

Zion Lutheran Church  
Sunday, June 2, 2024 10:00 am  
Second Sunday After Pentecost



Zion's Mission Statement

*As a body of believers, created by God, redeemed by  
Christ, empowered by the Spirit, we are called to bear  
witness to God's love.*

**Congregation of the Montana Synod, E.L.C.A.**

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Next Sunday, June 9, 2024

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

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**Introduction:**

*Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.*

**Announcements:**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:** ELW Hymn #524 What Is This Place

**\*Apostolic Greeting:** 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.**

**\*Kyrie:** Page 203 in the front of the hymnal

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Page 204 in the front of the hymnal

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

Almighty and ever-living God, **throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15** Pew Bible on 166 250 in the Old Testament

*This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 81:1-10**

*Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,

and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

**<sup>4</sup>for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt,  
where I heard a voice I did not know:

**<sup>6</sup>"I eased your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;

I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**<sup>8</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

**<sup>10</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and <sup>11</sup>I will fill it.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12** Pew Bible page 172 in the New Testament

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** page 151 in the front of hymnal Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

The Holy Gospel is from Mark, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6** Pew Bible page 34 in the New Testament

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing

what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message:** Kevin Miller

**\*Hymn of the Day:** ELW Hymn #521 O Day of Rest and Gladness

**\*Apostles' Creed:** Page 105 in the front of the ELW

**\*Prayers of Intercession:** Our response to Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**\*Sharing the Peace:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Share the peace as you feel comfortable.

**Offering Hymn:** ELW Hymn #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

**Offering Prayer:**

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer:** Page 208 in the front of the ELW

**\*Blessing:**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:** ELW Hymn #389 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

**\*Dismissal:**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**We encourage you to sign the pew sheets when they are passed to you. The black folder is on the inside aisle. We use them for our record of communion, and numbers are reported the Synod office. They also alert us to visitors and new people attending, and you may use them to leave a message to the pastor.**

Prayers of the People Colossians 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer being vigilant in it with Thanksgiving”

Prayers for all impacted by the Coronavirus, and for their caretakers.

Prayers of Peace for Our Nation

Prayers for the Family of Verna Carpenter

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Food Bank:** There is always a need of nonperishable food such as peanut butter, cereals, mac and cheese, boxed mixes, canned fruit, veggies and soup. Also, sugar and flour. You can drop your donations directly at the Food Bank or into the shopping cart in the Narthex.

**Buzzard Day:** June 8 is Buzzard Day. Zion will be making and serving the breakfast beginning at 7:30 am. All are welcome to come out and participate.

**Watering Flowers:** Penny Zimmerman is requesting help to water the outside flowers again this year. If you can assist with this please call her at 406-939-2531. Thanks for your help.

**Synod Assembly Offering:** The Synod Assembly was this weekend. This year the Assembly Offering went towards the Rocky Boy Parsonage Fund. Zion contributed \$100. Thank You.

**Vacation Bible School:** Vacation Bible School at Zion will be held June 24-27 beginning at 9 am. Students completing Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Closing worship will be at 12 pm on Thursday, the 27th.

**Makoshika Worship:** Worship in Makoshika Park began today at 8:00 a.m. and will continue through the last Sunday of August. In case of rain, we will have the service in the Chapel. When in doubt, check the board by the office door.

**Youth Director:** Youth and Education Committee has posted the position of part time Youth Director, 15-20 hours per month. Contact Megan Kubesh at 406-939-1006 for more information.

**Live Streaming:** Remember we have the live streaming of the Sunday 10 am service when you are out of town with vacation, sports, or other events. Please check it out.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact the church office at 406 377-3369 and leave a message or email [churchlady@zionlutheran.us](mailto:churchlady@zionlutheran.us) for prayer requests.

**Up Coming Events:**  
Makoshika Worship begins June 2  
Buzzard Day June 8-breakfast begins at 7:30 am  
Registration for Vacation Bible School due June 16

**Sunday June 2, 2024**



**8:00 a.m. Makoshika Worship**

**10:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary**

**7:00 p.m. Scouts**

**Monday June 3, 2024**

**5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dan Schmidt & Sharon Batterman**

**7:00 p.m. Scouts**

**Tuesday June 4, 2024**

**Wednesday June 5, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle**

**1:30 p.m. Chancel Guild**

**Thursday June 6, 2024**

**6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI**

**7:00 p.m. Worship**

**Friday June 7, 2024**

**Saturday June 8, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Furniture Room-Karen D & Sheryl**

**7:30 a.m. Breakfast in Makoshika**

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