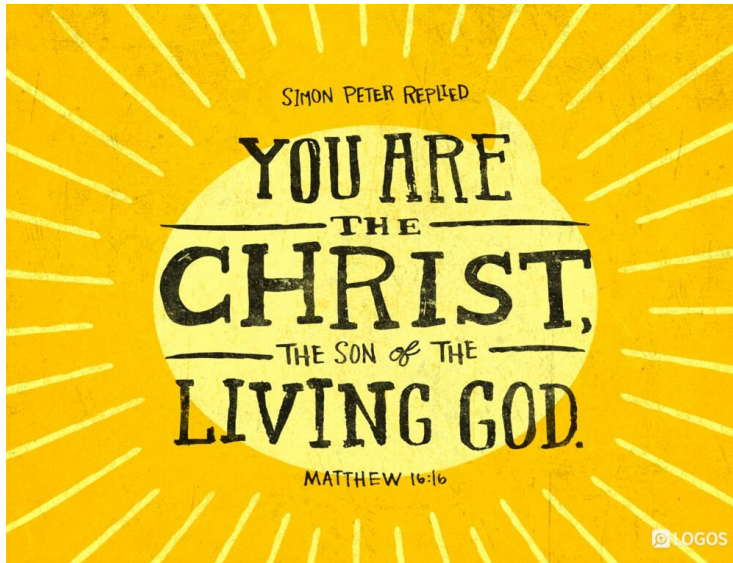


Sunday Worship
August 27, 2023
Time After Pentecost



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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

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *In Christ There is No East or West* Arr. Hansen

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 #838

Beautiful Savior

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 . . .

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through 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 51:1-6

R: ¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

R: ¹I will give thanks to You, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing Your praise.

C: ²I will bow down toward Your holy temple and praise Your name, because of Your steadfast love and faithfulness; for You have glorified Your name and Your word above all things.

R: ³When I called, You answered me; You increased my strength within me.

C: ⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise You, O LORD, when they have heard the words of Your mouth.

R: ⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

C: ⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

R: ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You keep me safe; You stretch forth Your hand against the fury of my enemies; Your right hand shall save me.

C: ⁸You will make good Your purpose for me; O LORD, Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of Your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

R: ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some

say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red Hymnal #597

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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 #731

Earth and All Stars

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

Jesus Loves Me

Arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Jeff & Jaque Mitchell in honor of their birthdays & anniversary.*

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

In Helpful Service

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| Pastor | Dale Schaefer |
| Communion Assist | Susie Gray |
| Reader | Jeffrey Slyman |
| Usher | Brad Kennedy |
| Greeter | Co Holley |

ATTENDANCE 8/19 & 20: 113

Unified Giving 8/19 & 20: \$2,044.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 ½" 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.

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

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.

