



Whoever
finds their life
will lose it,
—— and ——

Whoever
loses their life
for my sake
will find it.

MATTHEW 10:39, NIV

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Old Zionsville, PA

A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
4th Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 2026 | 9:30^{AM}

Welcome to Zion's Lutheran Church

We are a community that cares for one another. Feel free to voice your prayer concerns. Know our hearts join together as we pray. Everyone's voice is needed to tell the good news of God's love in Jesus; whether it be singing hymns, reading lessons, or greeting your neighbors.

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As We Worship

God Comes First

God is, the theologians say, transcendent—beyond us, always exceeding our easy grasp. Recognizing God's awesome transcendence brings a reevaluation of other values. The God of vertigo-inspiring infinitude is also the God who knows the hairs of our head. Trusting this God, fear is defanged and faith becomes a sort of courage. We live in faithful relationship to the hair-counting God as we joyfully "acknowledge" the one who acknowledges us. And as we do so, reveling in the intimacy of God's loving regard for us, other relationships, even familial ones, take on a different cast. God comes first, we realize, not only in priority, but ontologically, "in the beginning" (John 1:1). Before the God who is at once gracious and transcendent, we "lose" our lives and discover the true life in following the way of Jesus the crucified Son.

Prelude

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

setting by Mark Hayes

“Be Thou My Vision”

setting by Dale Wood

Please rise if you are able.

Gathering Hymn

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)”

ACS 1097

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Invocation *(Matthew 28.19)*

One: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

One: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

One: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

One: Most merciful God,

All: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

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.

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.

One: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: **Amen.**

The Apostolic Greeting

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“Pelas dores deste mundo”

ACS #1051

*For the troubles and the suf'rings of the world,
God, we call upon your mercy:
The whole creation's laboring in pain!
Lend an ear to the rising cry for help
From oppressed and hopeless people:
Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love!
We pray for peace,
The blessed peace that comes from making justice,
To cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord!
We pray for pow'r,
The pow'r that will sustain your people's witness:
Until your kingdom comes. Kyrie_eleison!*

Prayer of the Day

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

Time for All Ages

First Reading—**Jeremiah 20:7-13**

One: A reading from Jeremiah .

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

- ⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
- ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
- ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
- ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
- ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

One: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suf-^lfered reproach,
and shame has cov-^lered my face.
⁸ **I have become a stranger to^l my own kindred,
an alien to my^l mother's children.**
⁹ Zeal for your house has eat-^len me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall-^len upon me.
¹⁰ **I humbled my-^lself with fasting,
but that was turned to^l my reproach. R**
[¹¹ I put on^l sackcloth also,
and became a by-^lword among them.
¹² **Those who sit at the gate mur-^lmur against me,
and the drunkards make^l songs about me.**
¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have^l set, O
LORD:
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un-^lfailing help.
¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not^l let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of^l the deep
waters. R**
¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal-^l-
low me up;

do not let the pit shut its ¹ mouth upon me.
] ¹⁶ **Answer me, O LORD, for your ¹ love is kind;
in your great compassion, ¹ turn to me.**
¹⁷ Hide not your face ¹ from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am ¹ in distress.
¹⁸ **Draw near to me ¹ and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- ¹ liver me. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

¹Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel and sings:

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel - Matthew 10:24-39

One: The holy gospel according to Matthew

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

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known.

²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

One: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon—The Rev. Thomas D. Busteed

(Silence for reflection). Please stand for the hymn.

Hymn of the Day

“Will You come and Follow Me”

ELW 798

Nicene Creed

One: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

(after each petition)

One: God of Grace ,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers, the presiding minister offers the final petition.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace

Please share the peace as you feel comfortable.

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Please stand

Offertory

“Have You Thanked The Lord”

ELW 829, refrain only

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?

Don't you know that no tomorrow is quite the same?

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,

And rejoiced that, rain or sunshine, our God is there?

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Offering Prayer

One: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

All: **Blessed be God forever.**

One: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink.

All: **Blessed be God forever.**

One: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *(Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:)*... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus “Santo, Santo, Santo”



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Eucharistic Prayer with Words of Institution

One: *(The minister continues, using an appropriate form.)* ...now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

One: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

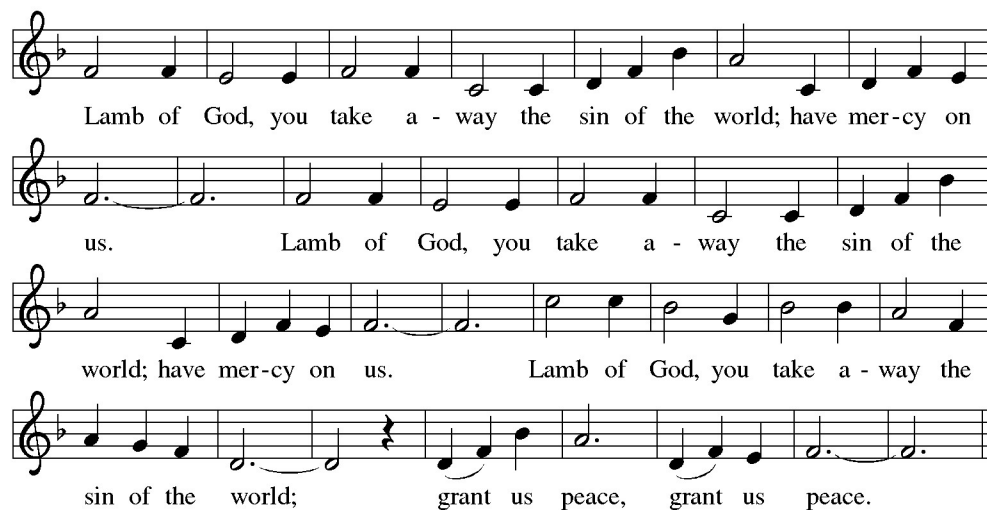
All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

One: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei "Lamb of God"



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The notation includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a single voice part, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The notation includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a single voice part, with lyrics written below the notes.

The Invitation

One: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly sits.

Music During Distribution of Communion

Prayer After Communion

One: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
All: **Amen**

Announcements

The assembly stands.

Blessing and Dismissal

One: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, +one God, bless, heal, and hold
you today and always.
All: **Amen.**

One: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Hymn “If You But Trust in God to Guide You ”
ELW 769

Postlude “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”
setting by J. S. Bach

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Worship Leaders This Morning

Ministers	All the members of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Presiding Minister	The Rev. Thomas D. Busteed (Cell phone 570-856-2078)
Director of Music	John Binde
Communion Assistant	Lyn Bohn
Lay Reader	Karen Lobe
Live-Streaming	Dyane Miller
Greeters	Ellen and Joe Litzenberger

For Those in Need of Prayer

Additional Prayers—Stanley Trout, Blanche Schantz, Marvin Schantz, Christine Rex, June Trotter, Sandy Schlicher, Brenda Snyder, Maverik Wolbach, Holly Washburn, Melissa Yaglowksi, John Hinnerschietz, Verna-Ann Tacker, Gerald Diehl, Melanie Wesser, Michelle Lewis, Earl Howell, Jared Washburn, Carol Yocum, Mark Sinex, Larry Kriebel, Daryl Bohn, Viola Bartholomew, Jane Merkel, Anne-Rose Reeves, Hector Valentine, Ruth Walck, Larry Yocum and the family of Michele Gaenzle.



Today, June 21st	Worship @ 9:30 ^{AM}
Saturday, June 27 th	Morgan Family Reunion @ 11:00 ^{AM}

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Between Hiding and Exposing

The desire to make known that which is currently hidden can evoke various responses. When abusive power and fear suppress opposition, or when liberating truth is just under the surface, the desire for uncovering and justice is likely strong. However, when harm or injustice is not an obvious outcome and that which is hidden is perceived to benefit stability or peace, there may be resistance to making the hidden known.

Through a variety of images, the speech in Matthew's gospel calls for the unknown to be revealed and intentions made plain. Our liturgical practice of corporate confession provides an opportunity to acknowledge our relationship with what stays hidden and what we wish to reveal in our own lives. The confession may be discomfiting, but it reminds us of an important dynamic in the life of faith: Just as Jesus tells his disciples not to fear and reassures them of their value, the words of forgiveness in the liturgy orient us toward a God who restores relationships and calls us beloved.

If only the liturgical practice of confession and forgiveness would once and for all set us on the right path and give us permanent assurance! But that would also free us from curiosity about what taking up the cross means in our lives. Once the cross is exposed, we must face our response to it, and it challenges our allegiances and prods at our vulnerabilities. However, Jesus is clear that the cross also uncovers a path to life. Instead of this path being a lonely, exposing journey, Jesus knows it well and joins us on the way.

Cherish God's Love

*"Cherishing God's Love, we seek to foster Relationships of
Faith, Fellowship, Family, and Fun
within our church and our community."*

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