make our hearts your dwelling.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
around and in us brightly shine,
your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance
life from heaven
now is given
overflowing,
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.*

*Left to ourselves, we surely stray;
oh, lead us on the narrow way,
with wisest counsel guide us;
and give us steadfastness, that we
may follow you forever free,
no matter who derides us.
Gently heal those
hearts now broken;
give some token
you are near us,
whom we trust to light and cheer us.*

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Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

C: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a (Read by Tony Jacobs)

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4:1}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 (read by Jody Maurer)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 (Read by ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton)

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily by Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

A Prayer for Racial Justice

P: The love of God is for all people, without exception, and we are called by Jesus to "love our neighbors as ourselves." As persons called to love one another as God has loved us, we therefore proclaim our commitment to speak with one voice against racism and white supremacy. Together, we pray for a more just, loving, and peaceful world where the gifts of all people are

appreciated, and the lives of all people are treasured;

**C: Save us, O God, from ourselves,
from racism often cloaked in pious words,
from the maneuverings of white supremacy hidden in calls for civility,
from micro aggressions thinly veiled in arrogance,
from apologies when they don't give way to action,
from forgiveness without facing the truth,
from reconciliation without reparation.**

P: Deliver us, O God, from expecting siblings of color to continue to bear this emotional work, which is not theirs to do. Grateful for the long arc that bends toward justice, we pray:

**C: Grant us wisdom,
give us courage for the facing of these days,
by the power of the Spirit, all for the sake of the kin-dom that we share in Christ Jesus.
Amen.**

Music Offering: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty" (performed by the Oh Brother Quartet: Jerry Morton, Tim Schubbe, Thom Schubbe, and Matt Strum)

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty" Text: Reginald Heber, Public Domain. Music: John B. Dykes, Public Domain.

Creed

P: Together, let us confess our faith:

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,**

maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Gathered into the mystery of the Trinity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

You are invited to respond:

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

Announcements

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

From Pentecost until September 1, we join fellow Christians in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church USA in this prayer.

P: Let us pray together.

**C: God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction and Sending

P: The holy Three, the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and + grant you peace.

C: Amen.

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

You are invited to join us at 10:00 am for our Virtual Coffee Hour! We will meet via Zoom, and you can join us by clicking this link: [Virtual Coffee Hour](#). (Note: If you will be connecting from a smartphone or tablet, you will need to download the Zoom Client app from www.zoom.us/downloads)

+Prayer Requests +

- For those who mourn: *Family and friends of Norma Ellanson (mother of Scott and Nancy Ellanson and Kristi & Gary Grindstaff).*
- For those in need of help and/or healing: *Al Hutchens, Janet Atkinson, Dee Firchau (mother of Kelly Karels), Warner Beckmann, Barry Jacques, Tim Anderson, Taylor Antony, Sadie and Elsie Sorensen, Tiana Iverson, John Greenough, Jan Barnick (daughter-in-law of Dorothy Barnick), Lonnie Honstad, Jeff Dunker, Cole Barden, Erin Visker, Donald Schmidt, Maddie Teigen, and Jed Visker.*
- For those who are deployed: *Evan Masters (brother of Chelsea Copeland). For those who are deployed: Evan Masters (brother of Chelsea Copeland), and National Guard soldiers recently activated to help restore civil peace across the United States.*
- For all those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, especially those who are sick or recovering, for the dying and those who grieve, and for businesses, recreational facilities and arts organizations preparing to resume operations in new ways. For nurses, physicians, and other healthcare workers, that they will be equipped both physically and emotionally for their ongoing response to this health crisis. For researchers and scientists expanding our knowledge of SARS-CoV-2 and working toward treatments and a vaccine. For those struggling with fear and anxiety as they try to live with the virus in this “new normal.” For those who have recovered from COVID-19 but continue to live with its damaging effects on their bodies. For community and government leaders, public health officials, school administrators, and all those making difficult decisions to carry out their mission in the safest way possible.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 7	Service of the Word (Facebook)	9:00 am
	Music from Sheldon Meyer (Facebook)	9:30 am
	Virtual Coffee Hour (Click this Zoom Link)	10:00 am
Monday, June 8	Bible Study (Zoom Link)	11:00 am
Tuesday, June 9	Quilters (gathering at church under new guidelines)	8:30 am
Sunday, June 14	Service of the Word (Facebook)	9:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Send Zion your mask photos!** One of the ways our community is loving and serving our neighbors is with masks - wearing them, making them, donating for them, delivering them. Please send Zion your mask pictures so they can be included in a future worship service! Email to photos@zionluthlakecrystal.org or text to Pastor Andrea: 507-402-1114.
- **Sign up today for the new Zion News email list** and receive periodic updates about worship and life at Zion Lutheran! A signup form is located on the church website. Email will allow us

to share more frequent updates with our church family, which is especially important as the present health crisis continues to impact our ministry.

- **Invitation to Ecumenical Prayer:** From Pentecost Sunday through the first Sunday in September, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and her Episcopal counterpart Presiding Bishop Michael Curry welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray “A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God.” This prayer – crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic – will connect us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.
- **June caring coins** will be collected the entire month of June. The June recipient is Crossroads Campus Ministry. Please mark ‘caring coins’ on your checks.
- **We are looking for the church key that is typically kept in the church kitchen.** Please check to see if you might have it and get it returned to the church. Thank you!
- **Thank you for your faithful financial support of Zion’s ministries** during this challenging time. It’s been wonderful to see how many of you have continued to share your offerings as you’d planned for 2020. Offering can be mailed to the Church Office (PO Box 236, Lake Crystal) or dropped off at the church. Please consider our eGiving options for making one-time or recurring donations electronically. Details available at: <https://www.zionluthlakecrystal.org/giving>.
- **Church Office Update:** If you are picking up or dropping off materials for the Church Office, please use the table in the Narthex provided for that purpose, in order to limit traffic in the Church Office and protect our staff. There is now a box for putting your offerings in when you drop them off. Visitors in the church building are expected to wear masks or other face coverings. **New summer office hours begin Monday: 8-2:30 pm Mon, Wed and Thursday, 8-noon Tuesday, and closed on Fridays.**
- **In-Person worship services continue to be suspended until further notice.** Worship services are being streamed via Facebook so that we can gather as a virtual community for prayer, reflection, and praise.

Plans are being developed for the time when we are able to resume in-person worship services. We will need to plan for sufficient physical distancing as well as mitigate the risks of virus spread through the aerosols that are an inevitable part of breathing, speaking, and singing as we usually do in worship. One possibility under consideration is to hold smaller, possibly outdoor services while continuing to gather online on Sunday mornings.

As future plans come together, Zion leaders will be guided by public health recommendations from our synod, the ELCA, and our state officials. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a member of our Worship, Music, & Adult Education team (Mackenzie Jones, Mary Goodrich, and Jan Becker), our current Zion president (Dan Lowis), or Pastor Andrea.

- **In-Person Zion activities for small groups may now resume,** and the Congregation Council has approved the following guidelines so that these groups can meet safely.
 - No more than 10 people, including leaders, will meet in the building at any time.

- Only certain places of the building should be occupied (for cleaning purposes): Narthex, Fellowship Hall, New Bathrooms.
- Groups should contact the church office (507-276-2849) to reserve the building.
- Visitors will register at the front door with sign in and sign out.
- Social distancing must be observed (6+ feet).
- Wearing masked is expected.
- No singing or unison speaking/praying (Lord's Prayer).
- No communal food or beverages, and no use of the kitchen (may bring your own, but no sharing).

Zion groups should observe these guidelines whether they're meeting in the building or elsewhere. Phone or video conferencing options should continue to be used when appropriate, particularly for individuals over 65 and those with underlying health conditions (such as heart or lung disease or diabetes) who are at greater risk of severe illness or death from Covid-19. If your group would like assistance with setting up a Zoom video conference, please reach out to Pastor Andrea.

- **News and updates** are being shared primarily through the church website and Facebook and, when appropriate, by mail. The June newsletter will be mailed June 30.
- **Pastor Andrea is available for conversation and prayer!** Please reach out to her by phone or text at 507-402-1114. She's also happy to schedule one-on-one pastoral visits via Zoom video conferencing.
- **The Monday "Dwelling on the Word" study is now meeting online via Zoom.** Newcomers are always welcome to join in this time of prayer, reflection and conversation centered around the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. To join us on Monday at 11:00, please go to: <https://zoom.us/j/322134420>.
- **The US census is hiring!** Go to "2020census.gov/jobs" if you are interested. Pay in Blue Earth County is \$17/hour. Call 720-606-9047 with questions.

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