

Sunday Worship
August 9, 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

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Arr. Keesecker

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 Rebecca and pray for her in her 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: *Rebecca Rashay* 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 Red Hymnal #482

I Come with Joy

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: **O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 121

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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



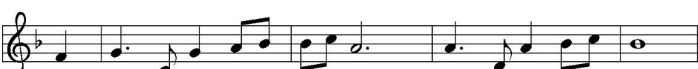
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

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 19:9-18

R: ⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

R: ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

C: ⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

R: ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: ¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

R: ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: ¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

R: ⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-33**

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

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #756

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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

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

OFFERING

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.**

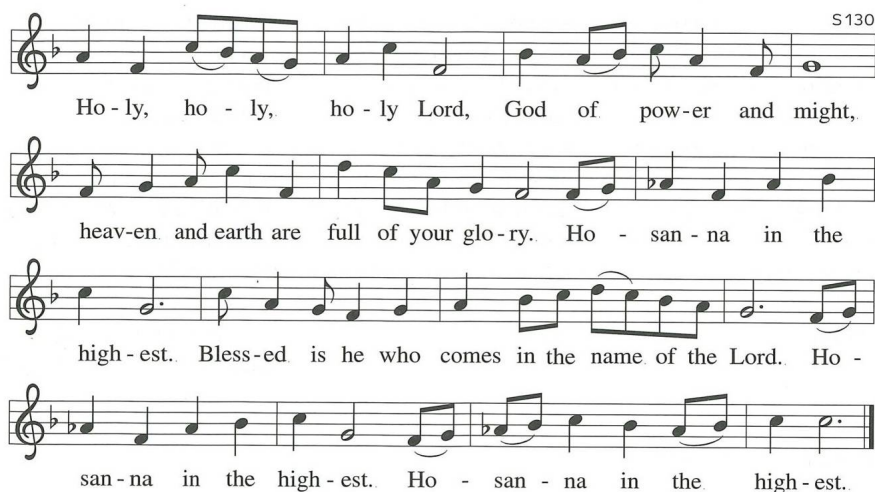
P: Lift up your hearts

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 #774

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine!

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Arr. Hailstork

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Dan & Linda Holt in celebration of their 48th 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	Raenell Poynter
Communion Assist	Aaron Fouts
Greeters	Raenell & Sean Poynter

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.

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

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!!

MESSY GAMES August 16th. The youth will leave after the church picnic.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND BACK TO SCHOOL BASH Sunday, August 23rd. As we prepare for school to return, bring your backpack to worship on August 23 for it to be blessed. After worship join us in the fellowship hall for hotdogs, chips, and fellowship! Please sign up in the fellowship hall.

UPCOMING GATHER EVENTS:

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.

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.

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TEAM will meet on **Saturday, August 15th at 10:00 am**. This is for anyone currently making prayer shawls and baby blankets. And we invite anyone who is interested in joining our team. We will answer any question you may have about this ministry. We will also be sharing some of the patterns that we have used. Contact Debbie Rudisill for more information.

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INVITATION TO SERVE—COUNCIL OPENINGS FOR 2027

Two Council seats will be opening in 2027, and Zion invites members to prayerfully consider serving in this important ministry of leadership. Our Congregation Council helps guide the mission of the church, supports our staff, and ensures that our ministries remain strong, faithful, and connected to the life of our congregation. If you feel called to serve or would like to learn more, please speak with any current Council member.

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.

TEACHER MEETING FOR KIDS & YOUTH August 9th after service. If you are interested in teaching or helping in Sunday school for the 2026/2027 school year please reach out to Jessica Dorn.

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.



FALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will be using a book. If you want one, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Donations welcome but not required. Deadline to sign up is August 20th.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, August 9	After Service 7:00 pm	Kids & Youth Teachers Mtg. Women of Zion
Monday, August 10	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:00 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Bicentennial Committee Mtg.
Tuesday, August 11	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Welcome Committee Mtg. Council Meeting AA
Saturday, August 15	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Mtg.
Sunday, August 16	After Service After Picnic	Zion Picnic - Fellowship Hall Youth Messy Games

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Tina Putnam, *Custodian*