

Sunday Worship
July 27, 2025
Time After Pentecost

**Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be
opened for you.**

**For everyone who asks
receives, and everyone who
searches finds, and for
everyone who knocks, the
door will be opened.**

Luke 11:9-10

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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

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

All Are Welcome

Arr. Maxwell

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the

name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red Hymnal #879 (v1-4)

For the Beauty of the Earth

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 . . .

C: Almighty and ever-living God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and You gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 204 - from Luke 2:14

Glory be to God in heaven, peace, goodwill to all the earth
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt You, we adore You, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before You; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
On the cross You died to save us; now You reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim You; Lord alone, to You we call;
Holy One in faith we name You, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on High!

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

R: ²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham

remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty -five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 138

R: ¹I will give thanks to You, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C: ²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for You have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

R: ³When I called, You answered me; You increased my strength within me.

C: ⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise You, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

R: ⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

C: ⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

R: ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You keep me safe; You stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

C: ⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

R: ⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were

taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when He forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Purple Hymnal #1043 Spirit Open My Heart



HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 11:1-13**

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

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after He had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red hymnal #608

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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 *(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 and Let It 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
ev’ry 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.

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

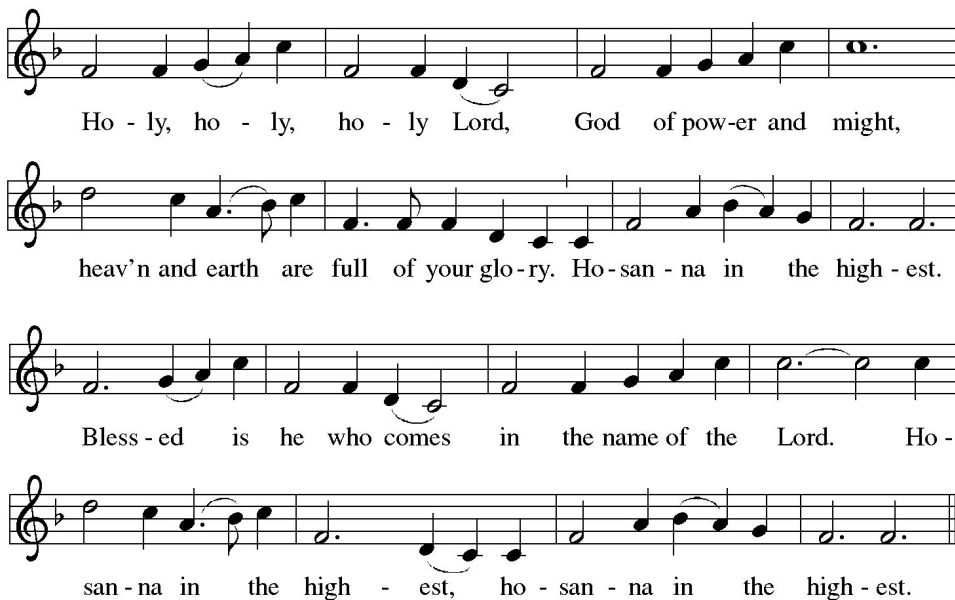
C: **We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS Red hymnal page 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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, Live by the Spirit

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Bob & Deb Keppel in celebration of their 48th 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
Reader	Chuck Drake
Communion Assist	Doug Jacobs
Ushers	John & Dianne LeGros
Greeter	Carol Friss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Partners in Hope*

Partners in Hope is a non-profit faith based human services agency that exists to serve people in need through Relief Services, Education & Development, and Senior Transportation. In all our programs, we strive to help individuals and families move beyond crisis-based living, to a life of stability with hope for the future. We believe that the key to long term stability is to develop relationships and build partnerships. We will be collecting donations to this organization in July. Women of Zion will match the contributions up to \$300. Please make your checks out to Women of Zion.

PUTTER-PALOOZA - August 1st. The Downtown Tipp City Partnership has put together a fun-filled evening of mini-golf and music vibes with Putter-palooza! There will be putting greens throughout downtown Tipp. Zion will be participating by providing a putting green in front of the church and greeting people by passing out bags of popcorn. We need people to make popcorn on July 31 and bag it. On August 1st, Pastor Summers is going to need some help with welcoming and passing out the popcorn. We need one person for each of three shifts: 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, & 6:30-7:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway.

ROCK PAINTING & POPSICLES August 4 at Troy Community Park (across from Hobart Arena). This event is for fellowship for anyone of any age! We will have rock painting and popsicles for those who do not want to play on the playground. Feel free to pack a lunch if you'd like to stay later!

BLESSING OF THE PETS & ROOT BEER FLOAT SOCIAL August 8

Drive through blessing under the portico from 7:00 - 7:30 and in front of the church from 7:30 - 8:00. Root beer float social goes from 7:15 - 8:30. If you are interested in helping to set-up or hand out root beer floats there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway.

FABRIC NEEDED The Quilters are in need of cotton or cotton blend fabric for creating their quilts. If you or someone you know has material that they wish to donate, please bring it in.

SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED There are still openings for people to assist during Sunday services in August. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the sheets in the fellowship hallway.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, July 27	Randall Residence Outreach	
Monday, July 28	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
	6:30 pm	Scouts
Tuesday, July 29	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	8:00 pm	AA
Friday, August 1	5:00 pm	Putter-palooza - 2nd Street

Staff

Jaren Summers, *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*