

**May 22, 2022
Choir Sunday**



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INTRODUCTION

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Blessed Spring

Arr. Hansen

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #851

When in Our Music God is Glorified

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, lets 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: **Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Susie Gray *Lamb of God*
Arranged by Lloyd Larson Words & Music: Twila Paris

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

R: ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 11-22:5

R: ¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 14:23-29**

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

P: ²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you

everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones
Arranged by John Leavitt

River in Judea
Lyrics: Linda Marcus
Music: Jack Feldman

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN ACS supplement #939

Touch that Soothes and Heals

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.

Please place your offering in the plate as you enter the sanctuary

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #207

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: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,+ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #763

My Life Flows on In Endless Song

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. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Arr. Hobby

In Helpful Service

Speaker	Kristen Zimmann
Greeters	John & Jill Greer
Reader	Madelyn Lopez

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

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Chuck & Jane Drake in loving memory of their Grandson Braden.

ATTENDANCE 5/14 & 5/15: 91

Offering: \$2,585.00

Building Fund: \$175.00

Sunday School

Adults: 16 Children: 7 Youth: 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Socks for Seniors

Since 2002, Socks for Seniors hosts an annual sock drive throughout the United States. Socks are distributed to senior centers and nursing facilities. Many residents have no funds to purchase needed items and socks are one of those needed items. Fun socks, themed socks, bright colors etc. will be **collected through May 31st**. Please avoid socks that have individual toes and high compression and diabetic socks. Sock donations can be placed in the laundry basket and monetary donations can be put in the offering plate labeled "Socks for Seniors".

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

We will be combining the June & July Tidings. If you have anything to put in the Tidings, please have the information in to the office by Monday, May 23rd.

COMMUNION IN MAY

Saturday, May 28

COMMUNION IN JUNE

Sunday, June 19 Saturday, June 25

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, May 22nd is the last day of Sunday School.

YOUTH SYNOD DAY

After worship on May 22nd there will be a Youth Synod Day meeting and a Christian Ed. Advisory committee meeting. Please plan to attend.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you have ever wondered about becoming a member at Zion Lutheran Church, Here's the perfect opportunity:

When: Sunday, June 12, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

Where: Adult Sunday School Class Room

THE CLOTHESLINE is a used clothing shop operated by volunteers from area churches. A number of Zion members volunteer their time each month to sort clothing and to work as a clerk at the checkout table. The shop is open from Wednesday through Saturday and is located at 22 N. 2nd St. in Tipp City. Each church involved in the Clothesline and designated charities receive a portion of the profits realized from the sales. The Women of Zion use these funds to benefit our outreach ministries. **We could use additional help in sorting the donated clothing on the second Monday of each month and when there is a fifth Monday. The volunteers meet from 8:00-10:00 a.m. to sort the clothing into men, women and children's piles.** Those who cannot stay for the two hour slot can still work for as long as they can. If you are able to help out with this worthwhile ministry, please text or call Donna Slyman (937-902-1038) the week before so she will know how many to expect.

Staff

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
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