

Sunday Worship
May 10, 2026
Sixth 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

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

Arr. Keesecker

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 #379

Now the Green Blade Rises

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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who 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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
 Music: William Runyan Text: Thomas Chisholm

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

R: ²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ ²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

R: ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

C: ⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

R: ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C: ¹¹ **You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

R: ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C: ¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows**

R: ¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

C: ¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

R: ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C: ¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

R: ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

C: ¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

R: ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

R: ¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an

appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

R: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **John 14:15-21**
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red Hymnal #781

Children of the Heavenly Father

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.

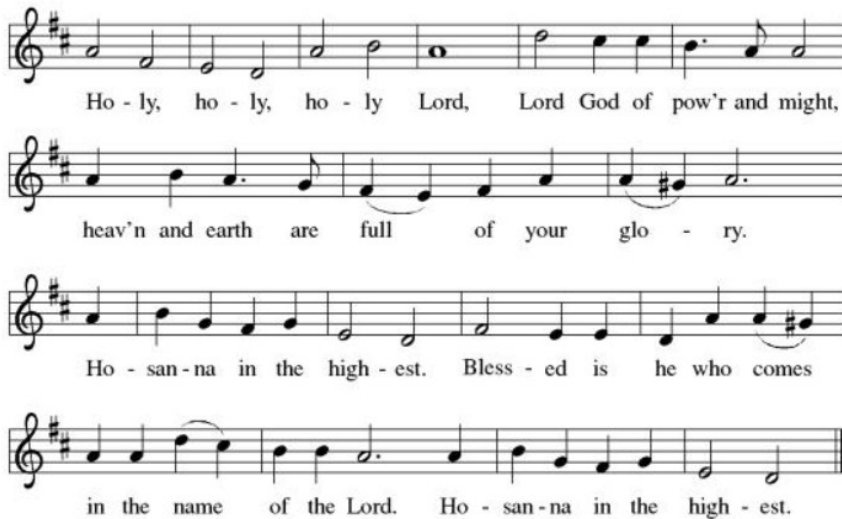
P: Lift up your hearts

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.
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.

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.)*

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #392

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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

We Know that Christ is Raised

Arr. Hobby

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Chuck & Erma Swanson in celebration of their 49th anniversary.

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor

Dale Schaefer

Communion Assist

Linda Holt

Reader

Linda Holt

Ushers

John, Ann & Jayson Williams

Greeters

Beth, Aaliyah & Mackenzie 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.

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

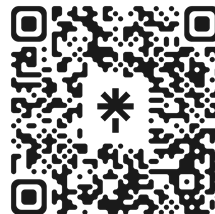
This summer, Jessica Dorn and a dedicated team are planning a series of events designed to bring people together in Christian fellowship. After a very successful first year—where youth and families enjoyed activities like rock painting, a paper airplane tournament, and a visit to Boonshoft—they're excited 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

Check out everything Zion has to offer online! Simply scan the Linktree QR code to the right to access our website, social media, and more—all in one convenient place.



GIVE A GIFT ELECTRONICALLY

Zion Lutheran Church offers a simple and secure way to give online through Tithe.ly, a trusted platform used by churches across the country. To make a gift, just scan the QR code below.



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.

PROPERTY CLEAN UP will be **Saturday, May 30th 9:00 - noon.**

Volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hallway. Please bring your own tools and gloves.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, May 10

**Happy Mother's Day
Back Bay MS Mission Trip**

Monday, May 11

10:30 am Mission Quilts
3:30 pm TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
6:00 pm Bicentennial Committee Mtg.

Tuesday, May 12

10:00 am Mission Quilts
8:00 pm AA

Thursday, May 14

Blood Drive

Sunday, May 17

2:00 - 3:00 pm Cemetery Rededication



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*