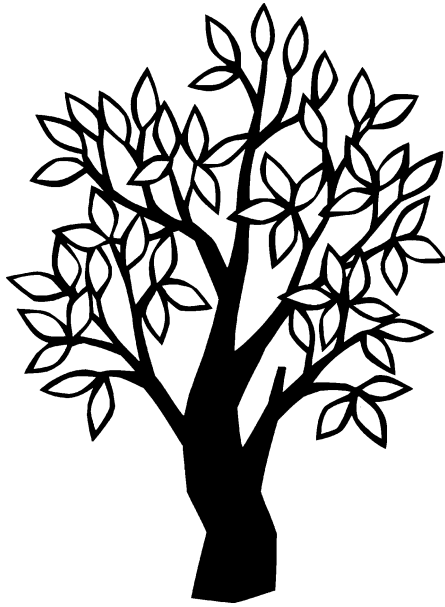


Zion Lutheran Church

Oldwick, New Jersey



Season after Pentecost

Communion Worship Service

WELCOME!

We are pleased you are worshipping with us today. As a Lutheran congregation, we are liturgical, which means we follow an order of worship which is found in the booklet in the pews. The weekly bulletin contains the lessons, gospel and hymn numbers. The hymns are located in the red hymnal. Children's activity bulletins are available. Please let an usher know if you would like one. We hope you find our worship service meaningful.

Zion is a friendly, active and generous congregation.

- We support each other ... social activities, meals, rides, visits and prayer.
- We support our community ... housing the homeless, feeding the hungry locally as well as around the world, and providing camp scholarships to needy children
- We support the larger Lutheran church ... giving 11% of our budget to contribute toward the millions of dollars targeting world hunger, disaster relief, and the effort to end malaria. Through Lutheran Social Services, we touch 1 in every 50 Americans each year.

It is good to be gathered as God's people. If you would like more information about Zion or if you are interested in becoming a member of the Zion family, please talk to Pastor Kat.

WORSHIPING IN PENTECOST

The Day of Pentecost is the culmination of the Easter celebration: the risen Lord sends the promised gift of the Spirit to the church. The long season that follows is the Season of Pentecost or the time of the church - the time between the earthly ministry of Jesus and Jesus' coming again (Advent). The First Sunday after Pentecost is the Feast of the Holy Trinity which celebrates the mystery of God.

The color for the Day of Pentecost is red which symbolizes the Holy Spirit. On Trinity Sunday the color is white. For the Sundays after Pentecost the color is green which symbolizes growing in the Spirit.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN AT ZION

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. We claim the noise and activity of children as a sign of a healthy church. Children will always be welcome here!
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the part of the service and the actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

- The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing.
- Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Season after Pentecost

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

See weekly bulletin

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

See weekly bulletin

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

P: The Holy Gospel according to ...

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

See weekly bulletin

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord. ("Peace be with you.")

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand, as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

OFFERTORY 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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Come now and receive these gifts of grace from God. Touch and take only elements for you, then return to your seat. For those worshiping at home, instructions for communing will be given by the pastor.

Please stand, as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



Connecting People with God's Grace

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