Divine Service



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16th, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we know how we can best serve you. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are "able to hear it," that is, "to his own disciples," who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters "seed on the ground," which "sprouts and grows" unto life, even as "he sleeps and rises" (Mark 4:26–27). "On the mountain height of Israel," He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes "a noble cedar." Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which "every kind of bird" will dwell, and in which "birds of every sort will nest" (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we "groan, being burdened" (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake "died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, "we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 184

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution LSB 185

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*

and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.

They are planted in the house | of the LORD;*

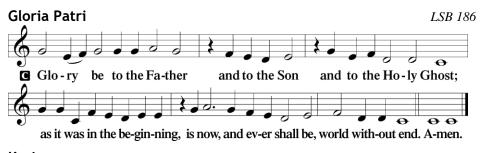
they flourish in the courts | of our God.

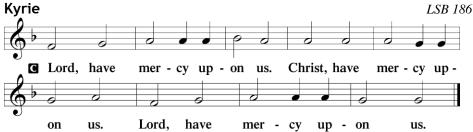
They still bear fruit in | old age;*

they are ever full of | sap and green,

to declare that the LORD is | upright;*

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.







Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,* and his greatness is un- | searchable.

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,* and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:1–10

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For

we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

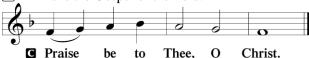


²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.





Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

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begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to

judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid 1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, 1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed 1 aid The world's foun - da - tions light, The bear - er of God's Your sev'n - fold gifts to 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; \triangle 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less At - tend the al-might - y fame ev - 'ry first were laid, Come, vis - it hum - ble mind; Come, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, gra - cious might, Our us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And The Sav - ior - Son Fa - ther's name; be glo - ri - fied, Who Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row love in - spire; we be - lieve; hearts with heav'n - ly Your sa - cred, heal - ing us Your-self that prac - tice all that Give hu - man - kind has died; for all To You, O Par - a -

clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

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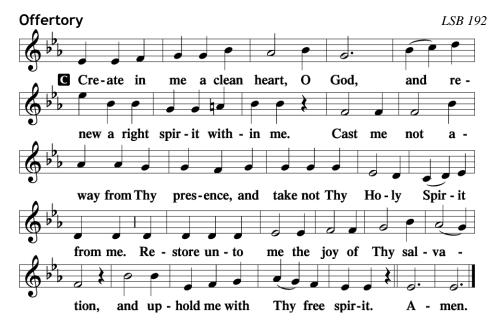
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Prayer of the Church

Sharing the Peace

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Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

Consecration of the Offering

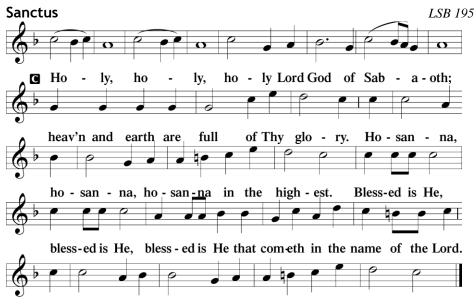
After the peace please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.



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Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



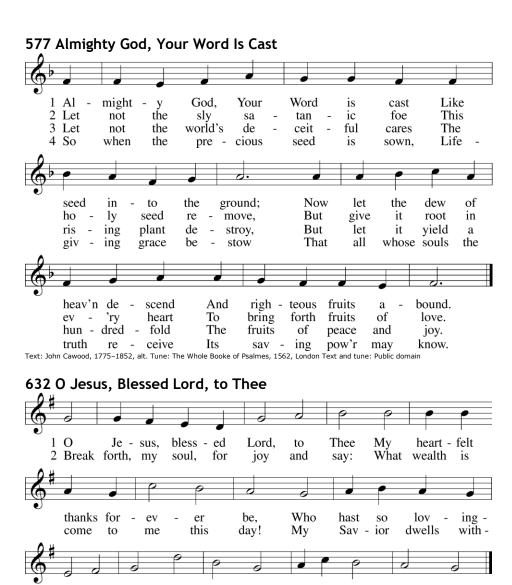
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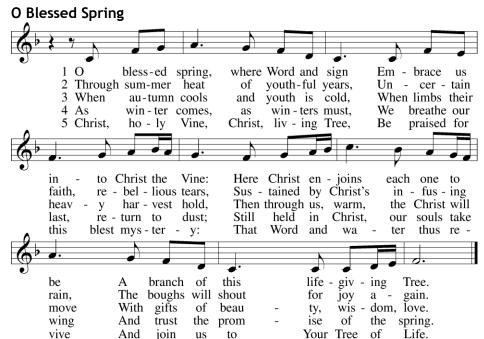
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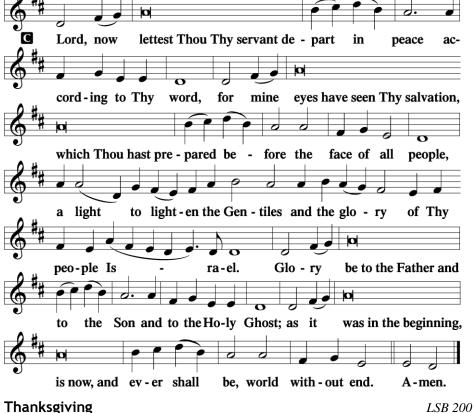
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The Dismissal

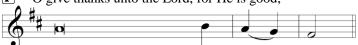
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.



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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

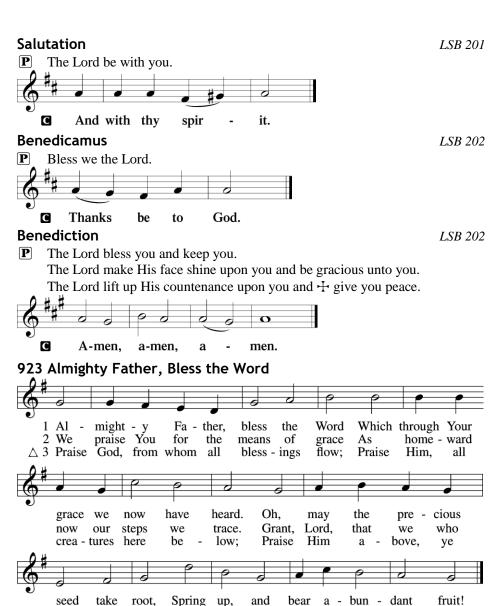
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Nunc Dimittis

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





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Prayers for Our Members		
Allyson Christener	Expecting	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
Gary Albers	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Bruce Brooks	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Jade Florang	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Lennis Hodgson	Healing	
Mary Ann Mertz	Healing	
Betty Mustard	Healing	
Don Richmond	Healing	
Norrine Rockwell (Kinship Pointe)	Healing	
Jane Schmid	Healing	
Gretchen Trampe (Prairie View)	Healing	
Jill Bates	Cancer	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Frien	ds
Family and Friends of Willie Rios (Bob Vos' friend)	Grief
Kylie Davis (Cinda Ward's granddaughter)	Expecting
Kayla Ernst (Bartels' friend)	Expecting
Kendra Miller (Ruby Hatfield's great niece)	Expecting
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Joan Bentley (Kreutzer's friend)	Healing
Norm Erickson (Jackie Zehendner's father)	Healing
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Cyndi Foresman (Scott's wife)	Healing
Jack Gleason (Kristi's husband and Judy Ahrens' son-in-law)	Healing
Marilyn Glover (Don Helmbrecht's sister)	Healing
David Heapy (Janel Lange's father)	Healing
Annette Hoffman (Leah Baker's cousin)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing
Eve Sane (Quentin Lange's friend)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Emmett Sprague (Jill Bates' nephew)	Healing
Joanne Staton (Kristian Arevalo's grandmother)	Healing
Gerald Taubenheim (Jan Hatfield's uncle)	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (Willers' friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Steven Junge (Steve & Fran's nephew)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer
Helen Lange (Bartels' friend)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Lindsey Muniz (Steve & Fran's niece)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 6/9/2024 Offering: \$6,431.30

Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Gretchen Trampe, in thanks for fathers on Father's Day.

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Don & Marion Richmond, in honor of their 53rd anniversary.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, June 16th - 9:00a

Elder: Nathan Gaunt Usher: Andy Wollberg
Acolyte: Colton Zehendner Engineer: Jamie Nikodym
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer Altar Guild: Marla Hartmann

Linda Johnson

Sunday, June 23rd - 9:00a

Elder: Keith Nuttelman Usher: Mike Wilkens
Acolyte: Levi Splittgerber Engineer: Zach DeLoach
Announcer: Brooke Fisher Altar Guild: Marla Hartmann

Linda Johnson

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This Week at Zion

Sun 6/16	9:00a	Divine Service
Father's Day	10:30a	Adult Bible Study
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
Mon 6/17	12:00p	Sr. Citizen's Potluck
Tues 6/18	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
Wed 6/19	Anniversaries	Don & Marion Richmond
Thurs 6/20	Birthdays	Ed Luhn
Fri 6/21		Office Closed
Sat 6/22	6:00p-8:00p	Family Night
	Anniversaries	Tom & Joy Barefoot
	Birthdays	Luke Barefoot
Sun 6/23	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
	Birthdays	Joy Barefoot

Announcements for June 16th, 2024

<u>Pastor Gaunt in St. Louis:</u> Pastor Gaunt will be in St. Louis this week for a seminary conference. Contact Pastor DeLoach for any emergencies.

<u>Office Closed:</u> The office will be closed on Fridays. A normal schedule will resume after the week of Independence Day.

Carpet Installation: Trustees decided to tear carpet out on June 22, starting at 8am. We'll plan on removing the 4 classrooms and possibly the church halls. We will need lots of help. If you would like to volunteer your time, contact a trustee or the office.

<u>Email List:</u> If you would like to receive the Sower electronically and any other email announcements, contact Holly in the office.

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers: If you are interested, consider signing up for a radio broadcast! We are grateful to have the opportunity to spread the gospel this way but we need the funds to do it.

Join Us for

Family Night

June 22nd 6:00 – 8:00



We would like to invite families, neighbors, and friends to join us for a night of fun for the entire family.

Adults will gather in the fellowship hall, socialize and can compete in a trivia game.

Children will go outside to play games, or into a classroom to do crafts, or get a temporary tattoo.





JUNE FAMILY NIGHT

Saturday, June 22nd, 6pm-8pm Zion Lutheran Church

<u>Family Registration Link:</u> <u>https://tinyurl.com/4e77jzz8</u>







Volunteer Link: https://tinyurl.com/45zv2rhc





