

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

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord’s table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Arr. Shaw

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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: 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 #689

Praise and Thanksgiving

REETING / 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: **Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, 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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

R: ⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

R: ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C: ¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

R: ¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

C: ¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

R: ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C: ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.** ¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

R: ¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Sheet Music

Be Still My Soul

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 . . .

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.

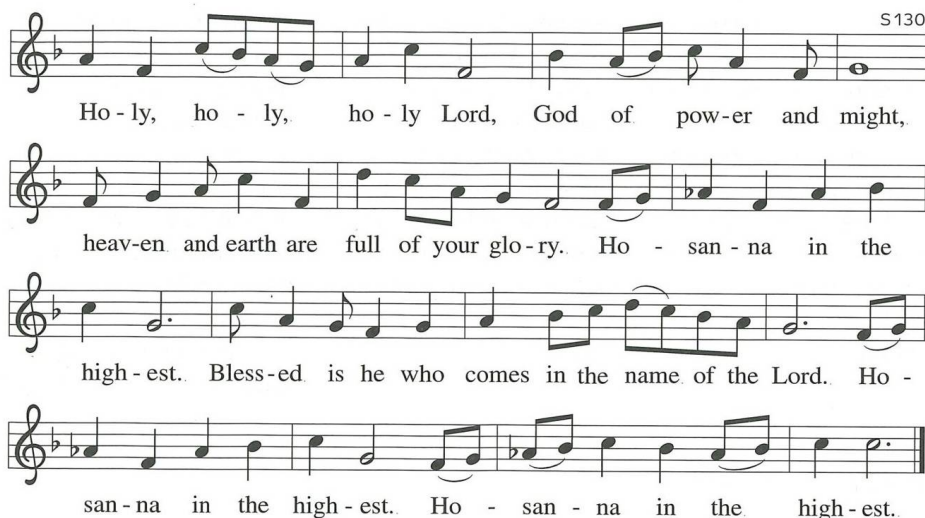
Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee:
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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.



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 #693

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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

Come, Ye Faithful People Come

Arr. Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Dale & Debbie Rudisill in celebration of their 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

Debbie Weprin

Greeters

Aaron & Brittany Fouts

Ushers

Jeff & Jaque Mitchell

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

JULY FUN FAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP

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.

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!!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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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

Monday, July 20	10:00 am	Fun, Faithful Fellowship - Zion
	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, July 21	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	8:00 pm	AA
	5:30 pm	Bible & Brew - Chaffee's
Wednesday, July 22	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship
Thursday, July 23	7:00 pm	Compassionate Friends
Saturday, July 25	7:15 pm	Zion Night at the Dragon's
Sunday, July 26	Storypoint Outreach	

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*