The Holy Trinity June 4, 2023



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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

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE I Bind unto Myself Today arr. Schaffner

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God.
- C: we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Righteous God,

C: we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #413

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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 . . .

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. 12The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years. ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth

across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

R: The Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

R: [Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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 **Matthew 28:16-20**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Matt & Carly Breen, Richard & Debra Geiman

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red Hymnal #412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity All (v 1, 4), Women (v 2), Men (v 3)

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #665

Rise, Shine You People

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. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Come You Almighty King

arr. Proulx

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Jack & Sharon Byrd in celebration of their 56th Anniversary.

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 Chuck Drake
Communion Assist Susie Gray

Ushers Judy & Ken Bailey

Greeter Co Holley

ATTENDANCE 5/27 & 28: 104 Unified Giving: \$1,388.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING UPDATE Beginning May 14th, if you mark your offering for "Building Fund", it will be going into the Capital Improvement fund. Since we retired the mortgage last fall, we no longer need a building fund.

MISSION OF THE MONTH / LUNCH AT LIBERTY COMMONS Tipp Monroe Community Services will be providing the senior citizens who reside at Liberty Commons with a luncheon event. In addition to lunch, games and prizes, the residents will receive a goody bag of helpful and fun items. During the month of June, tags will be on the table in the narthex with needed items. Please bring in the items by Sunday, June 25th.

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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 17-21

Dinner will be served from 5:30 – 5:55 pm for kids and parents. VBS will begin promptly at 6:00 pm and will end at 8:00 pm. Sign-ups for VBS to attend (kids) or help (adults/youth) can be done online at www.myvbs.org/zion45371 or there are paper applications available from Jessica Dorn by request. Spots are limited so please sign-up early! If anyone has their \$500 Thrivent Action Team Fund that hasn't been donated yet, please consider donating it to VBS for the dinners.





ZION NIGHT AT THE DAYTON DRAGONS

Please join us for a Dayton Dragons baseball game

When: Saturday, July 22 at 7:05 pm

Cost: \$15 per person (cash or check payable to Zion

Lutheran Church)

Sign up on the sign up sheet in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall and have your money turned in by **June 25**. There is an envelope on the table in the work room by the office for the money. You will receive a printed ticket prior to the game. Meet at the church at 6:00 pm if you are interested in carpooling. Day Air Ballpark concessions are still "contactless". You will need to use a debit

or credit card if you wish to purchase any food or drinks.

If you have any questions, contact Jill Greer.

Come on out and enjoy a fun night at the ballpark!

PHOTO ALBUM CREATOR needed to organize photos currently in workroom drawers. See Annette if you are interested in working on this project.

PASTOR IS ON VACATION from June 9 -18. In case of emergency, contact Kervyn Mach 937-470-8290.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, June 4 New Member Reception after service

Monday, June 5 10:30 am Mission Quilts

3:30-5:00 pm TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 6 10:00 am Mission Quilts

8:00-9:00 pm AA

Thu - Sat, June 8-10 Relay For Life Garage Sale

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