

Sunday Worship
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Seventh 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

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today’s gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Arr. Labenske

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 #432

The Head that Once Was Crowned

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: **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

R: ⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

R: ¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

C: ² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

R: ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

C: ⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

R: ⁵ In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

C: ⁶ **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

R: ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

C: ⁸ **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

R: ⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C: ¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

R: ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

C: ³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

R: ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

C: ³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

R: ¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of

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.
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 #826

Thine the Amen

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

As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. Hayes

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by the Sebastian family in celebration of John's high school graduation.

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

In Helpful Service

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| Acolyte | Campbell Ewing |
| Pastor | Jaren Summers |
| Reader | Cindy Tayse |
| Usher | Carol Friss |
| Greeters | Chuck & Erma Swanson |

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 signup sheet is located in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

LUTHERAN CEMETERY REDEDICATION is TODAY 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. Deadline to sign up is June 19th.

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.



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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

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| Sunday, May 17 | 2:00 - 3:00 pm | Cemetery Rededication |
| Monday, May 18 | 10:30 am 3:30 pm | Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) |
| Tuesday, May 19 | 10:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm | Mission Quilts Bible & Brew - Chaffee's Council Meeting AA |

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*;