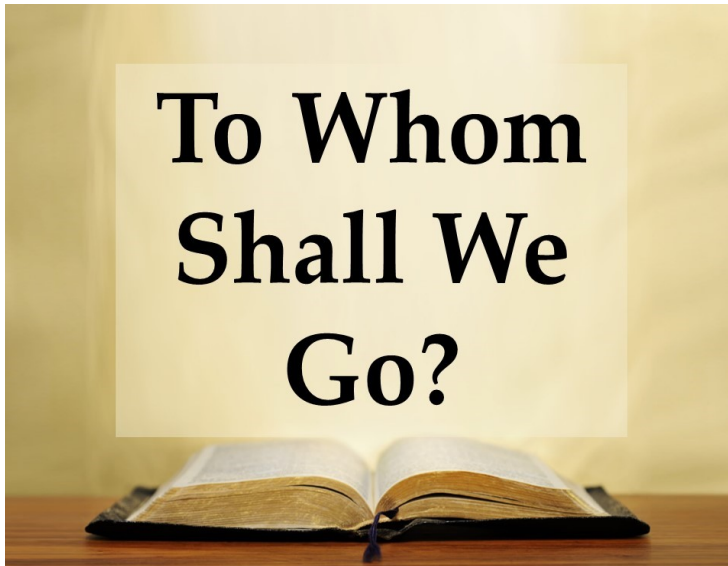


**Sunday Worship
Time after Pentecost
August 22, 2021**



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INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Come with Joy

Arr. Bottomley

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 Red hymnal #557

Awake My Soul and with the Sun

KYRIE

Music on page 120

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

Music on page 121

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: **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SOLO by Lisa Sebastian

King of the World

Mizell, Grant, and Mizell

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Reader: Bob Keppel

R: ¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

Reader: Bob Keppel

R: ¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert .

and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Music on Page 124

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 **John 6:56-69**

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

P: [Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #638

Blessed Assurance

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

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 Red hymnal #855 (vs. 1,3,5)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Arr. Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Covert & Maureen Holley in celebration of their 62nd anniversary.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

Total Attendance: 88

Total Unified Giving: \$2,260.00

Total Building: \$ 450.00

Staff

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: May 2021

Unified Giving: \$18,146.20 Expenses: \$25,836.24
Building Fund Giving: \$1,924.20 Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance: \$26,377.89

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the months of May 2021 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 For August 2021 LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

These kits will be shipped overseas to help children learn, in disadvantaged areas. Each school kit needs the following items:

- One** 30-centimeter ruler, with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Five** unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band.
- Four** 70-sheet notebooks of wide ruled paper. No loose leaf paper.
- One** pencil sharpener
- One** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One** pair **blunt** scissors. (**No** pointed scissors)
- One** 2 ½ " eraser

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band
Stop by the church doors on Walnut St. and pick up a *School backpack* to get started, and fill the School Kit with necessary items above. Any questions, ask Action Team Leader Kathy Groth. Thanks for your help. A **"packing party"** will be held on Sunday, Sept.12 @ 7:00 p.m. Thrivent Financial is sponsoring \$250.00 for our Action Team shoppers/packers of School Kits. The backpacks purchased by Women of Zion and Thrivent Financial are already here. Now we need to fill them up!

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

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.

Saturday: August 28 & September 25 Sunday: September 5 & 19

ZION'S CHOIR . . . Directors: Bill Jones and Susie Gray

There will be a choir rehearsal on Sept. 9 at 7:00 p.m. We welcome anyone interested in being a part of the choir to join us. We will sing at the 10:00 service on September 12th.