

Sunday Worship
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Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Arr. Hayes

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red Hymnal #367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

P: Christ has risen, Alleluia

C: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia**

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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 149



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones *The Day of Resurrection!*
 Composer: German Melody

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

R: ⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

R: ¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

C: ² Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

R: ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

C: ⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

R: ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord,
God of truth.

C: ¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

R: ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

R: ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal 151



HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **John 14:1-14**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #379

Now the Green Blade Rises

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*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God’s Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #207 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P: Blessed are you...
...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: With your holy ones...now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.)*

COMMISSIONING FOR BACK BAY MISSION TRIP

BLESSING

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

HYMN Red hymnal #377

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

DISMISSAL

P: Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **We are disciples Rooted in Christ and Growing in Faith**

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Children's Melody

Arr. Hayes

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Carla & Chris frame in memory of Maxene Suerdieck & Mary Jane Frame.*

*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
Communion Assist	Chuck Drake
Reader	Chris Frame
Ushers	Judy & Ken Bailey
Greeter	Beth Ferryman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR FELLOWSHIP We invite you to stay after worship for coffee, juice, and donuts in the narthex. We are looking for **two volunteers** each week to help with simple setup, brewing coffee, and cleanup. If you can help serve, a sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHURCH LAWN MOWING

A sign-up poster is available for those who can help with the **Zion lawn mowing** If you have any questions, please contact Bob Keppel at 689-3892. See Bob for the garage key.

LUTHERAN CEMETERY REDEDICATION is May 17th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

The cemetery is located at 723 South Hyatt Street beside the Catholic church. The first Lutheran church stood on this site and those who rest there carried the faith forward from its earliest day. We gather to honor their lives, preserve their memory, and celebrate the heritage entrusted to us across two centuries.

ZION NIGHT AT THE DRAGONS July 25th at 7:05

Join us for another fun-filled evening of baseball and fellowship. Tickets are still only \$15. If we get 50 people signed up, everyone will receive a \$5 voucher to use at the ballpark. We have 90 tickets available so invite family and friends. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway. Please put your money in the envelope on the table in the office workroom. Make checks out to Zion Lutheran Church. Carpooling will be available.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT: FUN, FAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

This summer, Jessica Dorn and a dedicated team are planning a series of events designed to bring people together in Christian fellowship. After a very successful first year—where youth and families enjoyed activities like rock painting, a paper airplane tournament, and a visit to Boonshoft—they're excited to build on that momentum. Even more fun and meaningful events are already in the works for this summer. If you have ideas or activities you'd love to see included, please reach out to Jessica Dorn. Be sure to watch for upcoming announcements with event dates and details!

COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, June 27, Zion Lutheran Church will host a Community Ice Cream Social in our parking lot from 2:30–4:30 PM as part of our 200th anniversary celebration. There will be something for everyone—an ice cream truck, bounce houses, games, crafts, a balloon artist, and more! Best of all, this event is open to the entire Tipp City community and beyond. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers—everyone is welcome. Come join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and celebration. It's a party you won't want to miss!

STAY CONNECTED

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SPIRITUAL RESOURCES LIBRARY

Are you planning a vacation this summer? Heading out of Tipp City for a while? Wherever your travels take you, your discipleship and growth in faith don't have to pause. At Zion, we've gathered a variety of resources to help you stay connected and spiritually nourished—whether you're at home or away. On our website, you'll find podcasts, Bible study tools, recommended bookshops, and more to encourage you along the way. Simply visit ziontippcity.org and click on the "Spiritual Resources" tab to explore.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, May 3	3:00 - 5 pm	Women of Zion Tea Party
Monday, May 4	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Property Meeting Pastor Relations Meeting
Tuesday, May 5	10:00 am 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA
Thursday, 7		National Day of Prayer
Sunday, May 10		Happy Mother's Day Back Bay MS Mission Trip

Sermon Notes

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*