

Sunday Worship
June 25, 2023
Time After Pentecost



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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

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Arr. Keveren

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 Purple hymnal #987

Guide My Feet

KYRIE Red hymnal #120

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 Red hymnal #121

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

REETING / 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: **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21

R: ⁸The child [Isaac] grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

R: ¹Bow down Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

C: ²**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save Your servant who trusts in You.**

R: ³Be merciful to me, O LORD, for You are my God; I call upon You all the day long.

C: ⁴**Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

R: ⁵For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon You.

C: ⁶**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

R: ⁷In the time of my trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me.

C: ⁸**Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord, nor anything like Your works.**

R: ⁹All the nations You have made will come and worship You, O Lord, and glorify Your name.

C: ¹⁰**For You are great; You do wondrous things; and You alone are God.**

R: ¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me; give Your strength to Your servant, and save the child of Your handmaid.

C: ¹⁷**Show me a sign of Your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

R: ¹Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means. How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰The death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He

lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #401

C: **Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It's Your leading that we're needing, help us to follow You. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ. Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 10:24-39**
Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red Hymnal #798 (v1-3)

Will You Come and Follow Me

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 #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS 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 #537

On Our Way Rejoicing

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

Tocatta in 7

John Rutter

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Miriam Comer in memory of Roger.*

*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
Communion Assist	Kervyn Mach
Reader	Chuck Drake
Ushers	John & Dianne LeGros
Greeters	Dale & Debbie Rudisill

ATTENDANCE 6/17 & 18: 57

Unified Giving: \$1,595.00

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.

CHAIR REPLACEMENT: Donations are still being accepted for the new chairs.

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. TODAY!** 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!

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. TODAY!**

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.

ZION WEEK AT LUNCH ON US: July 10-14, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

We will need 4 Zion members each day to arrive at the Tipp City Methodist Church kitchen at 9:30 until 12:30 to help prepare and box up lunches for Tipp City/Monroe Township youth. Please sign up for one or more days.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, June 25	Randall Residence Outreach	
Monday, June 26	10:30 am 11:30 am - 3:30pm 3:30-5:00 pm	Mission Quilts Clubhouse TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, June 27	10:00 am 11:30 am - 3:30pm 8:00-9:00 pm	Mission Quilts Clubhouse AA
Wednesday, June 28	11:30 am - 3:30pm	Clubhouse
Thursday, June 29	11:30 am - 3:30pm	Clubhouse

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*

