

September 22, 2024

Time After Pentecost



**"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes not me but the one who sent 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

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. 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, 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

P: eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: **Amen**

HYMN Red hymnal #652

Built on a Rock

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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of 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.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

R: ¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to You I have committed my cause.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 54

R: ¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

C: ²Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

R: ³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

C: ⁴Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

R: ⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

C: ⁶I will offer You a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

R: ⁷For You have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

R: ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet

something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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 9:30-37**

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

P: ³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for He was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, He will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what He was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house He asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Summers

HYMN Red hymnal #781

Children of the Heavenly Father

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 #815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Arr. Aaron Shows

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
Bill & Kim Jones in celebration of family anniversaries.*

*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	Noah Garvic
Reader	Julia Helke
Communion Assist.	Susie Gray
Ushers	John & Dianne LeGros
Greeters	Dale & Debbie Rudisill

Total Attendance: 9/14 & 9/15:116

Unified Giving: \$3,823.00

Sunday School: Adults:15

Youth & Children: 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

FAMILY TO FAMILY SPORTS EXCHANGE is having a FUNDRAISER at the Mum Festival Cruise In on Friday, September 27th. We will be selling refreshments and raffle tickets to a Dragon's game. We would like donations of fun-sized (the small packages) of Skittles, m&m's (any flavor) and Reese's Pieces. We also need volunteers to man the booth. There are three 2 hour shifts for helpers and we would like 2-3 volunteers per shift. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hallway. Please see Jessica Dorn with questions.

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.