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Sunday, May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen**

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence for reflection

P God of Grace and Glory,
C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ✝️ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

GATHERING HYMN: *When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)* (ELW 785)

Sing only verses 1, 3, and 4

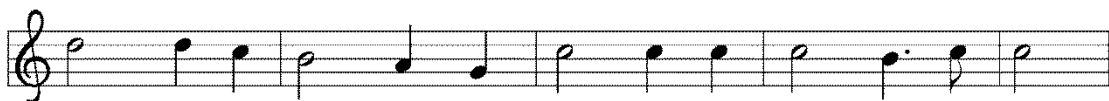
When Peace, like a River
It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

RESPONSIVE READING

P For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all,

C **for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,**

P That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,

C **that we may live out truth and justice and grace,**

P for peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,

C **for life and for love, for work and our play,**

P for your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,

C **that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,**

All **let us pray to the Lord.**

THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



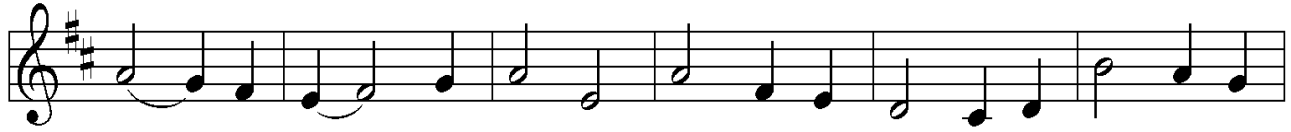
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Beautiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your Tree of Life. Nourish us with your Word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the World you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16: 9-15*Please be seated.***L** A reading from Acts.

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the Gospel. Her conversion and Baptism provide the impetus for founding of the Church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L The word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**PSALM: Psalm 67***Read responsively.*

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

²**Let your ways be known upon Earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon Earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The Earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

⁷May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the Earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21: 10, 22--22:5**L** A reading from Revelation.

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of Heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the Temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant Sun and Moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the Holy City Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven from God. ¹¹It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷He also measured its wall, one hundred forty-four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. ¹⁸The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass.

¹⁹The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the Earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

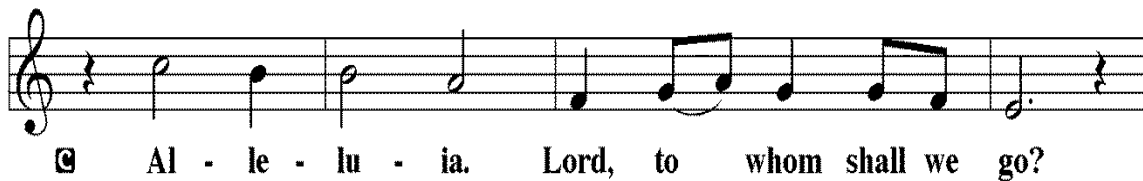
¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL: John 14: 23-29

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will the followers of Jesus and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

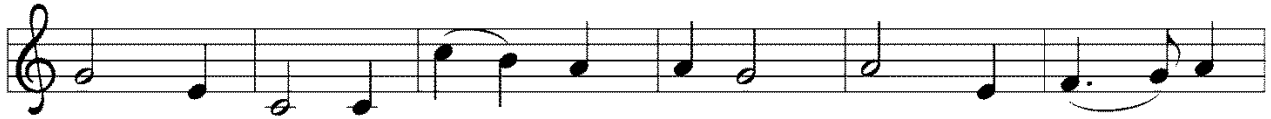
**SERMON**

Please be seated.

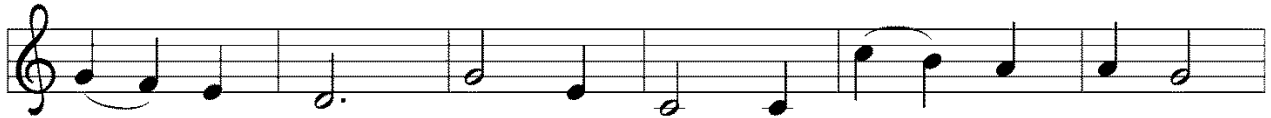
HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, You Give the Great Commission (ELW 579)

Please stand as you are able. Sing only verses 1, 3, and 5.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



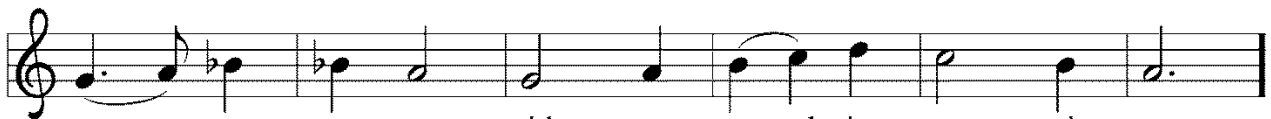
1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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APOSTLES' CREED

- A** Please join me in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into Heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the Church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

- A** God of new life, open your Church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace especially; Michael, the Porters, Niki, Arlene, and those we hold in our hearts. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died especially John Calvin, renewer of the Church and those who have left us this year, when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P** In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- 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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
(Preface is in the pocket of the Pastor's binder.)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

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

EASTER THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the Heavens and the Earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying World. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray the prayer you taught us:

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION will be done individually at your seats.

Please be seated.

P The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new Heaven and Earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
C Amen

BLESSING

P God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
 ✚ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: (UMH 431)

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me;
 let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant be.
 With God our Creator, children all are we.
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
 With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
 to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

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DISMISSAL

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the World. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C *We go out--Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God's Grace, Reaching out with Christ's love.* **Amen!** (The words in italics are Zion's mission statement.)

POSTLUDE

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Serving during worship this morning:

Presider: Jon Meister

Lector:

Worship Assistant:

Musician(s): Ann Riesbeck DiClemente, Jerry Gossett, Malenie Hadidon

Food fund donations: Flowers on the Altar in honor of our Risen Lord.

Serving during worship next week:

Presider: Jon Meister

Lector:

Worship Assistant:

Musician(s): Ann Riesbeck DiClemente, Jerry Gossett

Food fund donations:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune.

CONTACT THE PASTOR

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.

COMING EVENTS AT ZION

BREAKFAST AT FIRST ENGLISH

May 29th is a fifth Sunday. We will not be having church here at Zion because we will be sharing breakfast with First English. Please come with us as we serve breakfast and worship with our friends in Christ.



DAY OF PENTECOST

June 5th, is the beginning of Pentecost. Dust off your red clothing and prepare to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

FATHERS' DAY June 19th, is Fathers' Day. We all have one, they may not be the best dad's, but we have some man in our lives, maybe more, that we love. As we did for Mothers's Day, for God Moments on the 19th, think of a time that you remember with your dad or your father figure.

VILLAGE EVENTS.

May 28th Spring Cleaning Free Cycle. The village is having a Giant community Garage Give-away called a Free Cycle. Set up is 9 AM –Noon the Event is 1-3 PM. Everything must be clean and in good repair. It hits 2 of my favorite areas. Great for your Wallet! Great for the Environment! Come and see what you can find or get rid of some of the things that you have been storing for eons.

JUNE 10th is the first **Friday Night Uptown** for this year. I drove by a couple of Fridays. I have not gone yet. It looks like everyone is having a good time. These close off Center Street and have food trucks and musical entertainment. (There are bleachers to sit on.) If you are looking for a fun date night or just a reason to come out and let your hair down, this is going to be the place.



JUNE 11TH Russ Miller's Fishing Derby will be held. We don't have much information at this time. If you are interested in this event, you might check the W. Jefferson Parks and Recreation page on Facebook. I will post more information as I get it.

PRAYERS



Please keep these people in your prayers: Michael Koch; Wesley and JoAnn Porter; Nicole Biler Robinette; and all of those who are still suffering from COVID-19 and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor. We have not heard from the Toys or Seltzs for quite a while.

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Michael has moved to *The Grove*, a facility that is much closer to his home. You can get updates from Linda at www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid. Keep all of the Koch's in your prayers.

If you hear or know of anyone who should be on our Prayer List, please let me know, my number is 614 398-6302 lejohn7310@icloud.com



Child Nutrition Waivers Set to Expire June 30

When the pandemic started, Congress gave the USDA the authority to issue national child nutrition waivers. This made it possible for schools and local organizations to change their delivery models and ensure that children had access to nutritious food.

The waivers are set to expire on June 30 – leaving millions of children in the U.S. vulnerable to food insecurity.

The waiver extension is critical due to rising food prices, ongoing supply chain disruptions, and staffing shortages. Allowing them to expire will make it much harder for schools and local organizations to provide nutritious meals to children.

Please act today and urge your members of Congress to extend the child nutrition waivers through the 2022-2023 academic year. Your advocacy is vital in ensuring children get the nutritious food they need to thrive.

Email your members of Congress and urge them to extend the child nutrition waivers through the 2022-2023 academic year.

Sincerely,

Sergio Mata-Cisneros

Domestic Policy Analyst, Bread for the World

This is Our Hands doing God's Work by simply sending an email to our Congressmen. Please consider supporting our children.

FUNDS FOR ZION

Did you know that when you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7201301, Amazon donates to Zion?

Also, if you have a Kroger card, you can designate Zion to receive a percentage of your grocery expenses. Go to the service desk to inquire.

REMEMBER SPECIAL FAMILY DAYS/SIGN-UPS

We are asking those who would normally remember special family celebrations by signing the calendar for flower donations too, instead, donate money in lieu of flowers. The money will go to the food pantry. Please check the bulletin board behind the door to the office for all of the sign-up sheets for this year. Lectors and Worship Assistants are also welcome. Thank you so much!

You can find copies of the Directory on the table by the door.