

**Sunday Worship**  
**July 9, 2023**  
**Time After Pentecost**

*Come to me, all you that  
are weary and carrying  
heavy burdens, and I will  
give you REST.*

*Matthew 11:28*

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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 mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Arr. Hansen

## **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 #770**

*Give Me Jesus*

**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: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**TEMPLE TALK**

Lifewise Academy

Abby Hufford  
Director

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12**

R: <sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14**

R: <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: <sup>9</sup>LORD, You are good to all, and Your compassion is over all Your works.**

R: <sup>10</sup>All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, and Your faithful ones shall bless You.

**C: <sup>11</sup>They shall tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your power,**

R: <sup>12</sup>that all people may know of Your power and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

C: <sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; Your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all Your words, and loving in all Your works.**

R: <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

R: <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:16-19, 25-30**

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

P: [Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." <sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Dale Schaefer

**HYMN** Purple Hymnal #1017

*Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

## **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 #765**

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

**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**

*Trumpet Tune*

Arr. Portman

*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
Communion Assist	Pam Sauls
Reader	Chris Frame
Ushers	Deb & Bob Keppel
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson

**ATTENDANCE 7/1 & 2:** 100

**Unified Giving 6/24 & 25:** \$2,921.50  
7/1 & 2: \$4,085.00

**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









