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# Altar Copy Sunday, June 26, 2022 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Zion Lutheran Church

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#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

We have no good apart from God. That makes the call of Jesus to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

#### PRELUDE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- **P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, **+** one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

- C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.
- P Hear the Good News! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- C Amen.

#### GATHERING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (ELW 836)



Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

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#### GREETING

- **P** From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### **RESPONSIVE READING**

- **P** For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all,
- C for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
- **P** That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
- C that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
- **P** for peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,
- C for life and for love, for work and our play,
- **P** for your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,
- C that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
- All let us pray to the Lord.

#### THIS IS THE FEAST





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of al hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us,, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

#### FIRST READING: 1st Kings 19: 15-21

L A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings.

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>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."

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen

ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 16

Read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.** <sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.** <sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit. <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



#### SECOND READING: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

L A reading from Galatians.

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what ewe could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for selfindulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Please stand as you are able.



#### **GOSPEL:** Luke 9: 51-62

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

#### C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single mindendness.

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from Heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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



#### **SERMON** *Please be seated.*

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* (ELW 818) *Please stand as you are able. Sing only verses 1, 3, and 4.*

#### O Master, Let Me Walk with You 0 Mas - ter. let walk with in low - ly me you 2 Help me the slow of heart some clear, to move by Teach me clos - er, 3 your pa tience; share with me a 4 In hope that sends shin ing far down the a ray tell paths of vice true: your ser me se cret; win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward dear - er work that com in keeps faith pa ny, broad - 'ning fu - ture's way, in peace that on ly help the strain of toil, the fret of me bear care. feet and guide them in the home - ward to stay, way. tri - umphs sweet and strong, in trust that wrong, 0 \_ ver

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.

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.

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 OF INTERCESSION

A United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the Church, the creation, and all in need.

#### A brief silence

A God of faithfulness, set the face of your Church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the Church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

A God of gentleness, strengthen the Earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

A God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict especially Ukraine. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

A God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying especially; Michael, the Porters, Niki, Arlene, and those we hold in our hearts. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

A God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

## C hear our prayer.

A God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace,

### C hear our prayer.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

- **P** God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
- C Amen.

#### **SHALOM**

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- **P** Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen

#### DIALOGUE

- **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.

#### PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *(Preface is in the pocket of the Pastor's binder.)* 

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious World of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the World, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus **took bread**, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he **took the cup**, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the Earth will come to the river to enjoy the Tree of Life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the Earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray the prayer you taught us:
- C 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**

**P** In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

### **COMMUNION** will be done individually at your seats.

Please be seated.

P The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**



#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

- **P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- **P** Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen

#### BLESSING

- P The God of Peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
- C Amen

#### SENDING HYMN: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860)



# I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

#### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia C: We go out - Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God's Grace, Reaching out with Christ's love. Amen! (The words in italics are Zion's mission statement.)

#### POSTLUDE

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Serving during worship this morning:Presider:Jon MeisterLector:Worship Assistant:Musician(s):Ann Riesbeck DiClemente, Jerry GossettFood fund donations:

Serving during worship next week:Presider:Jon MeisterLector:Worship Assistant:Musician(s):Ann Riesbeck DiClemente, Jerry GossettFood fund donations:

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune.

# **CONTACT THE PASTOR**

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.

# **COMING EVENTS AT ZION**

# VILLAGE EVENTS..



<u>JUNE 24<sup>th</sup></u> MOVIE NIGHT. I will let you know what movie they will be showing that night as soon as I find out. This will be the last activity except Friday Night Uptown in July and August.

# Just found out that Movie night has been postponed. MORE LATER.

JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> AND AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY NIGHT UPTOWN will be happening again. I will be able to make these as softball tournaments will be over. Pandora Effect will be the featured band in July and North to Nashville will be playing in August. Lots of good food trucks will be there as well. Come and join the fun. See someone you may not have seen in a while.

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** OXROAST DANCE will be held at Garrett Park. Come and enjoy the new park and enjoy all of the work that has been done. This will be for all ages. 8-80. We all love to dance even if it is just one.

# PRAYERS



Please keep these people in your prayers: Michael Koch; Wesley and JoAnn Porter; Nicole Biler Robinette; and all of those who are still suffering from COVID-19 and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor. We have not heard from the Toys for quite a while.

*I heard from Susan Cairns this week. She is asking for prayers for her* "youngest son, Bryan, who is having a hip replacement last Wednesday. His 42

year old hip has aged to age 70. He and his wife are missionaries in Kenya. Their missionary insurance works everywhere in the world except the USA so his surgery will be in Germany which has a great orthopedic reputation."

Please keep Susie and her son in your prayers this week especially and continued. By the way, Susie says she is doing well, but misses us all.

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Michael has moved to *The Grove*, a facility that is much closer to his home. You can get updates from Linda at www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid. Keep all of the Koch's in your prayers.

If you hear or know of anyone who should be on our Prayer List, please let me know, my number is 614 398-6302 <u>lejohn7310@icloud.com</u>





## **FUNDS FOR ZION**

Did you know that when you shop at <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7201301</u>, Amazon donates to Zion? Also, if you have a Kroger card, you can designate Zion to receive a percentage of your grocery expenses. Go to the service desk to inquire.

#### **REMEMBER SPECIAL FAMILY DAYS/SIGN-UPS**

We are asking those who would normally remember special family celebrations by signing the calendar for flower donations too, instead, donate money in lieu of flowers. The money will go to the food pantry. Please check the bulletin board behind the door to the office for all of the sign-up sheets for this year. Lectors and Worship Assistants are also welcome. Thank you so much!

You can find copies of the Directory on the table by the door.

