

Sunday Worship
July 24, 2022

*Jesus said to her,
“Will you give me a drink?” John 4:7*

WATER

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INTRODUCTION

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Loving Spirit

A.K. Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #532

Gather Us In

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: **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

- R: ²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they

have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

R: ⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when

you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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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 **Luke 11:1-13**

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

P: ¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are

with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer *Will You Give Me A Drink?* John 4:1-7

HYMN Red hymnal #742

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

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.

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.

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #755

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Arr. Burkhardt

Worship: July 17 & 18 Total Attendance: 94

Total Unified Giving: \$2,161.00

Total Building Fund: \$2,982.00

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Pastor Dale Schaefer
Greeter	Deb Keppel
Reader	Madelyn Lopez

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Mike & Belinda Hannah in celebration of their anniversary.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION IN AUGUST: Sunday, August 7 & 12 / Saturday August 27

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran World Relief Health Kits

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT: **ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended / **TWO or THREE** bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping / **ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original package* / **ONE** sturdy comb; remove packaging / **ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.

Two ways to help with kit: **1** - You may purchase the items listed, put them **unassembled** in a bag and place in collecting box in narthex **2** - Donate money that a group of shoppers may use to purchase the items listed. Give Donna a call if you have any questions @ 902-103

ZION NIGHT / DAYTON DRAGONS GAME / Saturday, August 6th, Game Time 7:05 p.m. If you wish to carpool, meet in the Zion parking lot at 5:45 and we'll plan to pull out at 6:00 pm. The stadium does not accept cash, only credit cards are accepted.

Staff

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*; Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn *Christian Education Director* Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*