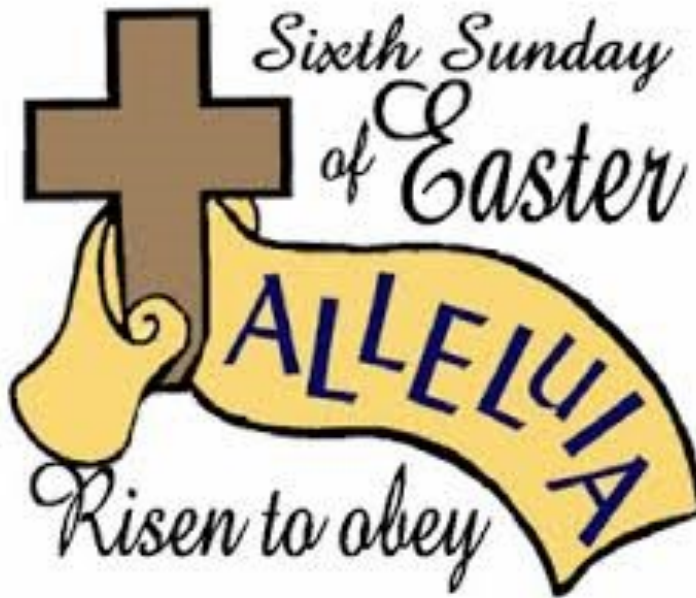


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INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (with Pachelbel's Canon)* Arr. Hansen

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #631 (vs. 1,2,4)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

KYRIE

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

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire;**

through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

Reader: Dale Schaefer

R: ⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

Reader: Dale Schaefer

R: ¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **John 15:9-17**

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

P: [Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #666 (vs. 1,3,4)

What Wondrous Love is This

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 . . .

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.

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

C: Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #836

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

O Waly, Waly

Arr. Turner

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Chuck & Erma Swanson in honor of their anniversary.*

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

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING May 1 & 2

Total Attendance: 80

Total Unified Giving: \$5,925.00

Total Building Fund: \$ 790.00

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Unified Giving: \$28,005.18

Expenses: \$20,030.18

February 2021

Building Fund Giving: \$1,800.20

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance as of February, 2021: \$27,948.49

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of February 2021 on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH: EAGLES WINGS

Eagles Wings Stable is a non-profit on Washington Road in Piqua. E.W. Stables provides equine assisted therapeutic activities for children and adults with special needs to benefit and improve development and quality of life. "People need help" so as you enter the Fellowship hall please notice the display set up to further explain the therapy.

COMMUNION SERVICES

Below you will find a list of dates that communion will be offered here at Zion. It is the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month and the 4th Saturday of the month. You will also find

this schedule in the monthly newsletter.

Saturday: May 22, June 26

Sunday: May 16, June 6, June 20

NEW ADDRESS

Please update your directory with the following information.

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Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*