

May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter



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INTRODUCTION

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I'll Fly Away

Arr. Ham

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.

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 #843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the

powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Reader: Jeff Slyman

R: ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

Reader: Jeff Slyman

R: ⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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 17:6-19

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

"Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #655 (vs. 1-3)

Son of God Eternal Savior

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 #186 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + **Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.**

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

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

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

Arr. Labenske

**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.*

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by John & Jill Greer in celebration of Isaiah’s 3rd birthday.*

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING 5/10: 77

Total Unified Giving: \$2,605.00

Total Building Fund: \$ 290.00

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Month of March 2021 Finances

Unified Giving: \$19,337.42

Expenses: \$20,050.64

Building Fund Giving: \$1,870.77

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance: \$27,319.26

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF ZION will meet this evening at 7:00 p.m.

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

HOLY BAPTISM

Last Saturday, May 8, Bennett John Witwer was baptized in a private ceremony. Bennett was born on October 12, 2020 to Matt & Kristen Witwer. Please keep this family in your prayers.

RELAY FOR LIFE . . . During May, our Relay For Life team will be taking orders for luminarias which will be placed around the track during the event on June 19. You may dedicate a luminaria **in memory of** someone who had cancer, **in honor of** a cancer survivor, or **in support of** someone battling cancer. Cost is \$10 each. If you would like to order a luminaria, please contact Debbie Rudisill, 937-335-0230. Our team will have a garage sale May 20-22 at 85 Floral Acres, Tipp City. Hours on Thursday and Friday will be 9-5; hours on Saturday will be 9-12. All proceeds will go to Relay For Life.

Staff

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