

**August 25, 2024**

**Time After Pentecost**

**Annual Church Picnic**

# 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 today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

## **WELCOME & 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, 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 Purple hymnal #1043**

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

**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: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Joshua 24:15-22**

R: <sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>"Revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." <sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22**

R <sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

**C:** <sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

**R:** <sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

**C:** <sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

**R:** <sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

**C:** <sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

**R:** <sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**C:** <sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

**R:** <sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to **John 6:56-69**

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

**P:** [Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me,

and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This 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." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while He was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And He said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON** Sally Padgett

**HYMN** Purple hymnal #975

*O God, Whose Word Well-Planted*

## **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**

**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 #759**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**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.**

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by  
Ruth Stollmer in memory of Bob.*

*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	Matt Breen
Communion Assist	Linda Holt
Greeters	Carly & Matt Breen

**Total Attendance: 8/17 & 18: 86**

**Unified Giving: \$2,185.00**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK YOU PASTOR SALLY** for serving Zion Lutheran Church. Blessings as you embark on your new pastoral position.

**BE SURE TO GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN TODAY** in the hallway by the Christian Ed Office so we can update our member directory.

### **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**.

**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.

**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.

**THE CLOTHESLINE** in Tipp City is a clothing resale shop started in 1981. It is run by volunteers from the churches in Tipp City. The proceeds go to local charities. Zion provides volunteers that sort (the "sorters") donated clothing and remove clothing (referred as the "pullers") that has not sold for a designated time period. The participating Tipp Churches are each given money every 3 months with a year-end bonus depending on the Clothesline's total income for the year. The money is to be used for their designated mission of choice. This amount is calculated by the number of hours the sorters and clerks volunteer. **Please consider volunteering.** At present, Zion has the lowest number of pullers and sorters. More details about volunteering are in the September Tidings. Contact Donna Slyman with questions.

**LIFE LINE SCREENINGS** will be here Tuesday, **October 15th**. Life Line Screenings is the Nation's leader in Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk screenings. See the poster in the hallway for more information. Book an appointment by **calling** 888-814-0466, visit the **website** LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA or **text** the word "circle" to 216-279-1607.

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

<b>Sunday, August 25</b>		Randall Residence Outreach
<b>Monday, August 26</b>	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Scouts
<b>Tuesday, August 27</b>	10:00 am 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA Meeting

### Staff

Sally Padgett, *Interim Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;  
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Custodian*