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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

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Head that Once was Crowned* *arr. Hobby*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: **Amen.**

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 #631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones *Now the Green Blade Rises*
Composer: French carol

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

P: ²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has

appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

P: ¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

P: 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 14:15-21**

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

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him,

because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CONFIRMATION Red Hymnal #234

Mason & Madelyn Lopez, Zachery Johnson

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Purple Hymnal #1001

Holy Woman, Graceful Giver

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 #840

Now Thank We All Our God

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 *Postlude on Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Portman

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by James & Lori Sebastian in honor of mothers and in celebration of Rachel's college graduation.

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	Hannah Kessler
Reader	Linda Holt
Communion Assist	Linda Holt

ATTENDANCE 5/6 & 7: 100

Offering: \$11,285.00

Building Fund: \$60.00

Sunday School 5/7

Adults: 12 Children: 4 Youth: 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

To celebrate the Confirmants immediately following the service. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

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.

DONATE EYEGLASSES: Did you know there is a collection box for used eyeglasses in the hallway leading into the sanctuary? The Lions Club collects eyeglasses to donate to those who need them but who can't afford the cost. The Lions Club box is next to the collection box for pop can tops that benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

MANY THANKS to the congregation of Zion for helping supply Oesterlen with much needed supplies (116 to be exact) including the George Foreman Grill/Air Fryer funded by Thrivent Action Team Funds. Your generosity is much appreciated. From Judy Bailey

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, May 15	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
Tuesday, May 16	10:00 am 8:00-9:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA
Wednesday, May 17	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 18	11:30 am	Red Cross Blood Drive

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*;
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