

Sunday Worship
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Time After Pentecost



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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

God’s word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord’s table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Arr. Burkhardt

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In holy baptism the triune God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church.

PRESENTATION

The Holy Spirit calls and invites us to receive God’s grace. Sponsors present those to be baptized, and we promise our support.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Shilo and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Only by God’s grace can we renounce the forces of evil and the power of sin. With the whole church, we confess our faith in the triune God.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C: **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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

With thanksgiving, God's saving deeds are remembered.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

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

P: Holy God, holy and merciful...one God, now and forever. **Amen**

BAPTISM

Dying with Christ in baptism, the child of God is raised to new life through water and the Word.

P: Shilo Kiyan I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT – SIGN OF THE CROSS

Additional signs proclaim the meaning of baptism. We pray that the gift of the Holy Spirit sustains the baptized. The baptized are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

WELCOME

The baptized are called to follow Jesus, the light of the world. We welcome new companions in the mission of God.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

HYMN Sheet music

Be Still My Soul

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

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, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 121



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

R: ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 65:1-13

R: ¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

C: ² To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

R: ³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

C: ⁴ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

R: ⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

C: ⁶ You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

R: ⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

C: ⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

R: ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

C: ¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

R: ¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

C: ¹² May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

R: ¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

R: ¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #679

For the Fruit of All Creation

PRAYERS (*Response after each petition*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

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.**

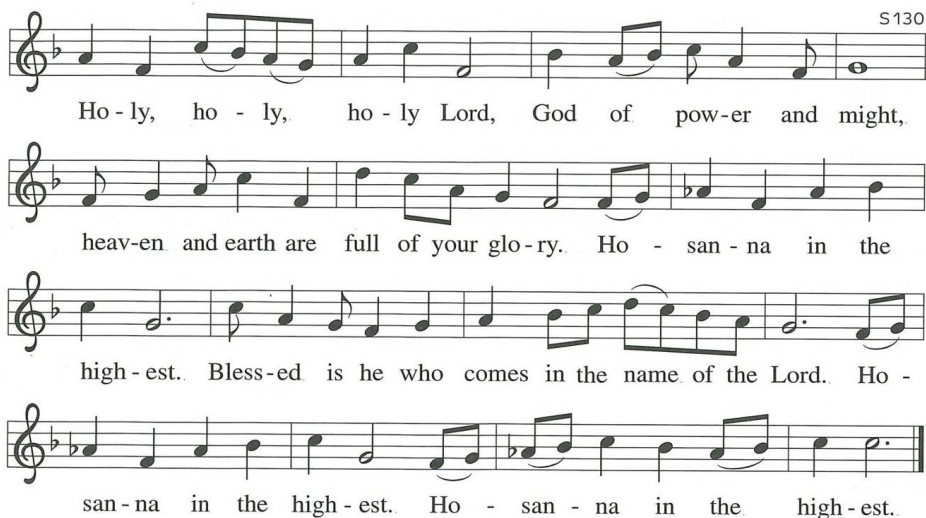
P: Lift up your hearts

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.



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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen**

HYMN Red hymnal #547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

DISMISSAL

P: Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church?

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

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* Arr. Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Brad & Jamie Kennedy in memory of Gwen Miller.*

*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	Campbell Ewing
Reader	Chuck Drake
Ushers	Bob & Deb Keppel
Greeter	Katie Sonnanansthine

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 on the fellowship table in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you there.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY DONATION Recently, a prayer shawl and a baby blanket were given to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. However, there was no note with either item saying who donated them. If you donate one of the items, please contact Debbie Rudisill at 937-335-0230. She wants to be sure your name is on the card that is given to the recipient .

JULY FUN FAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP

Monday, July 13, 10am-12pm at Zion Lutheran Church – Join us as we have a short Bible lesson on Creation Day 4. Then we will have a “make your own star” project.

Monday, July 20, 10am at Zion Lutheran Church – We will have a short Bible lesson on Creation Day 5 and then have a craft project to make a jellyfish.

Monday, July 27, 10 am at Zion Lutheran Church - Find out what God made on Days 6 & 7 of Creation, followed by games and relays.

PUTTERPALOOZA August 7th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

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 on 2nd Street in downtown Tipp. Zion will be participating by providing a putting green and greeting people by handing out bags of popcorn.

We need volunteers to bag popcorn on August 6th. On August 7th, Pastor Summers is going to need some help with welcoming and passing out the popcorn. There are three shifts: 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, & 6:30-7:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway.

We also need someone to create a new putting green. See Annette or Pastor Jaren if you are interested.

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE Linda Holt & Chuck Powder are in the midst of re-formatting the prayer chain. We need your help. **If you have not updated your email address for the church, please do so.** This is not only for the prayer chain but for other communications as well. Some of the emails on the church roster are old and no longer valid. Please contact Annette in the office to update your email.

CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, August 16th after service

Last August, we stayed cool and comfortable while enjoying fellowship indoors and we look forward to escaping the summer heat again this year! Our picnic will be held at Zion in the air conditioned fellowship hall, offering a relaxed and refreshing setting for all. The Church Council will once again provide the chicken, and the Women of Zion will provide the beverages. Please bring a side dish to share and your own service ware. Sign up in the fellowship hallway. We hope to see you there!!

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SERVICE & DINNER

Sunday, September 13th and the meal is served at noon.. This is a catered meal and **the deadline to sign up is August 23rd.** There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hallway. Each person needs to sign up individually and circle the entrée they want. The selections are Cordon au Vin - chicken and vegetables cooked in wine, Braised brisket and Hearty Pasta - basil pesto, roasted tomatoes, artichokes, peppers, asparagus, pinenuts and more vegetables. The rest of the menu is listed on the sign-up sheet. The dinner is being held at the Tipp Center, 855 N. 3rd St. This event is for regular Zion attendees and is not open to the public.

SUNDAY SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED There are many openings in August for various ways to help. Please sign up in the fellowship hallway.

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.



UPCOMING GATHER EVENTS:

Saturday, August 8th, 4:00 pm at Pins Mechanical Company in Dayton. Come for a fun night of bowling, eating, and fellowship.

Friday, August 21st, 7:00 pm, Campfire Worship at Epiphany Lutheran Church - Austin Campus, 6430 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, OH 45459.

Gather: Miami Valley is a Lutheran ministry bringing young adults together from all over Dayton. Young adults are defined as anyone aged 18-39. Zion is active in this ministry as are many others. All are welcome! If you have questions, please ask Julia Helke or Pastor Jaren.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, July 12	3:30 pm	WoZ Picnic at Linda Holt's
Monday, July 13	10:00 am 10:30 am 3:30 pm	Fun, Faithful Fellowship - Zion Mission Quilts TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, July 14	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Welcome Committee Mtg. Council Meeting AA

Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
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Tina Putnam, *Custodian*