

Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
July 2, 2023
Fourth Sunday after Trinity
VBS Closing Service



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

Please TURN OFF all cell phones, pagers, electronic devices, apps and games when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Lord Jesus, the Christ, since we stand in an endless necessity of learning and growing by Your teaching to the affairs of our life and living, continue to expose us to Your Word and the power of the Spirit that accompanies it, and to the affairs of life that call for the presence of the Holy Spirit; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE I

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Confession and Absolution

Prelude

Prelude on National Airs

arr. Charles Callahan

VBS Song

Twists and Turns
(Sung by the VBS Students)

Stand

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

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

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

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

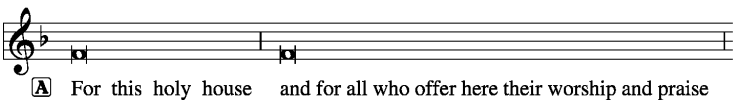
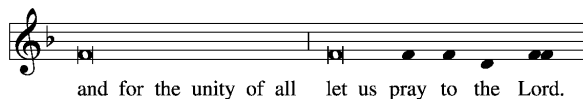
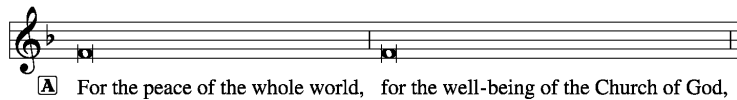
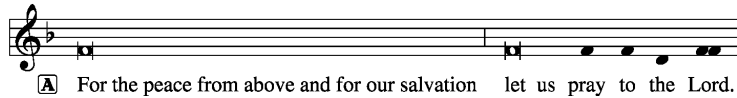
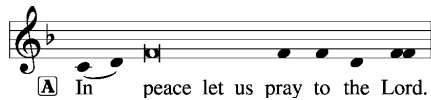
Introit

Ps. 27:3–4a, 5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1–2

- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
C **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**
P Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
C **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**
P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
C **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.**
P For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;
C **He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
C **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Kyrie

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let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

Hymn of Praise -- This Is the Feast

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Refrain
C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- 1 **Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!**
- 2 **The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.**
- 3 **May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.**
- 4 **Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.**
- 5 **And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!**

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 79:9–10a

P Atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

C Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

P Help us, O God of our salvation,

C for the glory of Your name deliver us.

Epistle

Romans 12:14–21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so

far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

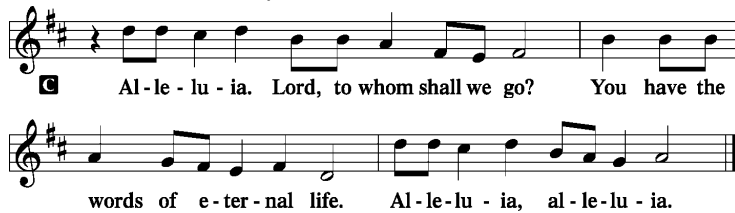
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

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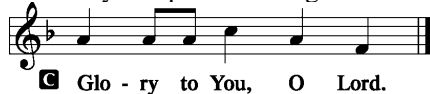


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:36–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children’s Lunchbox Devotion

Hymn

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729

(Stanza 1, VBS Students; Stanzas 2-6, Congregation)

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.
- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

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Sermon

Taking Things Out of Context

Stand

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, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, 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.

Sit

Offering

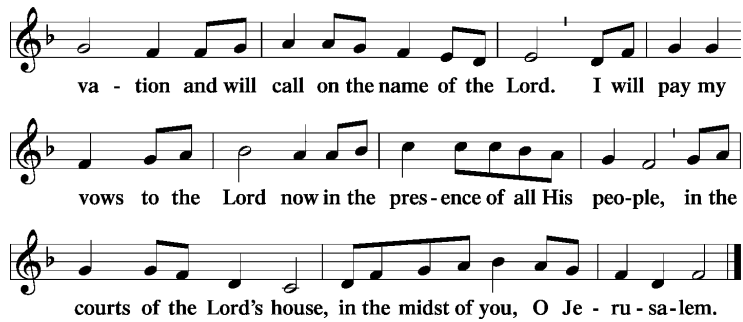
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Stand

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

- P** We bless You, O Lord, and all that is within us blesses Your holy name.
- C** We remember all Your benefits.
- P** You forgive our iniquities and heal our diseases.
- C** You redeem our lives from destruction and crown us with steadfast love and mercy.
- P** You satisfy us with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- C** You are merciful, gracious, and slow to anger.
- P** You do not deal with us according to our sins to repay us according to our iniquities.
- C** As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is Your steadfast love toward us.
- P** As far as the east is from the west, so far do You remove our transgressions from us.
- C** For all these Your benefits we give You our hearty and humble thanks.
- P** We confess that we have not always returned Your love with adequate consideration for those with whom we live and work.
- C** Instead of extending love to our enemies, we have often permitted the spirit of revenge to govern us.
- P** We often confine our friendliness and helpfulness only to those who have been good to us.
- C** We have passed judgment and condemnation on others.
- P** We have not been as forgiving to others as You have been to us.
- C** For our frequent betrayal of Your Love to us, forgive us, O Lord.
- P** Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may enlighten us to produce good fruit.
- C** Help us to correct our own faults before we criticize others.
- P** Cleanse our hearts that our mouths may speak good things.
- C** Bless our government with capable and honest leaders.
- P** May Your Church thrive under the leadership of consecrated Christians.
- C** Grant peace to the warring nations of the world.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Madelyn Krausz, Alex Tubbs, and Courtney Pike, as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week.
 - † Thanksgiving for a wonderful VBS program and continued blessings on all who attended.
 - † Rain.
 - † The family of Carol Frey, sister of Ken Frey, as she died this past week.
 - † Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - † Faithfulness in Christian Worship.
- P** Visit the sick with Your healing power, the lonely with Your presence, and the bereaved with Your comfort.
 - C** We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

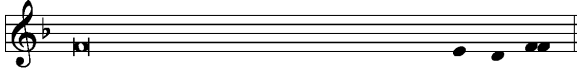
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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses 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.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A - men.

Sit

Hymn

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

- 1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.**
- 2 So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;
On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!**

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Postlude

God Bless Our Native Land

Edward Broughton

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



VBS THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all who helped with Twists and Turns VBS, and special thanks to Abby McDaniel who served as the VBS Director for Zion this year! Everything ran very smoothly, and we were blessed to be able to share the Gospel with about 62 children throughout the week. Assisting with VBS were: Marsha Baro, Abigail Clayton, Isaiah Clayton, Johnathan Clayton, Lori Clayton, Pastor Clayton, Dawn Corey, Phoebe Corey, Katie Crismon, Joe Crismon, Bob Eldridge, Karen Eldridge, Gail Frey, Joyce Hendrix, Kayla Hinton, Lee Hinton, Kayla Hollenkamp, Jean Kemezys, Brinley Kohnen, Lexie Kohnen, Melissa Kohnen, Mary Kay Krausz, Melinda Krausz, Jen Lara, Lily McDaniel, Marianne McDaniel, Ray McDaniel, Lindsay Murphy, Chloe Pannier, Nancy Peterson, Rosemary Peterson, Ella Sax, Rhea Sax, Pastor Sedwick, Carl Sherrill, Claire Totzke, Becky Wachtman, Deborah Weekes, and Lisa Wehmeyer. We would also like to thank those who donated jars and money for the soup jar project for the Mascoutah Food Pantry. We apologize if we have left anyone off the list. Thanks to all who helped!

COMMUNION SURVEY RESULTS

The Elders would like to thank everyone who shared their thoughts through the Communion Frequency Survey a few weeks ago, and all those, including the Altar Guild, who have participated in ongoing discussion about this important topic since then. The Elders ask for your patience as we work through this topic to make sure all voices in the congregation are heard as we seek to foster open and respectful dialog together as brothers and sisters in Christ. This level of listening and discussion takes time, and we don't want to do anything in a hasty manner or short-circuit careful listening and dialog. We received 94 survey forms, which shows a tremendous outpouring of interest in this topic, and we thank everyone who turned in a form. The inputs of the survey indicates that 46% desire to not receive Communion more often (voted 4 or 5), while 26% desire to receive Communion more often (voted 1 or 2); in addition 28% indicated neutral (voted 3), meaning they are neither for or against receiving Communion more often (at this time). While only a minority of survey responses voiced an opposition to more frequent Communion, this is such an important topic that the Elders are not seeking a 51% vote to address the issue. We truly want to make sure every voice is heard, and every concern and encouragement is addressed. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, even when we disagree, and we walk together in great love and respect for all members of the congregation, including all those of every opinion on this topic. Many people also provided very sincere and heartfelt spiritual thoughts in comments on the sheets on all sides of this topic, for which we are also very grateful. Receiving the Lord's Supper together is so important, and is such a blessing, that we never want anyone to feel that they are under force or cause anyone to come to the Lord's Supper with resentment. We ask that every member of Zion entrust this topic to the Lord's guidance through prayer, seeking that His will would be done among us and that we would all move together joyfully to seek His guidance and receive His blessing. Again, thank you to all who participated in the survey! In Christ, The Elders

PASTOR SEDWICK'S CONTACT INFORMATION WHILE PASTOR CLAYTON IS GONE IN JULY

Pastor Sedwick will be filling in at Zion while Pastor Clayton is gone in July for vacation (including taking a 2-week course on Christian Apologetics) and for attending the LCMS Convention in Milwaukee from July 28-August 3. If you need pastoral care in July and into the first week of August, please contact Pastor Sedwick. Pastor Sedwick's email is john.m.sedwick@gmail.com and his cell phone number is 618-767-4682, in case you need to contact him.

HELP NEEDED FOR JULY 4th FOOD BOOTH

Zion's Men's Club will have a food booth at the Mascoutah July 4th celebration, and we need HELP (cooking, serving, cleaning up), 4:30-8:30. Volunteers can sign up by the office window in the narthex. Thanks!

LADIES: JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON JULY 20 AT TAVERN ON MAIN

The ladies will join together for lunch on Thursday, July 20th, at 11:30 AM at Tavern on Main restaurant in Belleville. They have a wide variety of sandwiches, pasta, pizza, and main entrees. We will meet at the church at 11:00 AM to carpool. This is always a fun, social event! Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SUMMER SACK LUNCH PROGRAM

Zion will be participating in the summer lunch program again this year. Zion's week will be July 24-28. There are three ways you can help. We need donations in order to buy the food needed. We have a little over \$1,000 so far with a goal of \$2,000 to \$2,200. Please consider donating. You can put your donations in the sack on the table in the narthex. We need volunteers to help make sandwiches and fill the sacks, and/or drive the lunches to designated drop off points. This takes only a few hours in the morning, starting around 9 or 9:30. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please volunteer for one or more days. Ideally, we need four volunteers to help in the kitchen. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Gail Frey, home: 618-566-7294 or cell: 618-806-7294.

MASCOUTAH TOWNSHIP 27th ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Last year, nearly 100 children were provided with school supplies, backpacks, and shoes. Donations of supplies or cash need to be contributed by July 20th to the Township Office at 622 W. Main St., Mascoutah, or call 566-7132. See the list of items needed on the table in the Narthex.

MASTERWORKS CHORALE SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

St. Paul United Church of Christ at 115 West B St. in Belleville is hosting a summer youth music camp for those in grades 3 through 12 on July 10-14 from 9 AM to 1 PM each day. Tuition is \$125/\$150 after July 1st. (\$350 maximum/family). Students will learn to sight-sing, sing rounds, play music games, play chimes as well as learning some folk dances. We will also have guest appearances by area professional musicians. For registration and inquiries contact Margaret Mager, Camp Registrar, mcc@singmasterworks.org.

FAITH AND WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers of all abilities are invited to explore the art of creative writing in its various forms – starting a blog, creating a sermon or devotion, story, nonfiction, drama, poetry, and everything in between – at the Faith and Writing Workshop set for July 18-23 at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The cost of the workshop is \$175 per person (\$75 for Seminary students) with a maximum of 15 participants. Meals are not included. Boxed lunches are available for purchase that Tuesday and Thursday. The registration deadline is July 11th. Please email Erika Bennett at bennette@csl.edu with any questions.

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THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Timmerman family in honor of Eliza's birthday.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Ella Sax & Lily McDaniel
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, JULY 9

Proclaimer: Rev. John Sedwick
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Rosemary Peterson & Dalton Wambold
Altar Guild: Mary Kay Krausz
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I n/communion	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM
Mon.	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tues.	<i>Office Closed - Independence Day</i>	
Wed.	Zion Service @ Brightly	1:30 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE JUNE 25: Sunday: 118

Adult Bible Class: 16 High School: 2 Sunday School: 23