

The Day of Pentecost



June 4, 2016 + 10:00am

**Zion Lutheran Church
Lexington, South Carolina**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad you have come to worship this day!

We especially Welcome our Visitors and Guests!

We hope you feel right at home here at Zion. If you have any questions, our ushers will be happy to help you. You are invited to fill out a Visitor's card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of this community of faith and learning more about the mission and ministry of Zion. For more information about Zion Lutheran Church, becoming a member, and sharing your gifts in ministry, contact the church office, (803) 356-2297, zionchurch@zionlexsc.com or visit our website, zionlexsc.com.

WORSHIP NOTES

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who seek Christ's gift of grace. Visitors who receive Holy Communion in their home congregations are invited to share in this sacrament of grace. Gluten free bread is available to those with allergies. You may indicate this need to the pastor during communion distribution. Children who are not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.



OUR STAFFED NURSERY is available for young children during worship. The nursery is located through the narthex/lobby area and down the hall to the right.

HYMNS not printed in the bulletin are from the red WORSHIP hymnal in the pew rack.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONICS AT THIS TIME.



+ THE DAY OF PENTECOST +

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, who is full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

We kneel. Silence is kept for confession and meditation.

Eternal God our creator, **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

We stand.

GATHERING HYMN # 579

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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.**

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

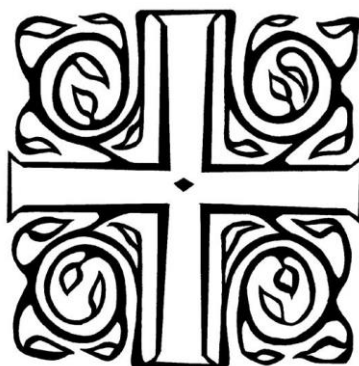
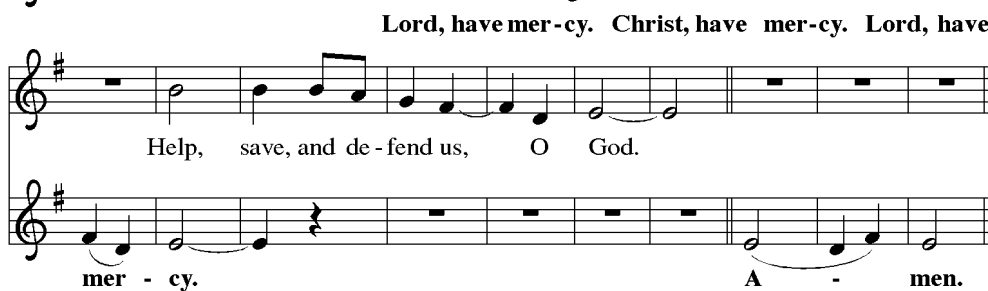
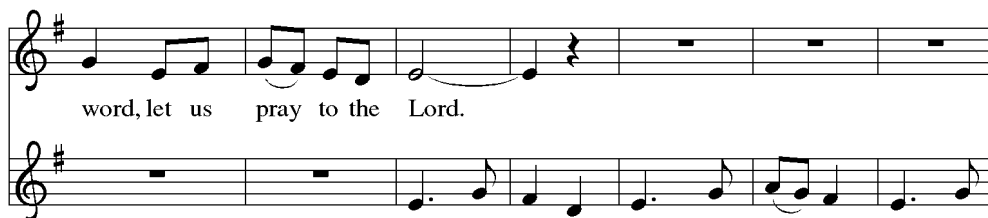
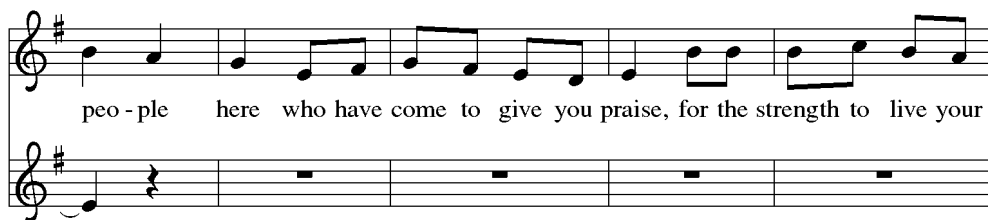
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Let us pray. 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.**

We sit.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Young children are invited forward at this time.

*Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through 3rd Grade may go to **Children's Church**. Meet the Children's Church leaders at the red door at the back of the church. Children will return from Children's Church during the offering.*

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ♪

**Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to John the twentieth 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If 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!**

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Gragg

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 396

Spirit of Gentleness



We sit.

+ THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION +

TODAY IT IS OUR JOY to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation with
Eva Elizabeth Branham, Lauren Emily Creasman,
Hannah Elizabeth Elrod, and Elizabeth Anne Grant.

They have been instructed in the Christian faith
and are approved by the church for Confirmation.

*The congregation is invited to turn to page 234
in the front part of the WORSHIP hymnal.*

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*You are invited to a reception in honor of our confirmands
in the Narthex immediately following worship.*

We stand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

SHARING OF PEACE

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

We share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

We sit.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We share our gifts for those in need and for the church's mission.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, **you open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 🎵

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 God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY

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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth . . . we pray for his coming again even as we cry: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit . . . that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather our prayers with those . . . with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, as you taught us, we are bold to 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. **Thanks be to God.**

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD 🎵

The choir sings. The congregation may join in.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you pour your Holy Spirit on us:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Christ welcomes you to this feast of the baptized!

We receive communion today by intinction at the head of the center aisle.

As the ushers direct you, proceed down the center aisle in two lines.

*Hold the bread given to you and continue toward the side aisle nearest you
to receive the chalice into which you may dip your bread.*

Return to your seat by the side aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

We stand.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 400

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Kyrie, Now the Feast and Celebration, As the Grains of Wheat, Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lamb of God, Praise to You, O God of Mercy, *Text and music* © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.,
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SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Nathan Gragg
Director of Music	Julie Branham
Assisting Minister	Bridgett Ridgell
Reader	Eileen Leaphart
Communion Assistants	Sue Anderson, Mary Nell Panyard
Crucifer	Bryleigh Tanner
Acolyte	Sydney Branham
Ushers	Randy McCoy, Tom and Mary Nell Panyard, Bryson Scott
Chancel and Sacraments	Steve and Janice Sult
Children's Church	Jamie Hampton
Nursery	Althea Hendrix
Offering Counters	Randy and Beverly McCoy, Dave and Katie McKinley

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Clyde and Peggy Baker
in honor of their 65th anniversary.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Assisting Minister	Bridgett Ridgell
Reader	Anna Reeside
Communion Assistants	Craig Balch, Bob McCombs
Crucifer	Connor Rhoden
Acolyte	Shelton Rhoden
Ushers	Randy McCoy, Tom and Mary Nell Panyard, Bryson Scott
Chancel and Sacraments	Steve and Janice Sult
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