Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

July 2, 2017
Rev. Eric Zacharias, Pastor
Julianne Marcsisak, Organist

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EDUCATION FOR LIFE!
Good Morning and Welcome!

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, thank you for the freedom that we have in Christ; you are steadfast, our rock of refuge and our mighty fortress. Bless our worship, this day and in our daily lives; may all this give glory to Your name, as we live in Jesus’ name. Amen.

This Week’s Prayer List - remember these in prayer: We pray for a portion of Zion’s family and friends…Steven Leistiko; Darlene Leistiko; Mark and Patti Lenzen; Jill Lenzen; Alex Lenzen; and Marlys Lenzen We pray for those under the care of a physician, undergoing treatment and therapy; for all difficulties and the ability to meet obligations and a strong faith for every need.

Leading Worship Today is Mr. Tom Marcisisak, as Pastor Zacharias is at a family reunion.

Babies Babies Babies! Congratulations to Luke and Erin Rolf on the birth of their son Brendan Robert, 7lbs, 13oz., who looks like brother Brady! Also, congratulations to Vlad and Tonya Spector on the birth of their daughter Alaina Elizabeth. Whitney is absolutely thrilled to finally have a GIRL cousin!

Labels for Education The deadline for Labels is July 9th. If you have any labels lying around, please bring them in. The program is ending on July 31st. Thanks!

VBS 2017 – A Mighty Fortress will be held on July 24-27 from 6 PM to 8 PM. Register online by following the link on our home page at zion-cologne.org. We are also looking for volunteers, who may also register online through the same link. Help us spread the word. The more the merrier!

2nd Quarter Voters Meeting is scheduled for July 17th starting at 8 PM. All members of Zion are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Food Shelf: It’s our month to help at the food shelf. We need 2 people to work a shift from 12 PM to 4:30 PM on Tuesdays. Please call Lila Rolf at 952-467-3796 if/when you can help. Thanks!
In the Name of the Father † Son † Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Give praise to God, for he is just and he is merciful.
His love endures forever.
Come before the Lord and worship him.
His love endures forever.
If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, therefore you are feared.

Silent, we reflect upon our sins
O God, I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
From the cross Jesus spoke the universal word of forgiveness: "Father, forgive them!" So we believe and are assured that our sins are forgiven, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the Name of our Lord!
Amen.

Earth! hear thy maker's voice, The great Redeemer own,
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone;
Cast down thy pride, Thy sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.

And when in power He comes, O may our native land,
From all its rending tombs, Send forth a glorious band;
A countless throng Ever to sing
To heaven's high King Salvation's song.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him,
“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.
St. Paul wrote, "The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,

Not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy he saved us: through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Hymn (Tune: America) "God Is Our Refuge"

God is our Refuge and our Strength, Our ever present Aid, And, therefore, though the earth remove, We will not be afraid; Though hills amidst the sea be cast, Though foaming waters roar, Yes, though the mighty billows shake The mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad The city of our God, The holy place wherein the Lord Most High has His abode; Since God is in the midst of her, Unmoved her walls shall stand, For God will be her early help, When trouble is at hand.

Our Epistle Reading Romans 1:8-17

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to you, O God.

Come claim My strength, you faint in heart And you who have no might. I am the everlasting God; Through Me you can take flight. Mount up, mount up on eagles’ wings, Soar upward to the sky. Draw from My reservoir of power, A limitless supply.

The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 6. Praise be to you, O Lord!

Our Gospel Reading Matthew 6:24-34

This is the Gospel of our Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ!
O weary one, weighed down by care, Come unto Me and rest.
Cast all your burdens at My feet, And you will be refreshed.
Come unto Me, come unto Me, For I am meek in heart.
Take up My yoke and learn from Me, And let your cares depart.

Be still and know that I am God, O’er all exalted high;
The subject nations of the earth My Name shall magnify.
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, Our safety is secure;
The God of Jacob is for us A refuge strong and sure.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn (tune # 631) “Employ Our Minds, O Lord”
Employ our minds, O Lord, we humbly pray,
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Employ our hearts, O Christ—they are Thine own;
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Employ our wills, Most High, hold Thou full sway;
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Sermon

Offering

Employ our lives, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

Bless then our souls, as your Word casts out fear
And breathe new life in all who long to hear;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And we employ that peace that conquers all.
Our Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
L Hear the prayers we bring before you this day...Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer!
L We entrust all things to you, in Jesus' holy name.
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name...

L The earth is the Lord's,
C And all who dwell in it.
L God is king over the nations:
C He rules by his might forever.
L His eyes keep watch on the nations.
C Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.
L O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,
C And make your face to shine upon us.
L May your ways be known upon the earth,
C Your saving power among all peoples.
L Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage.
L Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who have come from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times let not our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.
L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!
L The Lord bless you † shine upon you † and give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn #537 (vv 2, 3 acapella) "Beautiful Savior"
**Finances**

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**The Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Project** relies solely on the generous support of our Christian friends. The cost of this project is not included in any budgets of the Int’l LLL/LHM or the LCMS. We hope that you will want to share with us in this ministry. We request your prayers and appreciate your financial support. Please mail your gift to: The Lutheran Hour Float Committee, PO Box 20044, Riverside CA 92516-0044.

**Chance Intl Outreach Update:** Evelyn Seton is preparing to leave for Liberia, where she will see to the work of the young mothers under her care and to repair their home (damaged in the 1994 revolution) including a leaky roof and needed well for water. Thousands are needed for the project; you can donate through the website [https://www.chanceoutreach.org](https://www.chanceoutreach.org) or through the treasurer, Mary Zacharias.
**This Week – July 2nd to July 8th**

**Sunday, 2nd**
Worship Service | 9:00 AM

**Thursday, 6th**
Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting | 7:00 PM

**Next Week – July 9th to July 15th**

**Sunday, 9th**
Worship Service/Communion | 9:00 AM

**Monday, 10th**
Council Meeting | 8:00 PM

**Tuesday, 11th**
Evangelism Meeting | 7:30 PM

**Thursday, 13th**
Chapel at the Harbor | 10:15 AM

Sunday, June 18  
Attendance = 114

Sunday, June 25  
Attendance = 112  
Communion = 92

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**Agnus Day**

**Vacation Time!**

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**Summer Office Hours**: the office will be open Wednesday – Friday from 8 AM to Noon through August 25th.

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