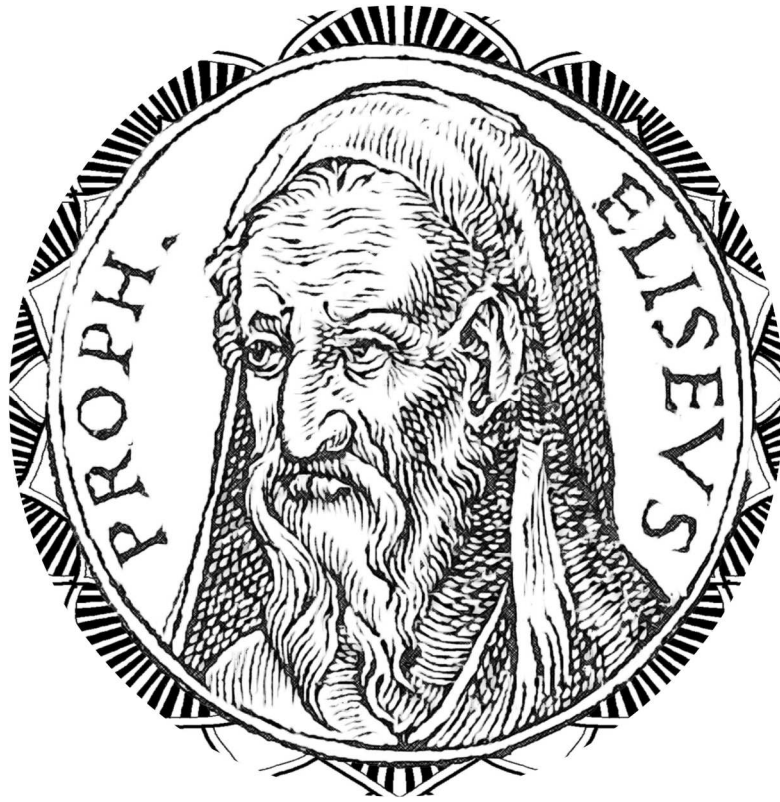


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

As Elisha once asked for a double portion of the Spirit from Elijah, so too do we ask for Your Spirit to remain at work in us and through us as Your baptized people, your beloved Church, the Bride of Christ. Help us this day, gracious Lord, so to meditate on all that You have to say to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.



The Feast of St. Elisha

Festum Sancti Elisiae + June 14, 2026 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Three times this summer, Zion will commemorate an Old Testament prophet. On June 14, the Church remembers holy Elisha, the successor to St. Elijah. All the prophets serve to point us towards Jesus Christ. They teach us to give thanks for the wondrous manner in which God prepared His way, to praise Him for His grace, and to learn anew the path of life. To highlight our commemoration of these prophets, we use the Lutheran church's fuller and more traditional liturgy, full of rich Scriptural witness to guide our reflection on God's Word.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

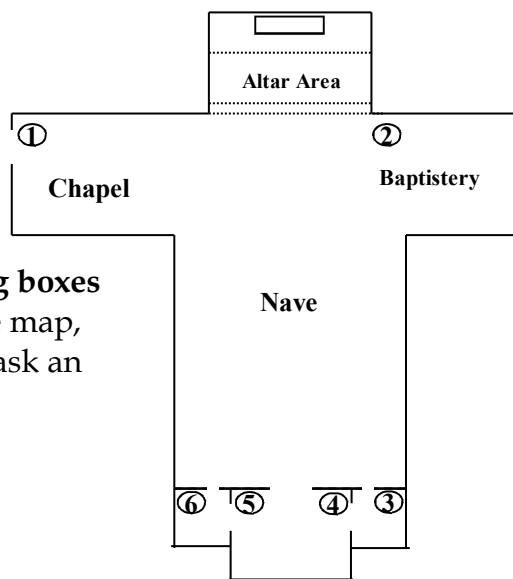
- The sponsor charts for 2026 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

Reception into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27). On June 28, Zion will celebrate its first Sunday as a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Zion was in fellowship with the ELS and its predecessor synod for more than half of her history, and it's a joy to reunite with this synod once more. Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk there, and you shall find rest for your souls (Jeremiah 6:16). Starting that Sunday, our Communion invitation will begin reflecting this new fellowship, providing visitors with a path towards communion at Zion in unity of faith. I appeal to you . . . that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment (1 Cor. 1:10).

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.





PRELUDE

“Antiphon V”

... Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

... LSB #670

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Elisha threw a piece of wood into the stream of the Jordan. By this means, he retrieved from the water the iron of the axe with which the sons of the prophets wished to cut the wood to build their house. So our Christ has ransomed us at Baptism from our heaviest sins by His crucifixion on the wood and Baptism in the water.

~ Justin Martyr (d. 165 A.D.), Dialogue with Trypho

*Behold! See
how those
who are
washed by the
"spiritual
Elisha,"
[Jesus,] who
is our Lord
and Savior,
are purified
in the sacra-
ment of Bap-
tism and
cleansed of
the stain of
the letter of
the law. Yes,
it is to you
Christians
you to whom
it was said...*

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and, for his sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Please stand.

INTROIT

L: Let us all rejoice | in the Lord,*
celebrating a feast day in honor of | all the saints

C: **At whose solemnity the angels | rejoice,*
and give praise to the | Son of God.**

L: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

C: **Give thanks to the LORD | with the lyre;*make melody to him with the harp of | ten strings!**

L: Sing to him a | new song; *
play skillfully on the strings, with | loud shouts.

C: **For the word of the LORD is | upright,*
and all his work is done in | faithfulness.**

L: He loves righteousness and | justice; *
the earth is full of the steadfast love | of the LORD.

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

L: Let us all rejoice | in the Lord,*
celebrating a feast day in honor of | all the saints

C: At whose solemnity the angels | rejoice,*
and give praise to the | Son of God.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



... 'Arise, go to the Jordan and wash, and your flesh will be renewed.' Naaman arose, departed, and, when he had washed, carried out the figure (mysterium) of Baptism. And his flesh became like that of a child. Who is this child? He who is born in the bath of regeneration. ~ Origen (d. 253 A.D.), Homilies on Luke

The strategy of Elisha's "conquest" of the land is foreshadowed at the end of 2 Kings 2: first he heals the waters of Jericho and then curses the mocking "boys" of Bethel...

GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Lord God, heavenly Father, through the prophet Elisha, You continued the prophetic pattern of teaching Your people the true faith and demonstrating through miracles Your presence in creation to heal it of its brokenness. Grant that Your Church may see in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the final end-times prophet whose teaching and miracles continue in Your Church through the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT 2 Kings 2:19-22

¹⁹Now the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful." ²⁰He said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. ²¹Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, "Thus says the LORD, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it." ²²So the water has been healed to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

...Successful as Elisha is in ministering the life of Yahweh, his ministry does not save even his own prophetic communities from suffering, as all Israel, faithful and unfaithful, suffers in the judgment of exile. Yet, Elisha's ministry lays the foundation for a new house to be built by the remnant on the far side of exile.

*~ Peter
Leithart,
1 & 2 Kings,
2006 A.D*

*[The psalm]
is chiefly
written to
make us ex-
cited about
God's Word.
It praises
God's Word
throughout
and warns us
against both
the false
teachers and
against bore-
dom and con-
tempt for the
Word...*

GRADUAL *Psalm 34:9-10b, Rev. 7:14b, Psalm 84:5*

L: O fear the Lord, all his saints:
for there is no want to them that | fear Him. *
They who seek the Lord shall not lack for any | good thing.

**C: These are they who came out of the great tribu- | lation, *
and have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood | of the Lamb.**

L: Blessed is the one whose strength | is in you; *
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 4:1-6

¹Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ²through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, ³who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer. ⁶If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

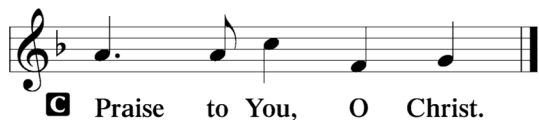


¹⁴And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. ¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



...Its primary concern is that we have God's Word in its purity and hear it gladly...For where the Word is not purely taught, there is truly an abundance of prayers, instructions, comforts, worship, suffering, and prophecies – but totally false and condemned!

~ Martin Luther, Summaries of the Psalms, 1531 A.D.

Through [this story of Enoch] God desired to impart to the first and primeval world the hope of a better life after this life. Later on in the second world, which had the Law, God gave the example of Elijah, who was taken away by the Lord even as his servant Elisha was looking on. We in the New Testament are in the third world, as it were; and we have a more outstanding example...

APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thine the Amen"

... LSB #680

SERMON

"Elisha: A Prelude to Jesus"

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons" ... LSB #682

Please stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

...Christ Himself, our Deliverer, ascending to heaven with many other saints. In every age God wanted to have at hand proofs of the resurrection of the dead in order to draw our hearts away from this detestable and troubled life, in which, as long as it seems good to God, we nevertheless serve Him by performing our governmental and civic duties and also, above all else, by leading others to godliness and the knowledge of God.

~ Martin Luther, Lectures on Genesis, 1545 A.D.

In 2 Kings 13:21 we read that on one occasion a man became alive when he touched up against the bones of the deceased Elisha. This awakening of the dead man did not somehow take place through some secret, hidden power in those bones; rather, through the power of the Son of God, of whom Elisha was a type...

SANCTUS ("Holy")

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

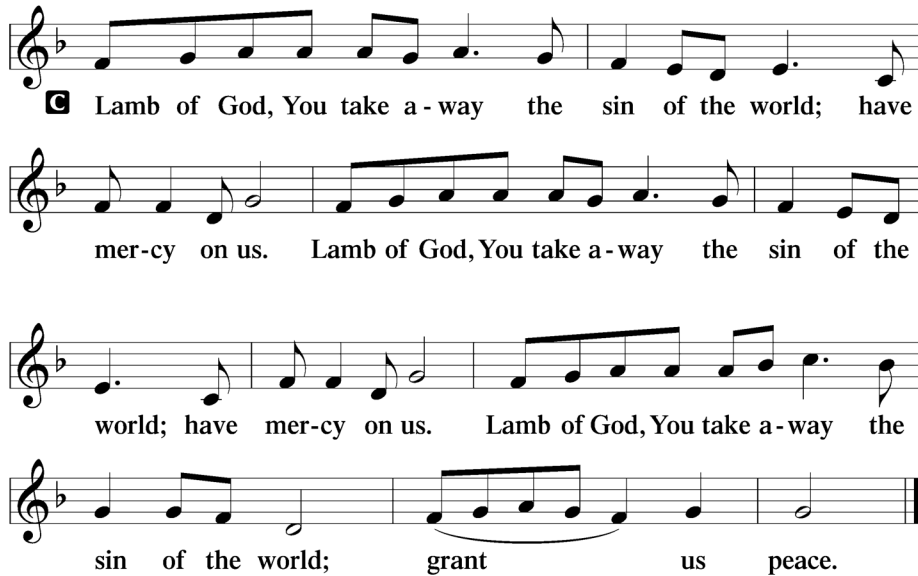
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

At this altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His body and blood into our mouths. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. It forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is joy, life, and salvation.

Baptized Christians who are united with Zion in her public confession of faith are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time.

...By this is shown that all Christians, who are much more closely related to Christ – especially since Christ is flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone, Eph. 5:30 – shall become recipients of resurrection and life from Him.

~ Johann Gerhard (d. 1637 A.D.), Eleven Easter and Pentecost Sermons

**A Prayer
As You Go**

O Lord of eternal mercy, uphold your servants who turn to you in love. By the blood of your Son, cleanse our hearts from the death of the old, to the eternal life of the new. By your Holy Spirit adorn us in full armor for the battles that await so that, with confidence in your saving grace, we may stand in the victorious light of your love, and rejoice in your presence everlasting, Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- “Your Table I Approach” ... LSB #628
“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” ... LSB #722
“God Has Spoken by His Prophets” ... LSB #583

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!
C: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

- “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” ... LSB #923

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Toccata-Sortie"

... Auguste Larriu (1840-1925)

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

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