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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Welcome to historic  
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*The Parable of the Sower*

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

**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. 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. Please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar. You will then receive and partake in the communion **from the Reserved Sacrament** at the Altar. Please put cup into the little trash receptacle on your way down the stairs before going back to your pew. If you would like just a blessing; please fold your arms across your chest at the Altar.

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. 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.

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:  
Proper 10  
A Service of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament  
July 16, 2023**

*Sisters and brothers, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion was consecrated as part of a Eucharist celebrated in another time and place. For centuries the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshipping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.*

*Please stand if comfortably able to do so for all hymns.*

Processional Hymn: **390** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Leader:* 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.**

*Leader:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and Prophets.

Gloria (yellow card in pew)

*Carol Stack*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* 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.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – **Genesis 25: 19-34**

*Reader:* The First lesson is the reading from the Book of Genesis

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore, he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus, Esau despised his birthright.

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

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

## The Second Lesson: **Romans 8: 1-11**

*Reader:* The Second lesson is a reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according

to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

### The Third Lesson- **Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23**

***Reader:*** The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of Matthew

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

## *Homily*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Leader and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People from BCP pg. 385 modified Form II**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s): Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, DeDe our diocesan bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in need or any kind of trouble and for those who we now name **from our prayer list:**

Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Marion Sweet
Shirley Reali	David Dutcher	Elena
Charles O'Neill	Georgia Northup	Velma Kirsch
Susan Bogart	Jess Sojka	Erick Kroll
Judy Kozma & Family	Mary Sue	Brenda Outwater
Meribeth Seaman & Family	Vincent Rescigno	Chrissy O'Connor
Shelley & Dave Land	Christine Vecchio-Flaim	Lisa Newman
Ryan Pope	Beth Robinson-Cain	Lilla Weeks
The Heidt Family	Lucretia Reed	Kelly Lubeck
Jim Hoffman	Angela Markel	AnnMarie Hunter
Anne Staple	Deborah Grifa	Kristie Mancini
Jason Rutherford	Kimberly Richmond	Joan Kielian
Melissa Weir & Baby	Leslie & Liney Beckbridge	Stan Davis
Roger Dominick	Wayne Cadrette	Janine Waller
Donald Wilson	Larry DeFrees	

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [**especially** \_\_\_\_\_ ].  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. [**especially** \_\_\_\_\_ ].

*Silence*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today:** In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Canada and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls.



**And in the Episcopal Church:** We pray for the people of the Diocese of Los Angeles and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor.

**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 Trinity Episcopal Church in Camden and their priest, the Rev. Linda Logan, and the people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Camillus and their priest, the Rev. Jon White.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All say together:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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.**

*Leader:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*

### ***The Peace***

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

### **The Offertory**

*Please stand as you are able*

*Leader:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: **486** Hosanna to the living Lord!

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

## **Eucharistic Preparation Prayers**

*Leader:* Gracious and most merciful God, we remember before you those who celebrated the Holy Eucharist at Zion on May 14th with whom we now share Communion through the reception of this sacrament

*People:* **Though many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread and one cup.**

*Leader:* We thank you, Lord our God, for this world which you have given us; you never cease to make it new, and you call us to work with you; you accept the work of our hands.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* You have made humankind in your image; each one of us is fashioned in your likeness, and we are able to recognize your face in the faces of our brothers and sisters.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* You have never desired to live apart from us, and you have taught us to know you through the Law and Prophets, the Apostles and Evangelists, who told us the marvelous story of your love.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* And you have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. In him you have walked along our roads, looked at us with human eyes, done the kind of things that we do, and shared with us the joy that can never be lost.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* Now you give us his Body and Blood, and we give ourselves to you. Through the death and resurrection of your Son, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us, we can make you our eternal home.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever**

*Leader:* So, with all Christians who are gathered together today everywhere, throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, as brothers and sisters we pray to you, as our Savior has taught us.

**The Lord's Prayer** (Kneel or stand)

*Leader 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**

**Administration of Communion**

*Leader:* The gifts of God for the people of God. All are invited to God's table.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Leader and People:*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: **530** Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

*Leader:* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

*Leader:* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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Leader: Annette Clark-Hani  
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director  
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**The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

**For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries:** especially: Doreen Cobble, Thomas Nelson, Kristina & Vincent Graziano

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**M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM**

**District ~1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of the month (Last meeting until Sept. 2023)**

**NA**

**Mon: 7 PM**

**Fri: 7 PM**

**Sat. 11:30 AM**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**7/22-Community Dinner for July will Baked Chicken w/asst. sides  
(sign-up in Clarke Hall)**

**7/29-STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FESTIVAL**

**Pantry-** The first and third Sundays are dedicated to our food drives for Zion and the Vets. We divide among the 2 all that is brought in for the month. Thank You!!!!

**Strawberry Shortcake Festival-**This year seems to be flying by and before you know it the festival will be among us; we have several sign-up sheets in Clarke Hall for various duties and donations we are seeking please look them over and help out for the day of the event. Thank You.

**THIS SUNDAY: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:**

**Proper 10**

**July 16, 2023-9 AM- *Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament in the Sanctuary & on Zoom***

<b>Leader</b>	Annette Clark-Hani
<b>Reader</b>	Sandie Latimer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Brenda Outwater/Jane McDonnell
<b>Church Opener</b>	Annette–Month of July

**NEXT SUNDAY: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:**

**Proper 11**

**July 23, 2023-9 AM- *Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament in the Sanctuary & on Zoom***

<b>Leader</b>	Wayne Osborne
<b>Reader</b>	Jennifer Swinney
<b>Altar Guild</b>	
<b>Church Opener</b>	Annette–Month of July