

September 15, 2024

Time After Pentecost



“If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take
up their cross and follow me.”

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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

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Arr. Labenske

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: **Amen**

HYMN Red hymnal #660

Lift High the Cross

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones
Composer: Ray Makeever

Let Us Enter In

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

R: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9

R: ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: ²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

R: ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C: ⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

R: ⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

C: ⁶The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

R: ⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

C: ⁸For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

R: ⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

R: ¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #124

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 8:27-38**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his

disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Summers

HYMN Red hymnal #808

Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song

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 #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 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: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #774 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

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. Follow Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Arr. Labenske

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Felicia Young & Wayne Fronczak in celebration of their 4th Anniversary.

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Acolyte	Abby Olt
Reader	Chris Frame
Communion Assist.	Linda Holt
Usher	Joyce Luther
Greeter	Lois Davis

Total Attendance: 9/7 & 9/8: 106
Unified Giving: \$4,350.00

Sunday School: All Ages: 33

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: In September, the Women of Zion will serve a meal for the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen in Troy. In addition to serving at the Kennedy Center yesterday, we are collecting items needed for the Soup Kitchen. There is a display in the narthex with the items needed and a collection box. Collection will end **September 29th**.

Items needed are:

35–55-gallon size trash bags , Quart size and sandwich size zip lock bags, Dish soap, Powdered drink mix, Sugar, Canned milk, fruit and applesauce, Aluminum foil & Packaged cookies

ZION GARAGE SALE is Thursday & Friday, September 26 & 27.

We will begin setting up the sale on **Sunday, Sept. 22** and will be working on it that entire week. You may bring in your garage sale treasures beginning on Saturday, September 21, after worship, Sunday, September 22 after worship until 4:00 pm and Monday and Tuesday mornings, Sept. 23 & 24.

We do NOT accept clothing, bed pillows, large exercise equipment, TVs and car seats. **We do not have room to store any donations at Zion until September 21**, so please hang on to your items until then.

Garage Sale Hours: Thursday 9-5 and Friday 9 - 8

We need **help** setting up and clerking. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

BLESSING of the quilts, school kits and health kits will be September 28 & 29th. We need about 5 DRIVERS on **October 4th** to deliver the boxes to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, on Stroop Rd. in Kettering. Vehicles will be loaded the evening before on **October 3rd** at 6:00.