

Sunday Worship
July 2, 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

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Living Prayer

Arr. Ron Block

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 #523

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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.**

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: **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Wayfaring Stranger
Guitar & Voice

Traditional Melody
Mitch Tayse

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

R: ⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

R: ¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim Your faithfulness.

C: **²For I am persuaded that Your steadfast love is established forever; You have set Your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

R: ³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

C: **⁴"I will establish Your line forever, and preserve Your throne for all generations."**

P: ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your presence.

C: ¹⁶**They rejoice daily in Your name; they are jubilant in Your righteousness.**

R: ¹⁷For You are the glory of their strength, and by Your favor our might is exalted.

C: ¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

P: ¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: 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 10:40-42**

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

P: [Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red Hymnal #802

Let Us Ever Walk with 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 (*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 #891

God Bless Our Native Land

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Arr. Portman

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Jill & John Greer in celebration of their 41st 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	Madison Dorn
Communion Assist	Kervyn Mach
Reader	Kervyn Mach
Ushers	Judy & Ken Bailey
Greeters	Debbie & Randy Turner

ATTENDANCE 6/24 & 25: 87

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 packaging**

ONE **sturdy comb, remove packaging**

ONE **metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging**

Two ways to help:

1) Purchase the items listed, put them **unassembled** in a bag and place it in the collection box in the narthex.

2) Donate money that a group of shoppers can use to purchase the items listed.

Give Donna Slyman a call if you have any questions @ 902-1038.

Deadline is Monday, July 31st

