

# May 16, 2021 – Seventh Sunday of Easter



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. Please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

This morning's greeter is Dan Matyola. Special thanks to Dan Metz for singing.

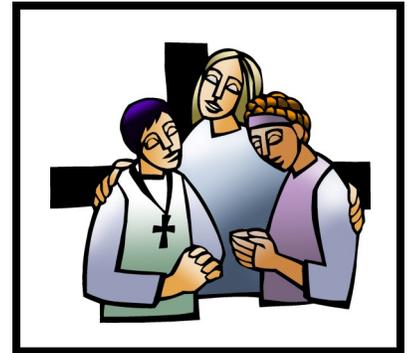
This morning's hymns:

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW 461

"Thine the Amen" ELW 826

The altar flowers are given by Kelli & Bill Wallace in memory of Kelli's mother, Rose George.



Please continue to support Zion's many ministries with your offerings and prayers.

Financial contributions can be mailed to P.O. Box 41, Oldwick, NJ 08858.



The First Communion class is receiving the sacrament this morning, and assisting in worship. The members of the class (in order of worship assistance) are Alex Pepe, Brooke Bredeson, Allie Bredeson, Jade DiCriscio, Madisyn Colasurdo, Natalie Ronaldo, and Daniel Melick. Special thanks to Jade for playing the piano.



Over the past two months, a surge of COVID-19 cases has ravaged India. The country has officially recorded over 20 million cases and 220,000 deaths. Padhar Hospital, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh, has a ward dedicated to COVID-19 patients. Unfortunately, the hospital is currently being forced to turn away patients because it lacks the space and oxygen to support them. Lutheran Disaster Response is helping Padhar Hospital purchase an oxygen generator for its COVID-19 ward so it can treat more patients. If you would like to contribute, please send a check made out to Zion Lutheran Church with "India" on the memo line.



Give to Zion from your phone! Scan the QR code to be directed to Tithely's electronic giving site.



The Parish Life and Worship & Music committees are celebrating the start of Summer Worship! Parish Life will be hosting a Lemonade Social following worship beginning on June 6th. We need volunteers to set-up, provide lemonade or juice, muffins or bagels, and fruit. Please sign up via the link that will be sent from the Parish Office this week and join us in the return to fellowship time on the church lawn this summer.



Sunday School and Confirmation classes will meet in-person outside the CEB on Sunday, May 23rd at 9:30 a.m. Games and refreshments will be provided and this will be the last day of Sunday School for the year.



Mark your calendars for **June 28th – July 2nd**. Vacation Bible School is coming to Zion Lutheran Church. God's Great Get-Together won't be the same without YOU! We will meet outside under canopies and follow all CDC guidelines in order to keep everyone safe.

Please visit [zionoldwick.com/connect](http://zionoldwick.com/connect) to sign up. We can't wait to see you there!

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*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

## **First Reading: Exodus 13:3-10**

<sup>3</sup>Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the LORD brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. <sup>4</sup>Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. <sup>5</sup>When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. <sup>6</sup>Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. <sup>8</sup>You shall tell your child on that day, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.' <sup>9</sup>It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the LORD may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>You shall keep this ordinance at its proper time from year to year.

## **Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

## **Gospel: John 17:6-19**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."