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**Sunday, August 23, 2020**  
**12<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 plates by the sanctuary doors. Completed cards may also left on the pew seat.*

*Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. Thus, the congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.*

Opening Hymn

*With the Lord Begin Your Task*

1 With the Lord begin your task;  
Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and counsel ask;  
Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,  
And when day is ended,  
In His name then close your eyes;  
Be to Him commended.

2 Let each day begin with prayer,  
Praise, and adoration.  
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;  
He is your salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night  
Jesus will be near you,  
Save you from the tempter's might,  
With His presence cheer you.

3 With your Savior at your side,  
Foes need not alarm you;  
In His promises confide,

And no ill can harm you.  
All your trust and hope repose  
In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

4 If your task be thus begun  
With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then your course will run,  
Toward the promise pressiong.  
Good will follow ev'rywhere  
While you here must wander;  
You at last the joy will share  
In the mansions yonder.

5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task  
Be to You commended;  
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Your name begun  
Be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done  
To Your praise forever.

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

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Introit Psalm 138

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

**before the gods I sing your praise;**

2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, **for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

3 On the day I called, you answered me; **my strength of soul you increased.**

4 All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, **for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

5 and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, **for great is the glory of the Lord.**

6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, **but the haughty he knows from afar.**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; **you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.**

8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; **your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

### Collect for the Day

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

**All: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

3 For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her,

thanksgiving and the voice of song.

4 "Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the  
peoples.

5 My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

and for my arm they wait.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like  
manner;

but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Epistle

Romans 11:33-12:8

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

35 "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20 (*stand*)

L: The Gospel Reading is from St. Matthew the 16th chapter.

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and

whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

*I Know My Faith Is Founded*

1 I know my faith is founded  
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing,  
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom  
The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom  
Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient,  
It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom,  
My faith shall rest secure.

2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure  
And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me,  
I shall be undismayed;

And led by Your good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance  
To ev'ry evil foe.

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;  
Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me,  
Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure,  
Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit  
As all You said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me  
Until Your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy  
The end of faith attain.

Sermon “Who Is Jesus to You?” Matthew 16:13-19 (See last page of bulletin)

## The Prayers of Zion Lutheran Church

Having heard the Word proclaimed, let us pray for ourselves, for all the faithful and for all people as they have need. *Brief silence*

For all people, that they may have faith in Christ and heed the voice of God calling by His Word;  
For the Church, that the people of God may pursue righteousness with peace and joy in their hearts;  
and For all pastors and their ministry of Word and Sacrament and for all vocations to the ministry,  
that the lives of God's people may redound to His praise and glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, Congress, governor and all civic leaders in their pursuit of peace and unity;  
For all judges and magistrates in their pursuit of justice with mercy; and  
For those who protect us from violence and preserve order here and everywhere, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all noble professions, and for the flourishing of the arts and music;  
For favorable weather and the fruits of the earth; and  
For those unemployed, the poor, the homeless, the hungry and all people in need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all families and children, single adults and youth;  
For those who teach and those who learn, that they may advance in wisdom and grace; and  
For the catechumens and those who teach the faith to them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For victims of disaster and for those stricken by illness or infirmity;  
For the aged and infirm, as well as those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities;  
For those who grieve the loss of those whom they love; and  
For those who meet with sudden death, [*and especially for those who have requested our prayers*  
\_\_\_\_\_]*]* let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the work of God's kingdom in this place;  
For our faithful support of the Church and the renewal of our parish life through the Means of Grace;  
And For our growth in grace, that we may attain to the full stature of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

In our prayers – Margaret Hesterman; Carolyn Switzer; Charlotte Rosebrock; Henry Bischoff; Isaac Ponce; Julie Houser Mires; Loretta Cramer; Cathie Geske; Karlyn Tonjes; Shirley Ketzler; Bryceton Bidlack; daughter of Julie; Bill Reimund; Jason Sepeda; Lori Good ; Deborah Rockrohr; Stacy Rockrohr; Becky Johnson; Dolores Houser; Kaitlyn Collver; David Berger; Ted Rockrohr; Brian Shaw; Cathy Aschemeier; Pastor Scheiwe and Pastor Berlin. For the Family of Lillian VonDeylen.

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

Lord's Prayer

Responses, Closing Collect and Benediction

L: The Lord be with you.           **C: And with your spirit.**

Collect for God's Grace and Protection for the Day (Luther's Morning Prayer)

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

L: Let us bless the Lord.           **C: Thank be to God.**

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

Closing Hymn

*I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy  
By Thy blood.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes: “Who Is Jesus to You?” Matthew 16:13-19

Vs 13-14 – Who does everyone else say Jesus is?

A. Then?

B. Today?

Vs 15-16 – What about you, yourself?

A. Peter’s confession?

B. Meaning of Peter’s confession for his life.

C. Your confession?

D. Meaning of your confession for your life.

Vs 17 – Where does Peter’s confession and every confession like his come from?

Vs 18-19 – What is the power of Peter’s confession and every confession like his?