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INTRODUCTION

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Day of Arising

Arr. Cherwein

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 #855 (vs. 1-3) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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 or 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, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

R: ¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all

the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

R: ¹²See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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 17:20-26**

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

P: [Jesus prayed:]²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #826

Thine the Amen

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 #855 (vs. 1,4,5)

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: 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 *Come Away to the Skies* *Arr. Leavitt*
This postlude was selected for the Ascension of Jesus (May 26)

*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 Wayne Fronczak and Felicia Young in memory of
her mother Ahdele Young's birthday.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Greeters	Covert & Maureen Holley
Reader	Bob Keppel

ATTENDANCE 5/21 & 5/22: 97

Offering: \$2,663.00 Building Fund: \$800.00

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".

REMINDERS FOR NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY, June 5 & 6

- Food Pantry Collection is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel next to the elevator. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.
- Thank Offering will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Zion. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

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

COMMUNION IN JUNE

Sunday, June 19

Saturday, June 25

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*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*
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