

Sunday Worship
August 16, 2026
Time After Pentecost
Church Picnic



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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 Isaiah we hear that God’s house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today’s gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

HYMN Purple Hymnal #901

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

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: **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

R: ¹ Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant - ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 67

R: ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C: ² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

R: ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

R: ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

R: ⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

R: [Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15:10-28**

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

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out

into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN *Purple Hymnal #966 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

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

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

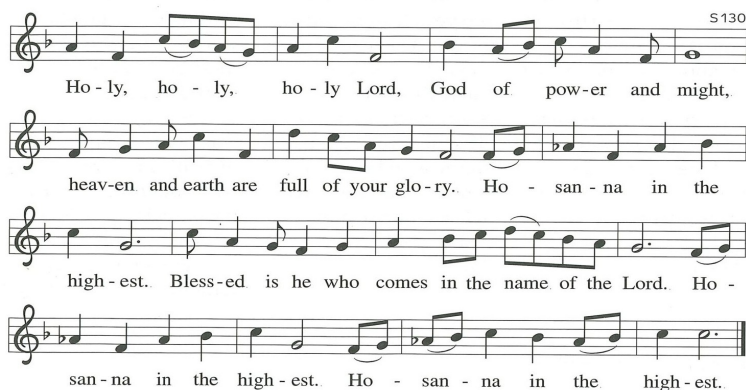
P: Lift up your hearts

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 Purple hymnal #971

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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.**

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Jeff & Jaque Mitchell in celebration of their 56th 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

Communion Assist Bob Keppel

Greeters Beth, MacKenzie & Aaliyah Ferryman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER WELCOME We will be welcoming new members in worship on Saturday, **September 19th** and **Sunday, September 20th**. If you wish to become a member, please reach out to Pastor Jaren Summers. All are welcome to become members.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME SOON Join us as we begin a new season of music. Rehearsals start Wednesday, **September 9th** at 7:00 pm. Interested in learning more? Talk to Lori Sebastian or Susie Gray. All are welcome - come sing with us.

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

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.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - Sunday, September 13th
CHURCH SERVICE IS AT ZION AT 10:00
DINNER IS AT THE TIPP CENTER AT NOON

This is a catered meal and **the deadline to sign up is next Sunday, 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 menu is listed on the sign-up sheet.

The **Tipp Center is at 855 N. 3rd St.** (The former DAP HQ)
This event is for regular Zion attendees and is not open to the public.

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION		
Sunday, August 16	After Picnic	Youth Messy Games
Monday, August 17	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, August 18	10:00 am 5:30 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Bible & Brew - Chaffee's AA
Sunday, August 23	After Service	Back to School Bash

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*