
MISSION STATEMENT

Zion is a Christian family called to provide fellowship and joy through our service with and to the community.

Welcome to historic

Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, New York

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Please silence all cell phones and other personal devices during worship

We are delighted that you chose Zion as your place of worship today.

Small children are most welcome during the service. Really! That's right. We believe their voices and natural motion are gifts of life from God to be celebrated by all. However, should you choose, there is a small play area in the middle pew section of the church, and a big rocking chair located in the vestibule if you need some quiet time.

All Baptized persons are invited to come to the Altar and please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar; then all will be given instructions from Fr. Heidt on how to receive the Bread & Wine.

The hymns and service music for the service is in the 1982 hymnal provided in each pew. **This service bulletin** contains the readings of the day, as well as listed announcements and activities happening at Zion as we continue to re-gather. Please take this bulletin home with you. **Coffee Hour is held in Clarke Hall** after the service which you enter through the double doors on your right at the front of the church. Please stop by to have a cup of coffee or tea, something to eat and a chance to meet the people of Zion.

If you would like to know more about us or would like to become a member, please request a **welcome sheet** from any usher before you leave and you can place it in the collection plate. Also, regular parishioners: please use the welcome sheet to update your own information with the church.

Please Disinfect Slip-You will notice in your bulletin we have placed a "Please Disinfect" slip; please place this slip in the pew in which you are sitting. This lets our sexton Chris Klara know where to concentrate his cleaning duties.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:
Sunday, July 10, 2022

All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.
Please stand if comfortably able to do so for all hymns.

Prelude: Solfeggio in C Minor

Carl Philip Emmanuel Bach (1714-1788)

Processional Hymn: **660** O Master, let me walk with thee

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
The people standing, the Celebrant sings

S 76 - The Holy Eucharist Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria for Zion

(yellow card in pew)

Carol Stack

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Second Lesson: **Colossians 1: 1-14**

Reader: The Second lesson is a reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace

from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when

he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2022

(Luke 10: 25 - 37)

In the Name of the Living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

This gospel parable is so familiar, it is dangerous. Really. Had you known in advance that the Good Samaritan would be the homily today, you might have considered staying home, or turning off your Zoom window. After all, you have heard this preached ad nauseam, so now it is a form of casual sport in wondering how this preacher is going to struggle with doing something new out of it.

Well, let us see what God gives us.

You know this...as told to a Jewish hearer, a devout follower of the Torah. A man on the road gets beat up and robbed. The priest passes by, as does the Levite...both very proper men, the established spiritual leader and elder. The Samaritan...despised, unclean, rejected by the Jews...stops and takes care of the wounded man...and does more. Does far more. Even to the point of pledging the debt to the innkeeper until his return. Jesus says the Samaritan was a neighbor by showing mercy to the needy one.

That is it, right? Straight forward...or is it?

In preparation, I often look at other study references and other sermons...and almost all of them focus on the parable's definition of "neighbor" and how that should apply today. One says that we are all "tribal" by instinct and habit in that we are most comfortable with, and usually care most about, those like us. But, of

course, we now live side-by-side with people of many different tribes...defining the word "tribe" very loosely.

In asking "who is my neighbor", another religious commentator asks where do my gifts, vocation, and advocacy create opportunities to bless the lives of others with the steadfast loving kindness of the gospel of the kingdom of God? Still, another asks, "How good a neighbor are you? Leading into two more sub-questions: First, for what stranger do you immediately drop everything to offer aid? And second, can you see that people you look down on...being the Samaritans...are better at this than the people you admire?"

Another urges us: Do not worry about who your neighbor may be. Worry instead about whether you are acting as a neighbor; especially when the likelihood, the strain, even the scandal of being one pushes us far beyond what seems desirable or imaginable.

There are even a couple written by clergy who look boldly in the mirror and question what they see. One writes theological reflections on how hard the law is, or how far from our capacity and how hopeless it is to try to change the system, which all functions as a parlor game to keep us occupied as a church while we actually avoid doing anything for anyone. Finally, this from a pastor of long experience, thinking of how he was the priest passing by on the road: "Reflecting on over thirty years of ministry, I recognize that everytime I have kept the rules of the church with regard to who may or may not be baptized, confirmed, married or buried in the Church, inevitably, someone has gotten hurt or excluded. Usually both. During such times I have felt such a coward having hidden in the thicket of the law."

See what I mean? There are oodles of similar variations. All this, around the concept of "neighbor". So, what do I do with this. How does God give me something new here?

Well...

With all due respect, I think that everyone's focus places the cart before the horse.

Look at the gospel passage in its entirety again. It is always the lawyers! Good for a laugh, sure, and I can get away with a laugh at myself. But while lawyers..in the general view of the culture...are everywhere today like bacteria, degraded in the polls as generally feeding off of man-made and inspired laws for their own benefit...at that time it was apparently different in societal view: the very purpose and focus of the lawyer then was working to understand and interpret God's law. This lawyer asks Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

OK, as an aside, can we all agree that, while there is debate over faith as to whether there is life after death, we also understand the difference between biblical life and death? Well, it has been a slow process in our learning, but we now understand that the phrase “eternal life” describes the here-and-now experience of living life today, in the flesh, while our bodies are breathing and our hearts are ticking.

This is the same concept in the different scriptural language of flesh verses spirit, and we have been talking about this for weeks.

Coming into “eternal life” as Christians is the transformational process of being changed...having repented...being reborn and redeemed...whatever the lingo. The transformational process that occurs to us, through the will and work of God, away from the trials, tribulations, relatively petty and insignificant worries of daily life in the world...and into a life of resting in the relational peace of God.

Starting down the path, and walking together with God in a life journey of a parallel world of mercy, and forgiveness, and forbearance, and expectation of the joys of revelation of the beauty and love of God’s creation in the diversity of everything and everyone around us. That which makes you, and you, and you, different from me, and everyone else on the planet, is what makes you particularly special and loved by God...the part made in the very image of God. The promise of eternal life.

The lawyer in this parable, thank God, understands that we, as the children of God, are entitled to receive our inheritance of eternal life...so, he asks the question outright, as a good lawyer, “what do I have to do?”

Verses 27 and 28 are the key to today’s lesson. Jesus replies with a question back, saying to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." So, that is it. Do this, and you will live. That is simple and straightforward.

End of sermon? Well, not quite.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. It seems to me that if, if, if, we love the Lord our God with all we have and are, it is automatic to love our neighbor as ourselves. It would be a natural. If we are able to obey the command to love God totally in the way that Jesus did, we would not be able to resist, to stop going out and helping any one, anywhere, who needed our help.

Lord knows the need is there, and it is here. From an objective point of view, this community does not need emergency aid. We are not flooded. There is no earthquake damage here. But peel back the onion surface....if we really want to, and that is a very big "IF"....what do we see? Various levels of addiction to various substances, some more insidious than others. Different views and varieties of lower case situations that, taken with others, add up to a cycle of poverty.

Situations like under-employment or unemployment. Inadequate affordable housing. Mental illness. Chronic debt. Or even more specialized, like the needs of single, teenaged mothers, with or without substance abuse issues, who are alone, helpless, unmentored, struggling, panicking.

I have been relatively able-bodied. I have extra bedrooms at home in a too big house. There is more that I could do back when I could, but I cannot seem to get my arms around the hugeness of the problem in a way that I could personally assist in. I would wager there are some here today who feel the same way, saying silently: "I want to help, but don't know how I can given my own health, age, infirmities, schedule, and so on."

The bottom line to all this is that the entire body of analysis about who our neighbor is, and what we should do about it, follows the truth that we should have already given our hearts over to God. That we already meet the commandment of Jesus to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind.

Is failing to do that the great sin? The failure to love God? No, it is the one that comes before that. The greatest sin is our FAILING TO ASK God to help us make that change of heart, because it is only with God's help, we CAN begin to follow that first, great commandment.

That is the place where we find ourselves entering into prayer, at least every Sunday, in the Lord's prayer and elsewhere, to forgive us our sins or trespasses. I used to wonder why, if God forgives our sins, why we have to pray for that same relief over and over...and now I am comfortable in that, at the very least, asking constantly for forgiveness is the way that we continue to allow God to realign our lives back onto the journey God would have for us. Kind of like the way we constantly, and subconsciously, ever-so-gently move the steering wheel in the car while we drive on the interstate.

We call it Resurrection.

We know in our hearts that we are called to help others whose need is evident before us, as did the Samaritan. But we also know in our hearts that we, in and of ourselves, are powerless to give ourselves completely to be able to love the Lord our God in the same way that Jesus did.

We cannot come to love God that way on our own...the great lesson from Chapters 5 and 6 in the Gospel of John. We cannot, absolutely cannot, act on our own to reduce and eliminate the violence, the racism, the oppression that is endemic in our culture, on our streets and in the world. We cannot do it on our own. Not will not. Cannot.

So, pray unceasingly..constantly...that we will know this Resurrection today when it counts most. That God will give each one of us the natural willingness and openness to begin and continue a journey of life that loves the Lord our God with all that we are and all that we have, so that we may inherit that eternal life with God. And, in the partnership with God that was intended for us when we were first created, to witness and see the coming of the kingdom that we pray for.

Hope in resurrection for eternal peace and joy with our loving God, self revealed through our neighbors, as the Father, and as the Son, and as the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and people:

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 the People for the Season after Pentecost

Leader - Through Jesus, whom we confess as Lord, we give thanks and praise to the Father, calling on him who is judge of all: Father, your kingdom come.

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For all the peoples of the world; that they may know you as the God of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For nations, for leaders and governments, and for those who aspire to positions of civil leadership, that integrity may mark all their actions, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For all who labor for righteousness; that your presence and help may give them courage, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For communities torn by dissension and strife, particularly for those who suffered loss of life in the ongoing war in Ukraine; that your forgiveness may bring them healing, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For those who we now name from our healing and prayer list (**names listed below**),

Sharon Parsons
Brett McDonell
Shirley Reali
Charles O'Neill
CJ Broughton
Fr. Jim Heidt
Rob Goodwin
Gaffney Family
Cheri Talmadge

Catherine Zbiegien
Cindy DeProspero-Outwater
David Dutcher
Georgia Northup
McMinn Family
Cathy Ziemba
Vincent Rescigno
Sandie
Toby Werner

Anne Staple
Marion Sweet
Randy Jones Sr.
Velma Kirsch
Erick Kroll
Brenda Outwater
Stevens Family
Lisa Newman

and also for all those who serve in our military here and abroad; as well as for those who are unnamed yet known to you alone, as those who are emotionally or physically ill or weak, for the anxious, the lonely, the bereaved; that consolation and peace may be theirs, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For the Church, your household and family; that she may be firm in the confession of her hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop, DeDe, our diocesan bishop, James, our rector and priest, and for all who bear Christ's name; that their lives may proclaim your glory, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For those who are separated from us by death; **(especially...)** that theirs may be the kingdom which is unshakeable, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - For your answers to the urgings of our hearts; in heartfelt thanksgiving for your mercies and all the blessings given to all of us, known and unknown, for our loved ones, this nation, and your world, including those blessings we now name aloud **(such as...)**, or hold joyfully in our hearts, we pray to you, O Lord:

People - Father, your kingdom come.

Leader - O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep: make us perfect in all goodness to do your will and to be what you would have us be; through him to whom be glory for ever, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for for the people of the Church of the Province of Uganda and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Stephen Kaziimba. And we pray for all bishops and deputies to the 80th

General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland which continues through Monday.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for for the people of the Diocese of West Missouri and their Bishop Provisional, the Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador: We pray for the people of Misión San Pablo, San Juan de Letrán, Usulután, and their priest, the Rev. Antonio López and their seminarian, Vicente Ramírez.

In our Diocese of Central New York: We continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals. We also pray for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Speedsville and their priest, the Rev. Pat Kinney and the people of the Church of St. Mark the Evangelist in Syracuse and their priest, the Rev. Jon White We also pray to you, Loving God, for all who are impacted, here and abroad, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus pandemic, and we especially pray for our families, our friends, and our loved ones, our communities and your church.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant and People together:

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: **304** I come with joy to meet my Lord

Celebrant and People together: **All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Invitation

ALL persons, baptized at any place and of any age, are encouraged and welcomed to receive and share in the communion of Christ's sacramental Body and Blood from God's holy table in this place.

*The Bread and Wine will now be served from the Altar rail; so, when invited, please come up to the Altar (if you are physically and comfortably able to do so) and take a plastic cup from either side. Then proceed to the Altar where the priest will give you the wafer (**gluten-free available**).*

Then the Acolyte will pour some wine into the plastic cup. You take both wafer and cup back to the pew when we will All consume together. If unable to come to the Altar rail, let an usher know and you will be served while seated in the pew.

In place of Communion, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail. The Celebrant will review the above in addition to offering the Words of Invitation prior to the celebration.

Eucharistic Prayer for the Season after Pentecost

Celebrant - The Lord be with you.

People - And also with you.

Celebrant - Lift up your hearts.

People - We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People - It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant - It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S-125 (Celebrant and People together)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant continues - Father, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, and cared for those who were poor. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive. For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us. Together with him we offer you these gifts: in them we give you ourselves. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Celebrant and People together:

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, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Alleluia

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast; Alleluia**

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Post-communion Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Celebrant and People together:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 609 Where cross the crowded ways of life

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Postlude Brevis

David Lasky (b. 1957)

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Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director
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For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries: especially: Jacqueline Nelson, Richard Roman

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

MEETINGS AT ZION:

AA: AA Room

M-F 9 am

M-F:12-1pm

Sat: 12pm; District - 1st Sat. of the month: 6pm

Sat. Convention AA-Every 3rd Sat. of the month 5:30 PM

NA: NA Room

Mon. 7pm

Fri. 7pm

Sat. 11:30 am

Raffle Baskets & Bake Sale Items-Please let our chairperson, Brenda Outwater, know if you are going to make a raffle basket for our strawberry festival. Also, sign-up sheets for all of strawberry festival duties are now in Clarke Hall.

Bicyclist-Every summer, cyclists leave their cars behind in Buffalo to pedal along the historic Erie Canalway Trail to Albany for Parks & Trails New York's annual Cycle the Erie Canal bike tour. The 400-mile journey along the legendary Erie Canal ends in Albany eight days later. Along the way, cyclists enjoy some of the finest scenery, most interesting history, and unparalleled cycling in the United States. Covering between 40 and 60 miles per day, cyclists travel along the Erie Canalway Trail, which is now more than 85 percent complete and the east-west axis of the statewide 750-mile Empire State Trail. This year's event is from July 10-17. **The bicyclist will be spending the night at Zion on Thursday, July 14th.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Special Vestry Meeting by Zoom 7/11/22 at 6 PM

Community Dinner July 23 (Fish Tacos) sign-up sheets in Clarke Hall

Vestry Meeting July 25th at 6 PM

Strawberry Shortcake Festival July 30th from 12-3 PM
August 28th Parish Picnic

**THIS SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 10
July 10, 2022-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom**

Priest:	Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers	Rick Weltz Georgia Northup
Acolyte	Rick Weltz
Altar Guild	Annie Deacon/Annette Clark-Hani
Church Opener	Toby Werner– Month of July

**NEXT SUNDAY: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 11
July 17, 2022-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom**

Priest:	Fr. Jim Heidt
Lay Readers	Annette Clark-Hani Sandie Latimer
Acolyte	Annette Clark-Hani
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