

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

9:30am



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Reverend Martha McCreight – *Pastor*  
Deacon Amy Santoriello – *Director of Faith Formation and Outreach*  
Mr. Andrew Sabol – *Director of Music Ministries*  
Mrs. Julie Nieser – *Administrative Secretary*  
Dr. Stanley E. Yoder – *Cantor Emeritus*

**PRELUDE:** “Improvisation on Song 1 (inspired by Jehan Alain)”

Wolfgang Rübsam

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW#657** “Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

### **GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"**

*Refrain*

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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

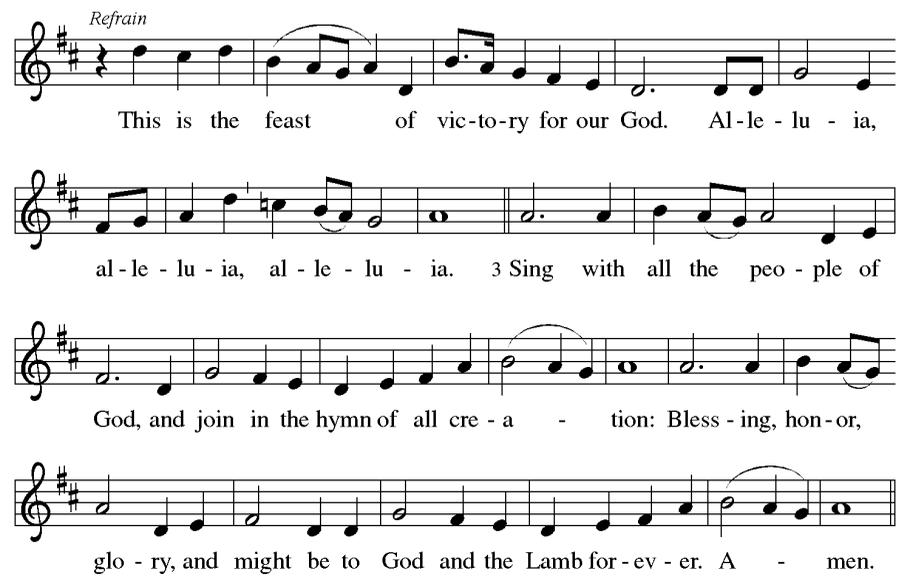
*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, ‘These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.’ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, ‘I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’ And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, ‘These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.’ The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, ‘Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.’ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ They answered, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 97:**

“Be Glad in the Lord”

Ricky Manalo

Be glad in the Lord; give thanks to God's name!

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*Verses sung by the cantor.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God’s throne.**

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,  
burning up enemies on | every side.

<sup>4</sup>**Lightnings light | up the world;  
the earth | sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup>The mountains | melt like wax  
before the Lord of | all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples | see your glory. R**

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!  
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.

<sup>8</sup>**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,  
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;  
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

<sup>10</sup>**You who love the | LORD, hate evil!**

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns | for the righteous,  
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

<sup>12</sup>**Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's | holy name. R**

### **SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’ The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, rhythmic setting of the word 'Alleluia'.

## **GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

The holy gospel according to St. John in the 17th chapter

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#463** “Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed”

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **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**

*The assembly sits or kneels as able*

As Jesus Christ offered his great high priestly prayer for us who have come to belief through the ministry of his apostolic church, let us pray with Christ and in his name for the church, the world, and all people everywhere responding to each petition with “hear our prayer.”  
...O God, our Lord, Jesus Christ, our great high priest, lives to make intercession for us...through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**PIANO OFFERTORY:**

“One Bread, One Body”

Mark Hayes

**OFFERING SONG: “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord”**

*The assembly stands*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **DEACON'S MASS**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who are set forth to share your word and sacrament. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

*The assembly is seated*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS:**

**ELW #496** "One Bread, One Body"

**ELW #826** "Thine the Amen"

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*The assembly stands*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW #392**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

**DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

“Hyfrydol”

Bradley Sowash

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The Sanctuary candle is given today in memory of Dr. John and Billie Feist.

**Covid-19 Protocols:** Zion has moved to masking optional for all in-person events. This includes worship, meetings, and fellowship gatherings. For those who wish, you are welcome to continue masking (or not masking) based on your own risk level or those whom you come into contact with. Per recommendations from others, a couple of designated sections in the sanctuary have been roped off, in the event that a masked person wishes to sit with only other masked people. (However, you are not required to sit in this section. Only if you wish to do so). As the weather becomes nicer, we will open more windows, doors, etc to increase circulation of air in the sanctuary.

**Recognition of all 2022 Graduates:** If you are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, etc..., please notify Julie Nieser at our Church office ([julie@zionpennhills.org](mailto:julie@zionpennhills.org)), or 412-242-2626 with your date of graduation, degree, and name of school by **TODAY** for inclusion in our Zion News and the Prayers of Intercession on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Zion Annual Meeting:** We will be having our **Annual Congregational Meeting next Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> after worship.** Elections for open positions on council, synod assembly representatives, and a member of Mission Endowment committee will occur at that time as well as reports from the church committees. All voting members of Zion please plan to attend! Copies of the Annual reports are available in the Narthex.

**Rite of Confirmation:** Leia Felmley and Josh Shifflett have recently been approved by Pastor Martha and Zion council to receive the rite of confirmation. They will receive this next Sunday, Pentecost, June 5<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. Please join us as we witness this important step in their ongoing faith journey as they affirm the promises made to them in their baptism. We will have special treats afterwards to celebrate!

**Ushers/Altar Guild/Tech Support:** As Zion continues to emerge from the pandemic, we are in need of volunteers for roles on Sunday morning. In particular, ushers, altar guild, and assistance with tech support is greatly needed. If you have an interest in any of the above please contact Tony LaMorte (Ushers), Brenda Wolfe (Altar Guild) or Tom Felmley (tech support). Thank you so much for considering!

**Updates from the Zion Task Force on Accessibility:** One of the suggestions of the accessibility committee was to make space in the sanctuary for people with mobility issues who use a walker or wheelchair. By having a shortened pew with a chair next to it, someone can sit in the chair and put their assistive device next to them, keeping it out of the main aisle. A chair with arms is also useful for those who may have back or knee problems. This is one of the ways we are making Zion more accessible. We are also providing large-print bulletins for those who need it and as always, there are listening devices available in the Narthex. For more information or comments/questions about any of the above proposed changes, please see Kathy Gaberson, Marc Schuler or Laura Patchen.

**Good Shepherd Ministry:** This week our cards are for Joe Connors, Shirley McClure, and Barbara Cooper. Please take a moment to sign the cards and share a smile with those unable to join us for worship. Also remember them in your prayers this week.

**Bread Bakers/Volunteers/Hospitality Hosts:** Zion is in need of volunteers to offer to bring bread or serve as a hospitality host after worship on a given Sunday. Those who wish to bring bread should call the office so that you can be added to the schedule. Those who wish to help with hospitality, please sign up on the calendar in the Gathering Space. Thank you in advance for considering!

**OREMUS:**

**Prayers Requested For:** Carol Hendershot, Barbara Cooper, Neil Santoriello, Diane Marburger, Nancy Fabel, Sandra Short, Bob Beresky, Alan Dippold, Wayne Stumpf, Kathy Kraf, Kim Anthony (brother-in-law of Kathy Conrad), Larry Dillon (cousin of Rhonda Pope), Steve Bell (brother of Rhonda Pope), Connie & Buzzy Shoaf (sister and brother-in-law of Shirley McClure), Chris Vuocolo (nephew of Mary Lou D'Ambrosio), Linda Bartley (sister of Carol Dugan), Beth Rall, Tom & Carolyn Schuler, Sarah, Joe Hesketh, Ezra & Emery Jordan (great grandchildren of Sandra Short), Chris Nieser (cousin of Julie Nieser), Tom Santoriello (brother of Neil Santoriello), John Santoriello (brother of Neil Santoriello), Evelyn Lamm, Theodore Stolp, Jr., Mary Jean Hawkins (cousin of Neil Santoriello), Rachel Faulkner, John & Margaret Thompson (mother & father of Darren Thompson), Kim Paronish (sister-in-law of Kara Albrecht), Denise Capobianco (friend of Sandra Short), Judy Danik (friend of Charlotte Murray), Yolanda Szitas (mother of Carol Dugan), Bekki Hessong (cousin of Diane Santoriello), Aarika Maisak (friend of Kara Albrecht), Dan Smerker (grandfather of Cassie and Kyra Short), Patrick Taylor, Dorothy DeLuca (sister of Evelyn Ross), Donna Spinazzola (friend of Sallie Lazar).

**ZION EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, May 29:** 9:30am Worship in person, Livestream on Facebook and Zoom  
11:30am - CCC Church – Chapel  
3:30pm – Leia Goganour

**Monday, May 30:** Memorial Day – Office Closed