

Worship Plan for Sunday, July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

Zion Lutheran Church

Theme: God in the Wilderness



GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome! On behalf of the Zion Church Family, a very warm welcome to our guests, friends, and family, as well as those joining us online. We are so pleased you are with us. Welcome to Zion!
- For this morning's worship, we will have Holy Communion. Instructions will be given at that time.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

You are invited to center yourself in this worship through a moment of prayer.

- *Breath Prayer – breathe deeply, recognizing God's own breath in your breath, God's presence within and beside you.*

WILDERNESS LITANY

**Adapted from the Iona Community*

P: Driven by the Spirit, Jesus went out to inhabit a liminal place, a wilderness space.

A: For forty days and nights, homeless and weary, famished and sore, he wandered and watched and wrestled.

P: For forty days and nights, companioned and comforted by animals and angels, he traversed and tested and was tempted.

A: And then, knowing who he was, seeing where he must go, understanding what he should do,

C: Jesus, filled with the Spirit, returned from the uncharted place to do the work of the Kingdom.

P: Jesus, by your example you challenge us to new discovery and invite us to know you in new ways.

A: As we leave comforting landmarks behind to inhabit and explore our own uncharted places, help us to discern who we are and embrace what we might become.

P: Jesus, you offer us your company in the known and the unknown places;

C: As we touch hands with you now through story and song, and in bread and wine, help us to better understand the threads of our lives and see how to weave them with yours into the patterns of God's Kingdom.

GATHERING SONG - Give Thanks to God (tune ELW 427)

Give thanks to God, God reigns above
Kind are God's thoughts; whose name is love
God's mercy ages past have known
And yes long to come shall own

Let the redeemed of the Lord
The wonders of God's grace record
Israel, the nation whom was chose
And rescued from their mighty foes

In their distress, to God they cried
God was their Saviour and their guide
God led their march far wandering round
Twas the right path to Canaan's ground

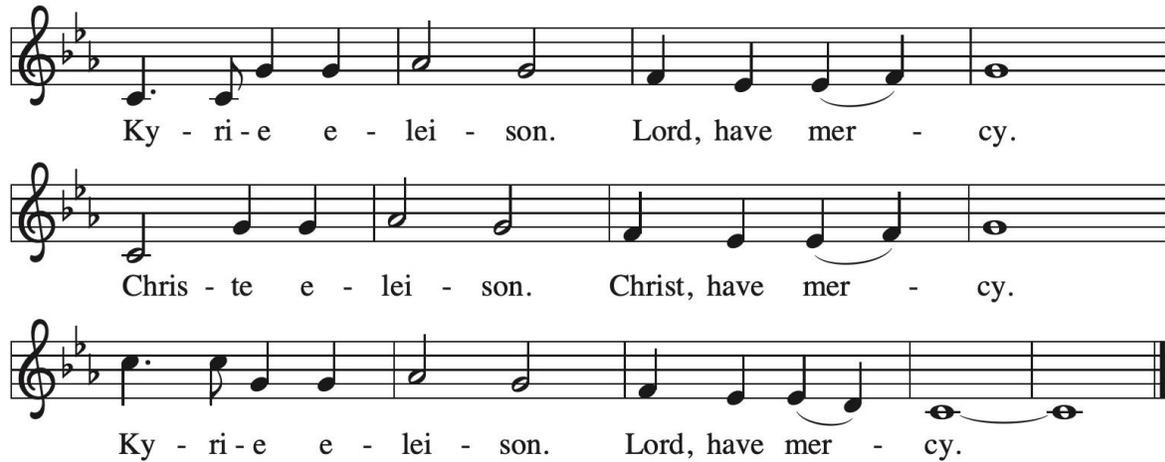
God feeds and clothes us all the way
And guides our footsteps lest we stray
God guards us with a powerful hand
And brings us to the heavenly land

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.**

*KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah 66:10-14

pg. 608-609, pew bible

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

¹²For thus says the LORD:
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

¹³As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-9

¹Be joyful in God, | all you lands;
be joyful, | all the earth.

²**Sing the glory | of God's name;
sing the glory | of God's praise.**

³Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows | down before you,
sings to you, sings | out your name." REFRAIN**

⁵Come now and see the | works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.

⁶**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on
foot,
and there we re- | joiced in God.**

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

⁸**Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard. REFRAIN**

⁹Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.'

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town

that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 255 There's A Voice in the Wilderness

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need:

A Lord of the wilderness, you meet us in the wild spaces and proclaim your renewing love to all. Help us to trust your presence and your promises and be bold in sharing your love with our neighbors. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your creation abounds with flowing waters and abundant life. Guide all who seek a better life, particularly migrants and refugees. We pray especially this week for the 51 migrants who died near San Antonio. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You guard the nations. We pray for world leaders looking to bring an end to the war in Ukraine, and for those living in Russia who will be most deeply affected by increased economic sanctions. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in

us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. We pray especially for those most affected by recent Supreme Court decisions, and we pray in gratitude that young children now have access to COVID vaccines. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving. We pray especially for Gladys, Ruth, Donna, Jan, Joe, and Adolfo. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray also, aloud and quietly, for the joys and concerns we name before you now (pause). Hear, O God, all of our prayers and grant these blessing to all whom we love. In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ, who comes to us in love.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field,

and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,

in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

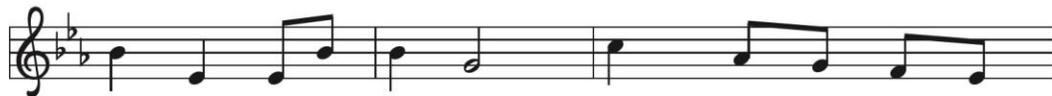
PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

There is no place where your love is not present,
No wilderness that is unknown by you.

And so, with Moses and the Israelites,
with Hagar and Ishmael, with John the Baptist,
And with all those who have encountered you in wild spaces,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



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



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



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



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer that 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

P Like a tent in the wilderness the table of God stands open and ready as a place of sanctuary and safety, of hospitality and healing. So come, all you who are tired and travel-stained, sore and famished; come with your fellow travelers and find companionship and comfort; for here, Jesus – who knows what it is to wander, watch and wrestle in desert places – waits to meet us and welcome us in, offering us rest and restoration, solace and strength, for the journey still to come.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

TABLE BLESSING

P Now that you have tasted the goodness of God in bread and wine, let us be the body of Christ, blessed and broken for the whole world. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next week- Children's Church
2. Next week - Children's Music Workshop & Adult Godly Play
3. Summer selfie station

BLESSING

P Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace from this place.

And may God, Creator, Redeemer +, and Sustainer, bless you and keep you.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG ELW 887 This Is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home, the country where my heart is
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
So here my song, O God of all the nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms
Your kingdom come, on earth your will be done
O God, be lifted up till all shall search you
And hearts united learn to live as one
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations
Myself I give you, let your will be done.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Tell what God has done!
C **Thanks be to God. (AND WE WILL!)**

POSTLUDE