

**Time After Pentecost  
October 18, 2020**

AS WE  
LOSE OURSELVES  
IN THE  
*services*  
OF OTHERS  
WE DISCOVER  
*our own lives*  
AND OUR  
OWN  
*happiness*

Evangelical

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## INTRODUCTION

*In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Medley—It is Well with My Soul  
He Leadeth Me*

Arr. Hassell

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN #526 (vs. 1,3,4)

*God Is Here*

## KYRIE

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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7**

**Chris Frame**

**R:** <sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will

break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**Chris Frame**

R: <sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-22**

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

P: <sup>15</sup>The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #841

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## 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

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.

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH 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: Mothering God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: Amen.

#### HYMN #679

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

#### 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. Remember the poor.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Arr. Bottomley

***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.*

**Total Attendance 10/10 & 10/11: 53**

**OFFERING: Total Unified: \$4,043.00**

**Total Building: \$ 310.00**

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| <b>TREASURER'S REPORT:</b>    | <b><u>June 2020</u></b> |
| Unified Giving:               | \$17,075.50             |
| Expenses:                     | \$21,969.24             |
| Building Fund Giving :        | \$ 2,103.85             |
| Mortgage Payment:             | \$ 2,500.00             |
| <b>Building Fund Balance:</b> | <b>\$30,470.38</b>      |

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

### **Staff**

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;  
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Susan Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH / *What is Operation Christmas Child?***

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "What to Pack" brochure located on the table under the youth board. **Each packed box must include \$9.00 cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse placed inside the box for shipping. Do not include: candy, gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass, aerosol cans.**

**\*\*Note:** if you want to help out but are unable to shop or prefer not to you can also help by making a donation to help with gifts and shipping. Any questions contact Jackie Glawe, 937-478-3318 or [chritianed@zionlutherantippcity.org](mailto:chritianed@zionlutherantippcity.org)

**All boxes or monetary gifts need to be at Zion by November 8, 2020.**

### **DO YOU WANT TO BE A SECRET SISTER?**

The Women of Zion will not be holding their annual Christmas dinner this year. But we won't let covid stop our fun! To be a Secret Sister this is what you need to do:

E-mail Linda Holt if you want to participate: [ljhbrass@frontier.com](mailto:ljhbrass@frontier.com) or [ljhbrass1@gmail.com](mailto:ljhbrass1@gmail.com).

You will be matched with another woman who is participating and you and she will become Secret Sisters.

Beginning on **Sunday November 15 and through Sunday December 6**, put a small gift in her mailbox at church. Of course, don't reveal your identity! Gifts should be inexpensive inspirational items (bookmarks, pens, notecards, etc.), candy, Christmas ornaments or anything that you think your Secret Sister might enjoy.

Put the item in her mailbox at church. You can drop it off through the week during office hours or at worship services on Saturday or Sunday.

On **Sunday December 13**, the Women of Zion will hold a "reveal party". (Social distancing and masks, please!) You will exchange a larger gift (\$10.00 or less).

Details for this will come later.

We hope you will join us to continue and encourage connections with our sisters!

For more information, contact Linda Holt – 947-2093.

### **2021 WALL CALENDAR SALE**

This sale is to benefit the Zion Youth Group. We have sold them in the past and the price is \$7.00. Please watch for the calendars.



**THE WOMEN OF ZION** will be accepting donations to defray the cost of shipping the nearly 100 handmade quilts our Zion Quilters have made this year, the ELCA school kits and the ELCA health kits that our members have donated. Last year's shipping cost for Zion's donations was over \$500 and most of that was paid for by your generous donations. Look for the shipping donation jar on the table outside the Fellowship Hall. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to **Women of Zion**.

**COMMUNION SCHEDULE**—**Saturday worship** is going back to celebrating communion on the 4th Saturday of the month . Also, on the ***4th Saturday of the month***, we will have drive by communion available right after the Saturday service 5:45 pm—6:00 pm. Starting in October, for the Sunday worship service, communion will be celebrated on the ***first and third Sundays*** of the month.

### **ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD 2021**

There are estimate of giving cards next to the offering plate in the back of the fellowship hall. Make sure when you fill one out that you specify by week, month or year. Also, please include your name. Thank you!

### **PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Tom & Babs Wesbecher have moved to Springmeade. Their new address is:

1 Rosebud Court  
Tipp City, OH 45371

Their phone number remains the same. Please make this change in your directory.