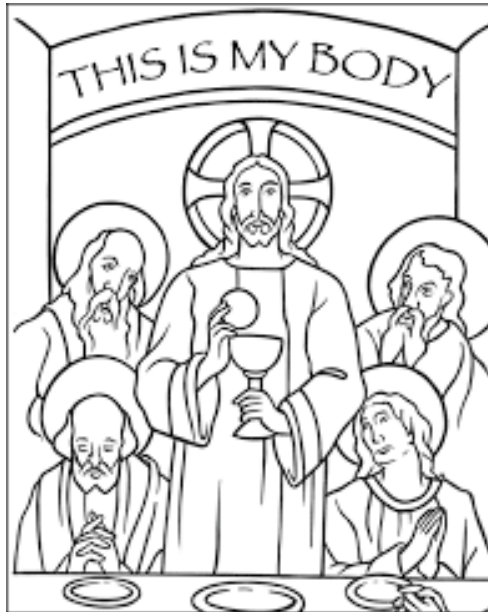


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Time After Pentecost



“Those who eat my flesh and drink my
blood abide in me, and I in them”

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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

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The King of Glory and King of Kings* Arr. A.K. 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 # 469

By Your Hand, You Feed Your People

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: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through 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.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

R: ¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14

R: ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

C: ¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
R: ¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
C: ¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
R: ¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.
C: ¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

R: ¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 **John 6:51-58**
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them,

"Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Sally Padgett

HYMN Red hymnal #765

Lord of All Hopefulness

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

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 #542

O Living Bread from Heaven

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Arr. Cherwien

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
Jeff & Jaque Mitchell in celebration of their 54th 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	Lilian Nichols
Communion Assist	Susie Gray
Usher	Garry Yunker

Total Attendance: 8/10 & 11: 110

Unified Giving: \$3,060.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Lutheran World Relief School Kits*

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** by the table in the narthex to get started, and fill the backpack with the necessary items listed above.

Any questions, ask **Action Team Leader Kathy Groth**.

AUGUST 25TH is:

Pastor Sally's Last Service at Zion—There is paper on the round table in the narthex to write Sally thank you notes for her service as Interim Pastor . Please place your finished thank you in the box on the table.

Annual Church Picnic—The worship service and picnic will be in our comfortable air conditioned Fellowship Hall. 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.

There will be a **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** as part of the festivities. A sign up sheet is also in the hallway.

We will also be taking **PHOTOS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY** in the hall beside the Christian Ed Director's office.

SUNDAY SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED to fill usher and greeter spots through August. Please sign up in the fellowship hallway.

PASTOR JAREN SUMMERS will be ordained on **Saturday, August 24th at 1:00 pm** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Muncie, Indiana. Zion members are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend and want to carpool, let Annette know. He will begin service here in September.

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.

AUGUST TIDINGS are still available on the round table in the narthex.

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: In September the Women of Zion will serve a meal for the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen in Troy on **Saturday Sept 7th**. The meal will be served at **Kennedy Hall at the Terrace Ridge Apartments, 1323 McKaig Avenue in Troy**. We need at least 6 people (men can help, too!) to arrive at 10:00 am to help prepare or warm up food. **Serving time is 12:00-1:00**. People will come to the center to eat and some meals will be delivered at the apartment complex. These can be delivered by walking or driving. If you would like to help prepare the food or serve, please see Linda Holt.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, August 19	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Scouts
Tuesday, August 20	10:00 am 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA Meeting
Thursday, August 22	7:00 pm	Compassionate Friends
Saturday, August 24	1:00 pm	Pastor Summers Ordination Holy Trinity Church, Muncie IN
Sunday, August 25	10:00 am	Church Service & Picnic Randall Residence Outreach