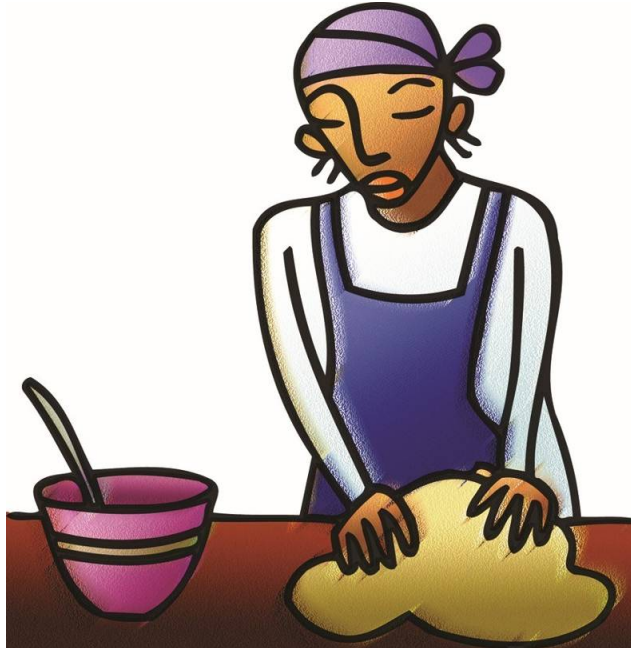


Sunday Worship
July 26, 2026
Time After Pentecost



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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

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today’s gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God’s reign, the great surprise is that God’s grace finds us first!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In Thee is Gladness

Arr. Portman

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 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: **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from 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: 1 Kings 3:5-12

R: ⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give

your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

R: ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

C: ¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

R: ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

C: ¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

R: ¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

C: ¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

R: ¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

C: ¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

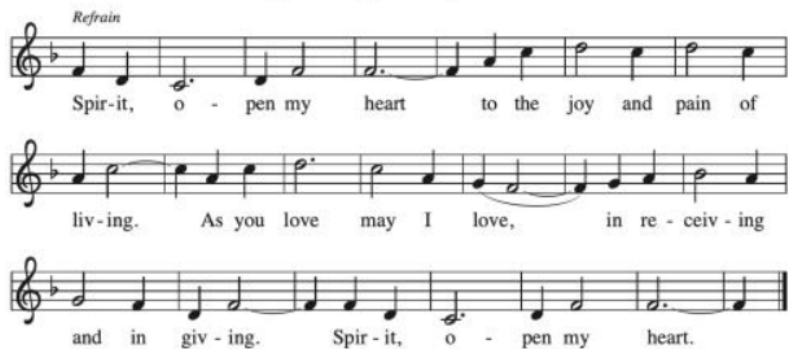
R: ²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52**

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

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The

angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #793

Be Thou My Vision

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.

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 Purple hymnal #942

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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

Rejoice the Lord is King

Arr. Portman

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Bob & Deb Keppel in celebration of their 49th anniversary.*

*The additional flowers are given by the family of Kim Jones
in celebration of her milestone birthday.*

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

In Helpful Service

Acolyte

Beth Ferryman

Pastor

Jaren Summers

Reader

Cindy Tayse

Communion Assist

Chuck Drake

Greeters

Dale & Debbie Rudisill

Ushers

John & Dianne LeGros

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 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.

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.

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

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.

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.



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 26	Storypoint Outreach	
Monday, July 27	10:00 am 10:30 am 3:30 pm	Fun, Faithful Fellowship - Zion Mission Quilts TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, July 28	10:00 am 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA

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