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# **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

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**The Church's One FoundationA

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#### **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 #789

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#### **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: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, 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

Tayse Family

# THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

R: <sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

- R: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

# PSALM: Psalm 23

- R: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- C: <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- R: <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- C: <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C: <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the R٠ uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For He is our peace; in his flesh He has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances. that He might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So He came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.<sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

- 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 6:30-34, 53-56
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: <sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As He went ashore, He saw a great crowd; and He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard He was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever He went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Sally Padgett

#### HYMN Red hymnal #611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#### **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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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

- The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, P: + be upon you now and forever.
- **C**: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #782

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

#### DISMISSAL

- P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church
- The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through C: serving Others."
- P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- Thanks be to God. **C**:

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Dale & Debbie Rudisill in celebration of their 49th anniversary.

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

#### In Helpful Service

Pastor Reader Communion Assist Pam Sauls Ushers Greeters

Sally Padgett Jeff Slyman Jeff & Jaque Mitchell **Billie Fischer** 

Total Attendance: 7/13 & 14:118

Unified Giving: \$3,785.00

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE ON PASTORAL CANDIDATE TODAY after worship service.

#### 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 **<u>unassembled</u>** 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.

**ZION NIGHT AT THE DRAGONS August 10th** is going to be a great time at the ballpark. Jill Greer handed out the tickets and \$5 vouchers last weekend. If you didn't get them, check your mailbox. If you wish to carpool, be at the church at 6:00.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** is **August 25th**. The worship service and picnic will be in our comfortable air conditioned Fellowship Hall. A variety of games will happen after lunch. Church council will provide the chicken and the Women of Zion will provide drinks. Bring a side dish to share and your own service ware. A sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hallway.

**RALLY DAY** is **September 8th at 9:00**. Children, youth and adults will celebrate rejoining for Sunday School with breakfast. Lori Sebastian will be presenting the lesson. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the fellowship hallway. Those who want to contribute a breakfast item, please indicate what you are providing.

**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 on 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.