

Sunday Worship
August 6, 2023
Time After Pentecost



Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Arr. Turner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 #638

Blessed Assurance

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: **Glorious God, Your generosity waters the world with goodness, and You cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

R: ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

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

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

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

C: ¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon You, O LORD, and You give them their food in due season.**

R: ¹⁶You open wide Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C: ¹⁷**You are righteous in all Your ways and loving in all Your works.**

R: ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon You, to all who call upon You faithfully.

C: ¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear You; You hear their cry and save them.**

R: ²⁰You watch over all those who love You, but all the wicked You shall destroy.

C: ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

R: ¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14:13-21**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the

disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red Hymnal #785

When Peace Like a River

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 Purple hymnal #942

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:**
“Serving Christ through serving others.”

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Sortie on King's Weston

Arr. Portman

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Joe & Shirley Delaplaine in celebration of their 49th 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	Hannah Kessler
Communion Assist	Susie Gray
Reader	Susie Gray
Ushers	Judy & Ken Bailey
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson

ATTENDANCE 7/22 & 23: 87

Unified Giving 7/22 & 23: \$2,192.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIMPLY GIVE: The Needy Basket Food Pantry is participating in the Meijer *Simply Give* program at the Troy store now through September 30. The program encourages customers to purchase \$10 *Simply Give* donation cards, which are then converted into Meijer food-only gift cards for use by Needy Basket. In addition, Meijer will double match any cards purchase on Saturday, August 12 and Saturday, September 9, effectively tripling contribution made on those days. In addition to purchasing cards at the Troy store, donations can also be sent directly to Needy Basket at 330 South Fifth St., Tipp City, OH 45371, for submission on a double match day. The *Simply Give* program is a way for Meijer customer to support the food banks and pantries that feed families in need in their own communities.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU? August 14-18, 9:00- 11:00 am. In front of the church. Two people per day are needed to assist Pastor Dale. Prayerfully consider volunteering.

BLESSING OF THE PETS: August 19, 10:00 - 11:00 am. Located in front of the church with the rain location under the portico. Pastor Dale will offer each pet and its owner a prayer and a blessing.

CONSTITUTION REVISION: Zion needs to revise our constitution per the ELCA. If you are interested in serving on this task force, please contact Denise Jacobs at 937-524-6330. One to two volunteers are needed for approximately 3-4 meetings.

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS: Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Zion on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023.**

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)
- Atrial Fibrillation

The 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes. Register on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hallway or call 1-844-591-7160.

