

DAY OF PENTECOST

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PRELUDE: “Improvisation on Veni Creator Spiritus”

Alfred Fedak

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world’s need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ, who, with you and the Spirit, reigns forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 401 Gracious Spirit, Head Our Pleading
NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: This is the Feast

Assisting minister



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

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

All



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

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

Refrain



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

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



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



A single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, featuring a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, ‘My lord Moses, stop them!’ But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!’ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

The refrain is introduced by the choir and then repeated by all.



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

The verses are sung responsively to the following tone:



²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.

²⁶**There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.**

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. *Refrain***

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

³⁰**You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.**

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. *Refrain***

³² You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴ **May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.**

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah! *Refrain***

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21 (Dramatic Reading)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Song of the Spirit”

Tony Alonso

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia, *Assembly:* al - le - lu - ia, *Cantor:* al - le - lu - ia, *Assembly:* al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- Choir:*
1. God will send you the Spirit to be with you forever.
 2. The Spirit of truth will bear witness, and you will be my witnesses.
 3. When the Spirit of truth comes among you, you'll remember all I have told you.
 4. Come, Holy Spirit, and shine your radiance upon us.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 577 Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS
The assembly stands. v. 1, 3, 5, 7 – choir v. 2, 4, 6, “Amen” – all

NICENE CREED

**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 and the Son,
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

The assembly sits or kneels.

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds: Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly may share a sign of peace with one another.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERING ANTHEM: "Rushing Wind, Dancing Flame" Matthew H. Corl

Rushing wind, dancing flame,
Spirit of God to your church you once came.
Even now, breathe on us all;
inspire us to serve as we hear your call.

Rushing wind, whirling around us,
blowing down walls of the world that divide us;
Dancing flame, consuming fire,
sparking commitment to lead and inspire.

Rushing wind, dancing flame,
burn in our souls so that we may proclaim
to all the world in ev'ry tongue
the Good News of Jesus, our Savior, God's Son.
Alleluia!

OFFERING HYMN: ELW 396

Spirit of Gentleness

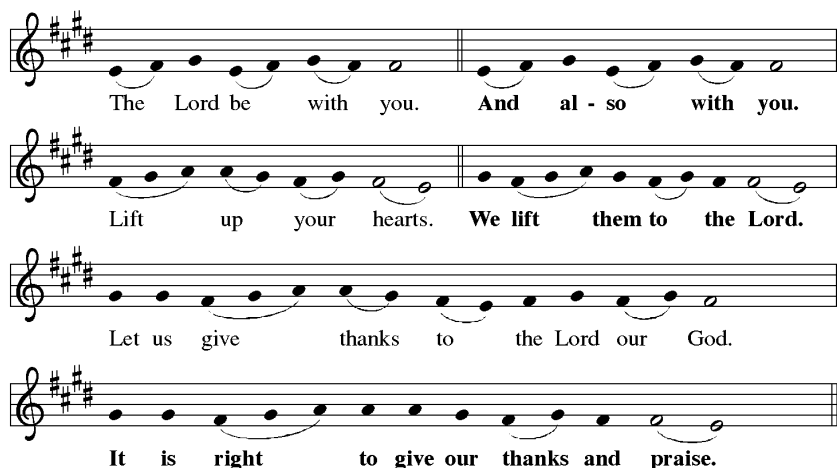
SPIRIT

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table Jesus Christ sets for us. You will be dismissed pew by pew by an usher to come forward to the railing. As you come forward, on either side of the front pew is a tray of empty glasses (for wine) or a filled glass (with grape juice). Please take one before you come up to the railing. At the railing, you will receive a piece of bread and then the assisting minister will distribute the wine. If you wish to only receive a blessing, please motion to the pastor. Gluten Free wafers are available. For those in need of assistance, please let the ushers know, and we will commune you in your pew.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION SONG

Cantor or Choir



The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread.

All: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Cantor: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

All: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Cantor: One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread.

All: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 406	Veni Sancte Spiritus (<i>sung in Latin</i>)	TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE
ACS 943	As the Wind Song	WAIKUA TAPU

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 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind CWM RHONDDA

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.
Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: “O Day Full of Grace” David Cherwien
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Welcome to All Visitors: We welcome you to worship at Zion this morning! The hymns that we sing will be out of the cranberry hymnal (**ELW**) or the purple hymnal supplement (**ACS**) in the pew. We commune with both gluten and gluten free options available as well as wine or grape juice. Please motion to the usher if you have any questions. You are also welcome to learn more about Zion at our Welcome Table in the back of the church as you first walked in. A greeter will be there to help answer any questions that you may have.

Worship: For those who wish to worship masked and to only sit with other masked individuals, the last 2 full length pews on the left-hand side of the Sanctuary will be reserved for that purpose. (It is not required that you sit there if you are masked, only if you wish to). If you wish to remain masked and sit where you prefer in the sanctuary, you are welcome to do so.

We hold a hospitality time after worship with coffee and goodies in our Gathering Space that you are welcome to visit to learn more about the congregation. We offer Sunday School and Confirmation for children and youth after worship as well as Adult Study time in our Gerhard Lounge. You and/or your family are welcome to drop-in and join us!

We hope your worship here is fruitful and fulfilling of what you may need in your spiritual life this morning.

Special Meeting Today after Worship: A special meeting of the congregation is called for the purpose of closing the nominations for Council and electing the voting members to the Synod Assembly.

Pentecost Geraniums: Today, we will have Red Geraniums decorating our chancel. If you would like to take one home, you are welcome to do so. If you wish to help defray the cost, donations can be put in a pew envelope and just mark it, "Geranium". Thank you.

Annual Committee Reports Due: If you have not done so yet, please submit your annual report to Julie no later than **May 30th**. Also, **please remember to sign your report**. Thank you. All reports will be available for the congregation on June 11th.

Recognition of all 2023 Graduates: If you are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, etc., please notify Julie at our Church office (julie@zionpennhills.org) or 412-242-2626 with your date of graduation, degree, and name of school by **May 28th** for inclusion in our Zion Newsletter and Prayers of Intercession.

Covid-19 Protocols: Allegheny County is in “low transmission” level this week. In light of this, masking at Zion remains at “optional status” for indoor, in-person gatherings. As with any contagious illness (flu, cold, RSV, Covid), if you or someone in your household is sick, please stay home in order to further prevent the spread of illness, especially among our vulnerable members. Thank you!

Pastor Martha Family Leave: Pastor Martha is away on family leave and in her absence, Pastor Neumann is the local interim for Zion. This means that he will be available on a limited basis for pastoral care needs, i.e. hospital visits, funerals, etc. (In other words, he is the pastoral presence while Pastor Martha is away). You can reach Pastor Neumann at 412-401-5720. If you wish to set-up a time to meet with him at the office, please reach out to Pastor Neumann or the Zion office to set-up an appointment time as his time in the building will be very limited. Any questions, please see Kathy Gaberson. Thank you!

Adult Forum after worship. This Sunday, May 28th is the **last** Adult Forum session for this series. No summer sessions will be held. We meet at 10:45 in the Gerhard Lounge. During the Adult Forum focusing on people of African descent, we participants encountered aspects of American history and the Church in America about which we were not aware. Ephesians 4:15 talks about “speaking the truth in love”; to accomplish that we must first know the truth. We are finishing up and discussing the book, *The Color of Compromise* which addresses the American Church’s complicity in racism.

Food Pantry Donation for May: We will be collecting toothpaste and denture cleaning tablets. As always, thank you for your gifts!

Midweek Bible Study on Wednesdays: Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Gerhard Lounge. We are watching episodes of “The Chosen: Season 2” together and discussion afterwards. Our last one will be on June 7th. If you have questions or want more information, please see Pat Pope.

Are you interested in assisting with our Healing Services? This service consists of praying for a person and anointing their head with oil in the sign of the cross as a blessing. Ideally we would like to have 5 volunteers for this service so that we can have two “teams of two” stationed at the foot of the stairs (one for prayer and the other for anointing) and another person who can walk into the congregation to serve anyone who cannot come forward. These services are usually scheduled 4 times a year on the 5th Sunday. The future dates are **July 30th, and October 29th**

Zion Lutheran Church Budgeted Finances as of April 30th:

Offering Income:	\$77, 866.75
Other Income:	\$19, 413.25
Total Income:	\$97, 280.00
Total Expense:	\$85, 976.61
Net:	\$11,303.39

The Congregation Council's Call for Special Congregation Meetings

Sunday, June 11 – A special meeting of the congregation is called for the purpose of adopting the updated Constitution and Bylaws for this congregation. The updates are posted in the narthex and are recommended for adoption by the Congregation Council.

Sunday, June 25 – The Annual Meeting of this congregation will be held after worship service. All voting members of Zion please plan to attend! Copies of the Annual reports will be available by June 11th.

Please note these dates on your calendar so that you are present to participate in the various actions necessary for the functioning of our congregation. Thank you.

Good Shepherd Ministry: This week our cards are for Joe Connors, Marion Ertel, Shirley McClure, Samara Davis, and Jeannie Meyer. 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.

Usher Schedule:

Sunday, May 28, 2023	Tony Lamorte	
Sunday, June 04, 2023	Marc Schuler	Joe Balaban
Sunday, June 11, 2023	Mark Mauro	Janet Mauro
Sunday, June 18, 2023	Mike Patchen	Ray Rall
Sunday, June 25, 2023	Tony Lamorte	

OREMUS:

Rehab Facility: Evelyn Lamm (Concordia, Monroeville, Room 110)

Nancy Fabel (Rosebrook Living Facility, Sarver, PA, Room 116)

Prayers Requested For: Kathy Conrad, Chris Dippold, Laura Patchen, Marion Ertel, Elouise Brooky, Claudia Agnew, Mary Lou & Paul Feathers, Jim McCreight (father of Pastor Martha), Edythe Gaberson (mother-in-law of Kathy Gaberson), Patti Lamorte (wife of Tony), Marge Lamorte (mother of Tony), Gary Bunch (husband of Cheryl Bunch), Diane Marburger, Sandra Short, Bob Beresky, Wayne Stumpf, Doreen Varuolo (friend of Charlotte Murray), Katie Ritenour (cousin of Debbie Marks), David Mochetta (friend of Mary Lou D'Ambrosio), Samara Davis (sister of Diane Santoriello) Sandy Hutchins (friend of Diane Santoriello), Kim Anthony (brother-in-law of Kathy Conrad), Peggy Curran (aunt of Kara Albrecht), Ellen Conrad (mother of Kara Albrecht), Andrea Shissler (friend of Annette Felmley), Lorraine Ahiemer (friend of Debbie Marks), Darnell Pope (brother of Sandra Short), Michele Williams (cousin of Rhonda Pope), Kristen Lozer (friend of Audri Erfort), Ron Jeroski (friend of Charlotte Murray), Steve Bell (brother of Rhonda Pope), Chris Vuocolo (nephew of Mary Lou D'Ambrosio), Beth Rall, Sarah, Tom & Carolyn Schuler, Marsha Balaban, Joe Hesketh, Ezra & Emery Jordan (great grandchildren of Sandra Short), Lynn Santoriello (sister-in-law of Diane Santoriello), Theodore Stolp, Jr., Mary Jean Hawkins (cousin of Diane Santoriello), Rachel Faulkner, Margaret Thompson (mother of Darren Thompson), Denise Capobianco (friend of Sandra Short), Judy Danik (friend of Charlotte Murray), Bekki Hessong (cousin of Diane Santoriello), Patrick Taylor, Dorothy DeLuca (sister of Evelyn Ross).

ZION EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 28: 9:30 Worship in person, Livestream on Facebook
10:45 – Adult Forum (last one) – G. Lounge
11:30- CCC Church – Chapel

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day – Office Closed

Wednesday, May 31: 1:00 – Bible Study – G. Lounge

Saturday, June 3: 10-11:30 –EAYC Dress Rehearsal