

EMAIL FOR WEEK OF 29 MAY 2022.

WEEKLY SUNDAY PREVIEW

May 29, 2022

As you all know, we will not be having service at Zion this week. Since there is no service, I do not do a bulletin. I am sorry for the format of some of the parts of this preview, (this is pretty much the way I get the content). Next week will be back to normal. Have a fabulous week.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In Holy Baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

This Week's Lessons

This is an opportunity to read the lessons and study them for this week. Often our lessons are taken out of context. We sometimes need to read what came before and/or what came after.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

A reading from Acts.

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing

this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

PSALM: Psalm 97

¹The LORD is king; let the Earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness are around about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

³A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.

⁴**His lightnings light up the World; the Earth sees it and is afraid.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole Earth.

⁶**The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the Earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**The LORD loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to his Holy Name.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

A reading from Revelation.

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the

city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the Churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God’s mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the World may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the World may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the World.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the World does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians (*especially*). May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry (*especially*). Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit’s gift of faith. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Suggestions **World Hunger, World Health, World Peace**
Child Welfare in Underdeveloped Countries
Mass shootings and killings in U. S. cities
Preservation of Environment
U. S. Economy
Deaths of law officers
Ukraine Conflict

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.



CONTACT THE PASTOR

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

COMING EVENTS AT ZION **BREAKFAST AT FIRST ENGLISH**

May 29th is a fifth Sunday. We will not be having church here at Zion because we will be sharing breakfast with First English. Please come with us as we serve breakfast and worship with our friends in Christ.



DAY OF PENTECOST

June 5th, is the beginning of Pentecost. Dust off your red clothing and prepare to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

FATHERS' DAY **June 19th**, is Fathers' Day. We all have one, they may not be the best dad's, but we have some man in our lives, maybe more, that we love. As we did for Mothers's Day, for God Moments on the 19th, think of a time that you remember with your dad or your father figure.

VILLAGE EVENTS.

May 28th Spring Cleaning Free Cycle. The village is having a Giant community Garage Give-away called a Free Cycle. Set up is 9 AM –Noon the Event is 1-3 PM. Everything must be clean and in good repair. It hits 2 of my favorite areas. Great for your Wallet! Great for the Environment! Come and see what you can find or get rid of some of the things that you have been storing for eons.

JUNE 10th is the first **Friday Night Uptown** for this year. I drove by a couple of Fridays. I have not gone yet. It looks like everyone is having a good time. These close off Center Street and have food trucks and musical entertainment. (There are bleachers to sit on.) If you are looking for a fun date night or just a reason to come out and let your hair down, this is going to be the place.



JUNE 11TH Russ Miller's Fishing Derby will be held. We don't have much information at this time. If you are interested in this event, you might check the W. Jefferson Parks and Recreation page on Facebook. I will post more information as I get it.



PRAYERS

Prayer Works



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 or Seltzs for quite a while.

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 lejohn7310@icloud.com



This Sunday we will be packing and serving breakfast at First English Lutheran Church. It is very uplifting to go to this area of Columbus and see the devotion of this congregation. I truly look forward to this opportunity to serve. This is our chance to actually be doing God's Work. Get our hands dirty. I realize that many of you cannot be there to do the actual work. (I am kind of the 5th wheel. You know 2 is company, 3's a crowd. I am the 3rd.) At least be with us in spirit and in prayer. Thanks for reading through my rant. God bless you all this Sunday.

FUNDS FOR ZION

Did you know that when you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7201301, 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.

If you need a new Directory, contact me in one of the usual ways and I will add it to the mailing that week.

I would love to have more hymn picks (I have none) to choose from week-to-week. Please let me know which of your favorite hymns you would like to have us sing. We are looking at Gathering and Sending.

(If you wish to sign up for food on the Altar or service assistant for a particular Sunday and are not going to be here to do so, let me know via email, text, or messenger, and I will sign you up for that Sunday.)

Hope to see you soon.

God bless you all this week.

***Come and praise God for sending our
Lord to take away our sins.***

JESUS MAKES IT SOUND
LIKE THE CHURCH'S
MISSION IN THE WORLD
DEPENDS ON ITS UNITY.

YES, HE
DOES.



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LORD
HAVE
MERCY!

INDEED.



JOHN 17:20-26

*Christ is the king!
O friends, rejoice;
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Let the 3World know
he is your choicde. Alleluia!*