

**Sunday Worship
Time after Pentecost**



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INTRODUCTION

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Still, Still, Still

Arr. Martin

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #771

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

KYRIE

Music in Red hymnal on page 138

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Refrain **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

P: Let us pray . . .

C: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Gary Groth

R: ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said,

"Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

Gary Groth

R: ²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: **Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #595

Jesus Loves Me

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERING SONG Red hymnal #583

C: **Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold:
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:
"Serving Christ through serving others."**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Resignation)* Arr. Keesecker
& O God Beyond All Praising (Thaxted)

*Please follow the guidance of the leaders as you exit
to participate in Holy Communion*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.*

OFFERING 7/18 & 19

Total Unified Giving: \$3,492.00

Total Building: \$750.00

ATTENDANCE

Saturday: 36

Sunday: 28

TREASURER'S REPORT: May 2020

Unified Giving: \$17,324.00

Expenses: \$14,844.37

Building Fund Giving: \$2,113.60

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance: \$31,713.71

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the months of May 2020 on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH / Socks for Seniors

Since 2002, Socks for Seniors hosts an annual sock drive throughout the United States. Community organizations across America are becoming involved by collecting adult socks to be distributed to senior centers and nursing facilities. Many of the residents have no funds to purchase needed items and socks are one of those most needed items.

What kind of socks should you collect? The funnier, funkier styles you can find - holiday themed, bright colors, animals, patterned. One recipient of socks replied, "We're just old, not dead and we still have a sense of humor!" **Also needed are traditional tube socks.** Please avoid socks that have individual toes. There will be a laundry basket and display in the lobby inside Zion's Walnut Street entrance. If you cannot shop for socks, feel free to leave a donation and the shopping will be done for you. Socks should be placed in the laundry basket and monetary donations should be given to Linda in the office.

NEEDY BASKET is still collecting non-perishable food items during this pandemic. We encourage you to continue to support the Needy Basket food pantry by dropping off food at the church. The collecting can will be right outside the Walnut Street entrance. Many families are in need at this time. Thanks for feeding your neighbors.

HOLY WALKAMOLIES For the Cure, our Relay For Life team, is currently selling Tupperware and Pampered Chef products. Orders will be accepted until July 29. If you would be interested in purchasing something, please contact Team Captain, Debbie Rudisill at 937-335-0230 or rudisillde@aol.com.

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH by Lori Sebastian

July's Composer of the Month is Joseph Martin. These Joseph Martin pieces were played for prelude: July 5 - *An American Tapestry*, July 12 – *The Road Home*, July 19 – *Be Thou My Vision*, and July 26 – *Still, Still, Still*. Martin received his Bachelors of Music degree in Piano Performance from Furman University (Greenville, SC) and his Master of Music in Piano Performance at the University of Texas (Austin). He taught for 5 years before becoming Director of Sacred Publications at Shawnee Press.

He is probably most known for his choral compositions, but his piano solo volumes (and recordings) have shown enormous popularity in both secular and sacred audiences. He has won numerous awards over the years. While he has performed solos throughout the U.S. and Mexico, he currently devotes his efforts to playing for churches and conferences of church musicians.

Joseph Martin has over 1,000 compositions in print across multiple publishing houses. One unique current opportunity Mr. Martin is offering is called Journeys with Joe. He has partnered with a tour group to offer a “Celtic Celebration” trip to NW Ireland for a week in 2021; and then a “Summer Sonata” series – originally scheduled for 2020 has been rescheduled for 2022 to explore Prague and Salzburg. Joseph is married to his wife Sue, and they have two children Jonathan and Aubrey.

Staff

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