

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg, PA 814-695-0091 ~ www.zionhollidaysburg.org

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in honor of Our Wedding by Grace & Denny Rodriguez.

New to Zion? Welcome!

Children's activity bags are at the back of the sanctuary.

Need space? The service can be heard in the Chapel on the first floor.

Communion: Please tell the pastor if you prefer a blessing instead of communion. Exit the pew on the outside aisle. Empty cups are for wine, and filled cups contain grape juice. The pastor gives out wafers (gluten free upon request), and the communion assistant pours wine or blesses grape juice. Return by the center aisle.

Restrooms are on the first floor, including a family/ADA restroom. Additional restrooms are found through the doors at the front of the sanctuary, where you can also access our **elevator**.

PRELUDE: "Immortal, Invisible" Arr. Charity Book Putnam

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

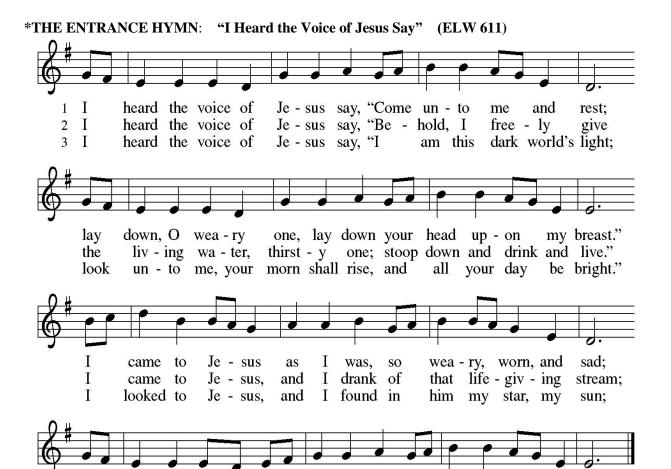
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. 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



*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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that light

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.**

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rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.

life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

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live

in him.

soul re-vived, and now



*HYMN OF PRAISE



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. C: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 22:19-28

- ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
- O my help, hasten | to my aid.

 20 Deliver me | from the sword,
 my life from the power | of the dog.
- ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

- ²² I will declare your name | to my people; in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.
- You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
- ²⁴ For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them:

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
- I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

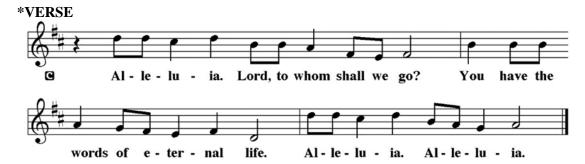
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs | to the LORD,

who rules o- | ver the nations.

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



*GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.



²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (ELW 843)



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

*APOSTLES' CREED

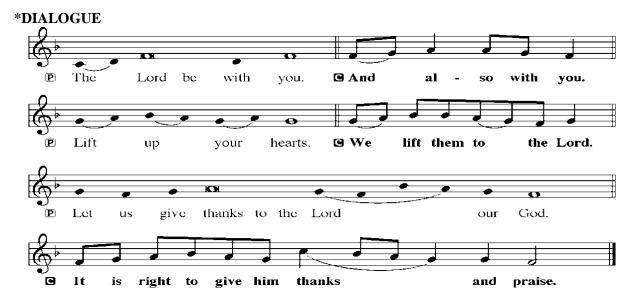
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the 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

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us pray ... Lord, in your mercy. C: Hear our Prayer.

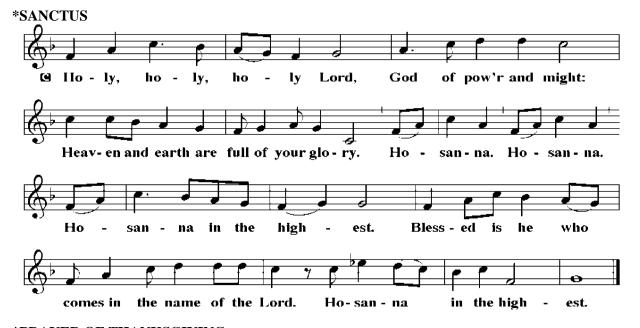
P: Into your hands, O Lord, ... Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

*PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.



*PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary.....and join their unending hymn.



*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

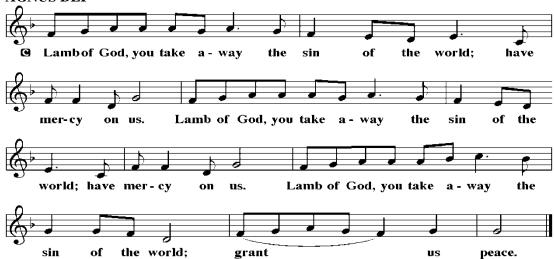
*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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

*INVITATION

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. C: Thanks be to God.

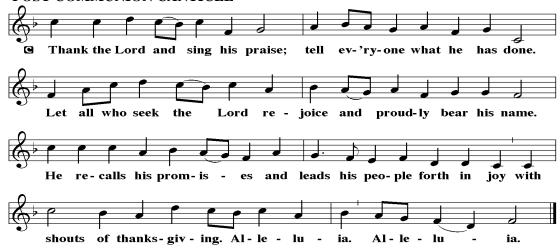




COMMUNION

*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

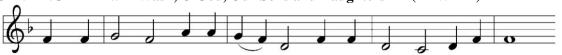


*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. C: Generous God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*BLESSING

 *SENDING HYMN: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" (ELW 414)



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread. To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re-cre - ate us; God, trans-form!

DISMISSAL: P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Daily Bible Reading June 23^{RD} ~ June 29^{TH}

The following weekly Daily Bible Reading Guide is provided for your personal devotion.

23. Acts 15 24. Acts 16

25. Acts 17

26. Acts 18 27. Acts 19

28. Acts 20

29 Pentecost 3 1 KINGS 19:15-16, 19-21

PSALM 16 (8)

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25 LUKE 9:51-62

This Week at Zion - 6/22/25 - 6/29/25

Sunday 6/22

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service 10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

Monday 6/23

Tuesday 6/24

Wednesday 6/25 9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew 1:00 p.m. Weeding Wednesday (Parsonage) 6:30 p.m. Wreath of Christ Wednesday

Thursday 6/26

9:00 a.m. Parsonage Garden Work Day

Friday 6/27

1:00 p.m. Parsonage Garden Work Day

Saturday 6/28

8:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Chapel) 9:00 a.m. Parsonage Garden Work Day 12:00 p.m. Faith Riders 6:00 p.m. Eucharist Service

Sunday 6/29

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service 10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

A Note from the office...

Pastor Dave is available for Pastoral Care and Visitation Tuesday through Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred. Please call the church office (814-695-0091) or Pastor Dave at 814-330-8025 to schedule.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you going through a difficult time-emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer along. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for the encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is you are facing. To find out more, talk with Pastor Dave or Stephen Leaders: Karen Wagner and Connie Counsman.

Memorial Camper Fund

Leave no camper behind!

Established in honor of Jim Rhodes, Walt Wohler, and those who have led young people in faith.

Faith Riders is establishing a special fund to support Zion's continued youth camping and retreat ministries. Camping programs at Sequanota and other Christian camps have had an indelible impact on young people's lives for generations. Zion is a strong supporter and partner of church camping. Historically, Zion has sent large numbers of kids to camp each year, and it is a blessing to continue in this effort. In a rapidly changing world, church camping remains a viable and proven effort of ministry. Young people find faith, self confidence, teamwork, positive relationships and much more at camp. The "Memorial Camp Fund" will ensure that youth continue to have access to these tools and gifts. The fund will also help Zion continue to increase the number of campers we send to camp amidst rising costs.

Specifically, the fund will allow Zion to send kids to camp who may not have the resources to contribute financially. It will also allow our families to contribute and pay for camp as they are able. Faith Riders, Zion members, and anyone is invited to support our camping and retreat ministries by making contributions to this fund. The "Memorial Camper Fund" is established in honor of the faithfulness with which Jim Rhodes, Walt Wohler, and other saints before us have invested in our youth. Give to the fund in your offering or in the church office by marking your contribution as "Memorial Camper Fund".

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord. Psalm 127:3

Wreath of Christ Wednesday

Wednesdays, June 11th & 25th at 6:30 PM

Need to take a breath in the midst of a busy week? Enjoy a short, contemplative prayer service complete with prayer beads, chimes, and breathing exercises. Bring your own Wreath of Christ or borrow a set of ours for use during the service.



Zion Mission Trip

Ocean City, Maryland

Environmental service work, feeding ministries, outreach, and more!

Monday, July 14th - Sunday, July 20th

Who? All ages and family shapes are welcome! Youth, entering 7th Grade and older, are welcome on their own. Children, preschool-6th Grade are welcome with family or a grown up partner.

What? We will spend our days doing a variety of service work projects with local organizations and ministries. Projects will range from environmental work with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, homeless outreach with Diakonia (local organization), work with our host congregation, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and more. We will finish our work days with recreation time together on the beach! Evenings will be spent in fellowship along with prayer and devotion. Meals will be provided and served in the Retreat Center.

Where? Participants will have the option of staying with the group in the Son and Sand Retreat Center (St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD) or making their own arrangements for staying in Ocean City, joining the group for projects, meals, and fellowship. The retreat center has a full kitchen, community area, multiple rooms with bunk beds, and shower facilities. Those staying in the retreat center will share rooms as needed. *Youth (7th Grade and up) who are attending without a grown up must stay in the retreat center.

When? Our group will leave together the morning of Monday, July 14th and return late on Sunday, July 20th. We will travel in the church van along with other vehicles as needed. Participants are welcome to attend for a portion of the trip as their schedule allows.

How? Sign up for the Zion Mission Trip online today! The sign up link will be available in informational emails from Zion in the coming weeks. A paper copy is also available in the Zion office. You may also contact the church office at (814) 695-0091 or at office@zionhollidaysburg.org to sign up and receive the link.

Participants or anyone may make a donation of their choosing toward the Zion Mission Trip (not required!) Donations can be placed in offering or given to the church office.

A packing list, more details, and exact meet times will be sent to those who sign up as the trip approaches.



Weeding Wednesday & Parsonage Garden Enlargement Work Days



Wednesday, June 25 @ 1:00 p.m.
Weeding (Parsonage)

Thursday, June 26 @ 9:00 a.m. Remove Sod (Parsonage)

Friday, June 27 @ 1:00 p.m. Remove Sod (Parsonage)

Saturday, June 28 @ 9:00 a.m.
Remove Shrubs, Plant Perennials, & Mulch Garden
(Parsonage)

Summer Book Study

This summer we will read and discuss "The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict" by The Arbinger Institute.

What if, in our conflicts with others, there is something we want more than solutions? What if, individually and collectively, we misunderstand the causes of our conflicts?



And what if, therefore, we unwittingly perpetuate the very problems we think we are trying to solve? In The Anatomy of Peace, we learn from once-bitter enemies the way to transform personal, professional, and even global conflicts.

We will meet at the Zion for our discussions. Two meeting options are available, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Thursdays at 10 AM. The dates are:

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM	Thursdays, 10 AM
June 18	June 19
July 2	July 3
July 30	July 31
August 20	August 21

Please contact Pastor Dave if you would like a copy of the book.

THE ADVENTURES OF FLAT REVEREND UNANGST

🐞† The Adventures of Flat Reverend Unangst! 🕶 🚳

This summer, let's stay connected as a church family—no matter where the road takes us! Introducing... **Flat Reverend Unangst**! He's our pint-sized pastor on a mission to spread joy, stay in touch, and maybe even spark a few meaningful conversations along the way.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Cut out your very own Flat Reverend Unangst (we promise he won't mind!).
- 2. Take him with you—wherever you go and whatever you do!
 - Heading to the beach? Pack the sunscreen!
 - Visiting the mountains? He loves the view!
 - Out to dinner? He's always up for dessert.
 - Hanging with friends or family? He's a social butterfly.
- 3. **Snap a pic** of Flat Reverend Unangst in action! Capture all the fun, silliness, and spirit of your summer adventures.
- 4. Share your photos. We can't wait to see where he shows up!
 - Email photos to news@zionhollidaysburg.org.
 - Upload your picture directly to Facebook or Instagram. Tag Zion Lutheran in your post. Add the hashtag #flatrevunangst or #revunangstisonthemove
- 5. Who knows? Someone might just ask, "Hey, what's that little guy about?" And just like that, you've got a chance to share a bit of your faith and community. ●★

Let's make this a summer to remember—with laughter, love, and a very flat reverend tagging along for the ride!



FAITH RIDERS

The next Faith Riders outing is scheduled for June 28 at 12:00 p.m. at the Lemon House in Cresson. Instead of going to a restaurant afterwards, the restaurant will be coming to you! Doug's Dawgs is on the menu (a bit of a tip of the hat to Jim Rhodes) and we are asking that everyone bring a covered dish to share. Also plan to bring your own place settings.

If you plan to attend, please call Carol Little at 814-695-0284 by 6/24,

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Capital Campaign donations have exceeded \$500,000.

Phase II of the capital improvements is complete.

The second phase of our capital campaign is complete, and everyone may be wondering just how the contributions have



been spent to this point. Below is a summary of how the money has been allocated and available money received thus far to proceed with second floor and basement restrooms renovations.

Contributions as of 6/1: \$503,169

Phase I Expenses \$276,159 (Sanctuary, Narthex, Elevator)

Phase II Expenses \$190,852 (Kitchen, Pantry, Coffee Bar, 1st Floor Restrooms)

Phase III Materials \$ 6,355 (for 2nd floor & basement restrooms)
Available \$ 29,803 (to complete remaining restrooms)

The property board is currently planning phase III, and expects to have enough funding available through the end of the pledge drive on June 30 to complete all remaining restrooms, combined with volunteer work to perform demo and partition assembly.

Our continued thanks to all for making these much-needed updates to our beloved church possible.