

June 13, 2020
Time after Pentecost



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INTRODUCTION

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Arr. Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #451

We are Baptized in Christ Jesus

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

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: **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Reader: Kervyn Mach

R: ²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Reader: Kervyn Mach

R: ⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are

in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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: Mark 4:26-34

P: The Gospel according to

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

P: ²⁶[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #679

For the Fruit of All Creation

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

OFFERING SONG #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.**

BLESSING

**P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be
upon you now and forever.**

C: Amen.

HYMN #663

Spread, Oh Spread a Mighty Word

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. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. Bottomley

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Bob & Ruth Stollmer in celebration of their 59th anniversary.*

*The flowers on the pedestal are given in celebration of
Jim & Carolyn Oaks 60th wedding anniversary.*

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

Worship: June 5 & 6 Attendance: 89

Total Unified Giving: \$6,414.00

Total Building Fund: \$650.00

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Unified Giving: \$19,337.42

Expenses: \$20,050.64

March 2021

Building Fund Giving: \$1,870.77

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance as of March, 2021: \$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 fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**WOMEN OF ZION** will meet this evening at 7:00.**MISSION OF THE MONTH Christmas in July**

Tipp Monroe Community Services will be providing the senior citizens who reside at Liberty Commons with a "Christmas in July" event. In addition to lunch, games and prizes, the residents will receive a goody bag of helpful and fun items. During the month of June, a giving tree will be set up in the lounge area of the church. You are encouraged to take one or more ornaments, purchase the item(s) and return them to the tree no later than **Sunday, June 27**. Please do not wrap the items. Thank you!

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: June 26**Sunday:** June 20

RELAY FOR LIFE . . . event will be 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.

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