

**Sunday Worship**  
**August 20, 2023**  
**Time After Pentecost**

# Faith & Fellowship

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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**

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **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 Purple hymnal #1043**

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

### **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 . . .

**God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen**

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

R: <sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 67**

R: <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Let Your way be known upon earth, Your saving health among all nations.**

R: <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C: <sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

R: <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C: <sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

R: <sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

R: [Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28**

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

<sup>10</sup>[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery,

[fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.]

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Purple hymnal #1078

*There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

## 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

### 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 #971

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

#### 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.**

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Co Holley in memory of their 64th anniversary.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion’s prayer chain may be submitted  
using a ‘Prayer Request’ card from the pew rack.*

**ATTENDANCE 8/12 & 13: 103**

**Unified Giving 8/12 & 13: \$4,705.00**

## In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Communion Assist	Brad Kennedy
Reader	Christine Schlater
Usher	Brad Kennedy
Greeter	Katie Kessler

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for adults, youth and kids begins on September 10th at 9:00 a.m.

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all who donated to the July Mission of the Month, Personal Care Kits. We collected a total of 25 kits.

**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, September 9, effectively tripling contributions made on that day.

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.

**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. To register call 1-844-591-7160.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS**

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH LWR CARE KIT:

These kits will be shipped overseas to help children learn, in disadvantaged areas. Each school kit needs the following items:

**One** 30-centimeter ruler, with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.

**Five unsharpened No. 2** pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band.

**Four** 70-sheet notebooks of wide ruled paper. No loose leaf paper.

**One** pencil sharpener

**One** box of 16 or 24 crayons

**One** pair **blunt** scissors. (**no** pointed scissors).

**One** 2 1/2" eraser

**Five** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band

Pick up a *School backpack* in the narthex to get started, and fill the School Kit with necessary items above. Any questions, ask **Action Team Leader Kathy Groth**. Thanks for your help.

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

<b>Sunday, August 20</b>	10:00 am	Church Service & Picnic
<b>Monday, August 21</b>	10:30 am 3:30-5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday, August 22</b>	10:00 am 8:00 - 9:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA

**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*









