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## **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!**

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. if you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

## **INTRODUCTION**

*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*arr. Mark Hayes*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C:** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, You are the river of life,  
You are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might You have freed us from death and raised us with  
Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed  
away, and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

P: Glory to You for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to You for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to You for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from You. Empower our witness to Your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with You and the Spirit reigns forever.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN Red hymnal #619 (v 5-8)**

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

### **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 . . .

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to following the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Director: Bill Jones                      *There is a Balm in Gilead*  
Composer: French carol

### **TEMPLE TALK**

Chris Parker with Wernle Homes

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60**

R: <sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

R: <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and

precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14**

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

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father

and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Dale Schaefer

**HYMN** Red hymnal #530

*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

## **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** *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

**OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues**

**OFFERTORY SONG #207**

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let ev'ryone 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.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

### **BLESSING**

**P:** The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C:** Amen.

### **HYMN Red hymnal #654**

*The Church's One Foundation*

### **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. Serve the Risen One.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

*arr. Victor Labenske*

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Chuck & Erma Swanson in honor of their 46th anniversary.*

*The altar pedestal flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by John & Jill Greer in honor of their new grandchild.*

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

## In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Acolyte	Alex Garvic
Reader	Lilian Nichols
Communion Assist	Susie Gray
Greeter	Co Holley

### ATTENDANCE 4/29 - 30: 106

Offering: \$ 2,352.00

Building Fund: \$ 125.00

### Sunday School 4/29

Adults: 13 Children: 6 Youth: 5

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSION OF THE MONTH / SEEDS OF HOPE

*On any given day, in Ohio, there are over 16,000 children in foster care and over 124,000 children in kinship care. Our organization was born out of the need to support and encourage the families that care for these children. Over the past 3 years, we have filled over 1,000 need requests from foster and kinship families in Troy, Miami County and the surrounding counties.*

*We started with the idea of providing a small bag of basic needs including diapers, wipes and pajamas. Quickly, we saw the need was far greater than this. Requests grew into larger care items including beds, car seats, baby care items and more. Soon we realized that, along with items, families were craving community. We began hosting monthly free shop days, support events and advocacy and education events to create a sense of community and encouragement.*

See the display in the narthex for items to choose for donating.

**RELAY FOR LIFE** of Miami County will be held **June 17, 10 am-11 pm** at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Our team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, would love to have some more members. Our next team meeting will be **May 21, 3 pm** in the adult Sunday school room. If you don't want to join the team, you can still help by: **Making a donation.** You can donate online at <http://www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty>. When asked who you are supporting, select the team Holy Walkamolies For the Cure. Checks payable to American Cancer Society may be given to Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt.

**Purchase a luminaria** in memory of a loved one, in honor of a cancer survivor, or in support of someone currently battling cancer. These will be placed around the track during the event. Luminarias are \$10 each. For an order form see Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt.

**Garage/Bake Sale** on June 8-10. If you would like to donate garage sale items (no clothes) or baked goods, contact Debbie Rudisill or Erma Swanson.



**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday, May 14th

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** Sunday, May 21st at 9:00 a.m.

**CHAIR REPLACEMENT:** The Women of Zion are looking to replace the chairs in the Fellowship Hall. For \$25 you can purchase a foldable chair without arms (we need 120) or a stackable chair with arms (we need 30) for approximately \$70-\$80. We would like these to be purchased in time for our Congregational Meeting/Thanksgiving Dinner in November.

The chairs are on display in the narthex. Check them out! To purchase one, make a check payable to Women of Zion or put money in an envelope marked "Fellowship Hall replacement chairs" in the offering plate or turn it into the office.

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel in the Walnut Street entrance. 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 here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

<b>Monday, May 8</b>	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
<b>Tuesday, May 9</b>	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	5:00 pm	Communication Committee
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
	8:00-9:00 pm	AA
<b>Wednesday, May 10</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, May 11</b>	6:00-8:00 pm	Give Where You Live

## **Staff**

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