



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS  
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**Sunday, July 26, 2020**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude  
 Tower Bells and Welcome  
 Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors. Those taking Communion are asked to fill out the "Communion" side (black print) of the card. Completed cards may also left on the pew seat.*

*Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times except for eating and drinking the Lord's Supper. Thus, the congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.*

*Those not taking the Lord's Supper may leave at the close of the Service of the Word as indicated in the bulletin.*

*Those taking the Lord's Supper may leave immediately after their table is dismissed through any door to go home. Or, they may return to their pew until the end of the Service of the Sacrament.*

Rite of Dedication of Pew Bibles and Church Office Updating – See Insert

Opening Hymn

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul vs 1-4*

**LSB 814**

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
 Let all within me join  
 And aid my tongue to bless His name  
 Whose favors are divine.

3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;  
 'Tis He relieves thy pain;  
 'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses  
 And makes thee young again.

2 O bless the Lord, my soul,  
 Nor let His mercies lie  
 Forgotten in unthankfulness  
 And without praises die!

4 He crowns thy life with love  
 When ransomed from the grave;  
 He that redeemed my soul from hell  
 Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

### **Service of the Word**

Introit Psalm 125

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

**4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

5 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers!  
Peace be upon Israel!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**All: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 7:6-9

6 "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose

you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading Romans 8:28-39

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 among many brothers. 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 shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:44-52

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. 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 who, on finding one pearl of great value, 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 gathered fish of every kind. 48 When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away 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 fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” 52 And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

**HYLS 24**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Refrain:  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
[Refrain]

Sermon "Why is Jesus Mine? Because I am His!" Matthew 13:45-46

### July 26 Sermon Notes – "Why is Jesus Mine? Because I am His!"

Matthew 13:45-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

1. The preciousness of God's people to Him. We remember the context of Jesus' teaching, that is, what has Jesus been talking about in Matthew 13? What Jesus has just been teaching is the parable of the Weeds and the Wheat. Do you remember from last week? Weeds came up among the wheat, and the servants asked the owner, "Should we pull the weeds?" The owner said, "No, so that we do not also pull up the wheat." Last week we learned that God so dearly loves for His people to come to full maturity, that sometimes He allows evil to go for a while. God does not ignore or not see evil – but He dearly wants His people to flourish. On the Last Judgement Day all evil will be completely destroyed.

2. Parable of the Pearl of Great Price – We Want Jesus and His Salvation Above all Things. One way to interpret and understand the parable of the pearl of great price is to understand how precious God is to us. The devil and those in the world around us who do not believe in Jesus, tempt us to believe that things in this life are the most valuable things to pursue and live for. Perhaps a special house, or business, or wealth, or education, or political power, or prestige.... or you name it. The temptation is for us to follow and spend all our money, time and attention on something of this life which really is not life in itself. The temptation is to forget God, His Word and worshipping God... because we believe something else is better, more valuable. The parable of the pearl of great price can show us that God's

kingdom, God's reign in our life, is more valuable than anything else. *We should allow nothing else to distract us from believing and living – that Jesus is mine! That is most precious.*

3. Parable of the Pearl of Great Price – God Spared No Expense, Not Even His Son to Save Us. But there is a greater truth in this teaching than we should desire Jesus above all things. This greater truth is that *God has called you, me and all sinners precious.* We don't deserve to be saved. We can't choose to follow Jesus on our own power. But Jesus chooses us. In God's Kingdom – what is really most precious to God is you and me. God does not save or love us because we can do good things – we can try, but we can never do enough. The Good News is that God loves us as we are, and dearly wants us to trust in Him. You and me are God's pearl. Romans 8:32 – *“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”* We are precious to God!

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Brief silence*

That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless all occupations and professions that we may pursue honesty and virtue in all things; that the Lord would guide and protect all firefighters, emergency workers, law-enforcement, military personnel, educators, and medical persons; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace, [*and especially do we pray for \_\_\_\_\_,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be steadfast and immovable, abiding in Christ and in His Word of truth, and that we would be kept from error and delivered from temptation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may receive with faith the Lord's body and blood today and by this Holy Communion be forgiven of our sins, strengthened in faith and equipped for His service, glorifying God with our words and works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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In our prayers – Margaret; Norma; Lillian; Carolyn; Charlotte; Henry; Isaac; Julie; Loretta; Cathie; Karlyn; Shirley; Bryceton; daughter of Julie; Bill; Jason; Lori; Deborah; Stacy; Becky; Dolores; Kaitlyn; Janet; David; Pastor Scheiwe and Pastor Berlin.

*Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Closing Collect

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angels be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction for the Service of the Word

O Lord, hear my prayer. **And let my cry come to You.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

*Those not staying for Holy Communion may quietly exit the church during the following hymn.*

5 He fills the poor with good;  
 He gives the sufferers rest.  
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
 And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways  
 He made by Moses known,  
 But sent the world His truth and grace  
 By His beloved Son

### Service of the Sacrament

P: 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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: In these last days, You have poured Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your daughters and sons might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

**C: Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord for His Holy Supper      LSB 162

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C: Amen.**

**C: (speak) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Distribution notes: After each communing group has been dismissed from the Lord's Table, they may either directly exit the church using any door, or may return to their pew for the end of the Service of Sacrament.*

Distribution    *Special Table*

Distribution Hymns

*Your Table I Approach*

**LSB 628**

*You Are the way; through You Alone*

**LSB 526**

Closing Collect

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in the same faith toward You and in fervent love for one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.    **Amen.**

Benediction for Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.    **Amen.**

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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### **This week at Zion**

Monday – 6:00 pm Food Pantry

Monday- Friday and Sunday – 1280 AM – 7:30am Mediations by Pastor Rockrohr

### **Announcements**

- Pastor Rockrohr will be on vacation in Wisconsin from after worship today, July 26 through August 1. The church will not be open during office hours this week.

- Last Sunday's Drive-thru Ice Cream Social was a success! Approximately 160 people were served and close to \$1,800 was raised. Many thanks to all who donated food (or money to purchase food items), made food, served food or came to enjoy a meal.

- The Women of Zion will be collecting money for mites for the next two Sundays. Please look for the LWML Mite Box in the narthex. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" which are used to fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

- Congregational Church Fund Raiser, Drive Thru Chicken BBQ. Sunday, August 9, 2020 Serving begins at 11:00 AM Location: Ridgeville Legion Free Will Offering. Fund raising has begun to raise monies for the preservation of the Congregation Church which is located beside Locust Grove Cemetery. Tax deductible donations can be made out to Ridgeville Community Day.



- Anyone wanting a bulletin and recording of the worship service can call and leave a message on the church office phone – 419-267-3429.

### **Zion Lutheran Church's Belief and Practice of the Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes again in glory.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study: Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f., 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:17-34.