

July 7, 2024

Time After Pentecost



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and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

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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

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation
Handbells

Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in You. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to You. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen

HYMN Red hymnal #396

Spirit of Gentleness

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

C: **God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage You gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal #328

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life
Handbells

Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

R: ¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 123

R: ¹To You I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

C: ²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to You, O LORD our God, until You show us your mercy.**

R: ³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

C: ⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

R: ²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.

³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #401

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.

Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

**Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 6:1-13**

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

P: ¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And He could do no deed of power there, except that He laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And He was amazed at their unbelief. Then He went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Sally Padgett

HYMN Purple hymnal #1000

God's Work Our Hands

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 OF THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer....

OFFERING—INVITATION—God’s Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #583 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days: let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use every pow’r as thou shalt choose.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days: let them flow in ceaseless praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / 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 blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #538

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth
(sing through twice)

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. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Suite Breve on Sursum Corda

Arr. Trenney

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
John & Jill Greer in celebration of their 42nd anniversary.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Sally Padgett
Reader	Chuck Drake
Communion Assist	Linda Holt
Ushers	John & Dianne LeGros
Greeters	John & Jill Greer

Total Attendance: 6/29 & 30: 90

Unified Giving: \$2,410.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET ZION’S PASTORAL CANDIDATE July 13 & 14 after worship services.

Meet and greet Jaren Summers and his wife Kendra. A congregational vote for acceptance will be taken on July 21st after worship service.

ZION NIGHT AT THE DRAGONS August 10th is going to be a great time at the ballpark. Jill Greer will be handing out the tickets and \$5 vouchers when she receives them. If you wish to carpool, be at the church at 6:00.

JULY 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.

LUNCH ON US Zion members who are interested in volunteering at the Lunch on Us program are asked to call or text Rene at (937) 308-4813 to sign up for a day or a week. Volunteers need to be there by 9:00 and are usually finished by noon. This program began June 10 and **ends on August 14**. Volunteers will prepare and package food items, fill lunch containers and hand out the lunches either at the Methodist church or on the delivery van.

POPSICLES IN THE PARK has been POSTPONED. Watch for updates on the new date.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, July 8	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Scouts
Tuesday, July 9	10:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Council Meeting AA Meeting
Thursday, July 11	Blood Drive	
Saturday, July 13	After Service	Meet Pastor Jaren Summers

Staff

Sally Padgett, *Interim Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
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