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Sunday, August 30, 2020
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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. The use of the hymnal is not needed today. The entire service is printed in this bulletin, including the hymns.

Opening Hymn *Hear Us, Father, When We Pray (recording starts vs 3)* **LSB 773**

<p>1 Hear us, Father, when we pray, Through Your son and in Your Spirit. By Your Spirit’s Word convey All that we through Christ inherit, That as baptized heirs we may Truly pray.</p>	<p>3 Jesus, advocate on high, Sacrificed on Calvary’s altar, Through Your priestly blood we cry: Hear our prayers, though they may falter; Place them on Your Father’s throne As Your own.</p>
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<p>2 When we know not what to say And our wounded souls are pleading, May Your Spirit, night and day, Groan within us interceding; By His signs, too deep for words, We are heard.</p>	<p>4 By Your Spirit now attend To our prayers and supplications, As like incense they ascend To Your heavenly habitations. May their fragrance waft above, God of love.</p>
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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 Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
**and I have trusted in the LORD without
wavering.**

2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.

**3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.**

4 I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.

**5 I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.**

6 I wash my hands in innocence

and go around your altar, O LORD,
**7 proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

8 O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

**9 Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,**

10 in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.

**11 But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.**

12 My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

Collect for the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

All: Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow wherever He leads; 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 Jeremiah 15:15-21

15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my
persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

17 I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

19 Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is
worthless,

you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.

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

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

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1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken;
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Every gift that You impart.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.

2 Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

4 Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

Sermon "What Does Real Love Look Like?" Romans 12:9-21 (See notes at end of file.)

The Prayers of Zion Lutheran Church

Knowing the will of God that all would come to the knowledge of Your Son and find salvation in Christ, let us pray on behalf of our church, community and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For our faith and faithfulness, especially for those persecuted for the cause of Christ; and
For our strength in time of trial and for us to persevere in grace in the day of trouble, let us pray to
the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, Jerusalem on high, our mother in Christ until Christ is fully formed in us;
For the pastors who serve us, that they may be faithful stewards of God's mysteries;
For the installations of Rev. Dr. Albert Collver III as Pastor to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Troy, Illinois
and of Rev. James Fundum as Pastor to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hamler, Ohio; that their pastoral
ministry may be always faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ and be of great benefit to God's people;
For those at home and abroad, who bring the message of salvation to those who have not heard, let
us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president; our governor of Ohio; and all legislators and civil servants;
For those who must render judgment and impose punishment upon lawbreakers; and
For all fellow citizens who serve us as firefighters, law-enforcement, military personnel, medical
workers, emergency and utility workers, retailers and food production workers;
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather and for those who tend the soil and harvest its fruits;
For business and industry, service workers and artisans;
For generosity toward those in need; and
For the unemployed and underemployed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those married, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises;
For parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord;
For single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and
For our lives together showing the love of Christ one to another,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to take up the cross and follow the Lord wherever He leads;
For courage in the face of challenge and adversity; and
For compassion and harmony in our life together, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For congregation members, family and friends who struggle with physical, spiritual and emotional
weaknesses that the Lord Jesus may heal, strengthen and encourage them; we remember especially
in prayer _____; let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

For our remembrance of the saints and grace to follow their example of faith;
For God to grant us a place with them in their fellowship; and
For our eternal life in God's kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, and grant to us all good things needful to this body and life and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Holy Spirit, You are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Collect for God's Grace and Protection for the Day

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.

The Lord's Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you spirit.

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

Lord of All Hopefulness

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1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could
destroy:

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of
the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane
and the lathe:

Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon
of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace:

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the
day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence
is balm:

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of
the day.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes: “What Does Real Love Look Like?” Romans 12:9-21

Why are we called "THE" Ohio State University"?

In 1986, a new University logo was introduced in the hopes of moving away from the "OSU" symbol, which had been used since 1977. The change from simply "OSU" was said to "reflect the national stature of the institution." University officials wanted the institution to be known as "The Ohio State University," again, since OSU could also mean Oregon State and Oklahoma State University.

However, the "The" was actually part of the state legislation when the university was renamed in 1878. The following excerpt is from the Board of Trustee minutes:

"...the educational institution heretofore known as the 'Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College,' shall be known and designated hereafter as 'The Ohio State University.'"

Those who wanted the name change thought the original name was too narrow in scope, and that it was inadequate for the institution that was the only beneficiary of the land grant act. President Edward Orton was insistent that a new name would separate the institution from other colleges in Ohio.

Legend also has it that "The" was used to show the other colleges which institution was supposed to be the leader in the state - both in size and in financial support from the legislature. <https://library.osu.edu/archives/faq>

Translation by Rev. Dr. Micheal Middendorf from *Concordia Commentary Romans 9-16*,
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9 Love [is] without hypocrisy: abhorring the evil, clinging to the good, **The Love is...**
10 in brotherly love [showing] familial affection for one another, in honor leading the way for one another,
11 in zeal not [being] lazy, in the Spirit blazing, serving as slaves to the Lord,
12 rejoicing in hope, enduring amid pressure, holding fast to prayer,
13 sharing for the needs of the holy ones, pursuing the love of strangers.

14 Bless the ones who persecute [you]; bless and do not curse!
15 To rejoice with rejoicing ones, to weep with weeping ones,
16 having the same mindset toward one another, not setting your mind on the haughty things, but associating with the lowly ones. Do not become wise beyond yourselves;
17 giving back to no one evil in place of evil, but being preoccupied with excellent things before all people,
18 if possible [in] that which is from you, being at peace with all people.
19 While not avenging yourselves, loved ones, rather, give a place for the wrath [of God]; indeed, it stands written: “ ‘Vengeance [is] for me; I myself will pay [it] back,’ says the Lord.” 20 But “if ever your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is ever thirsty, give him a drink. For, while doing this, you will heap burning coals of fire upon his head.”
21 Do not be conquered by the evil, but conquer the evil [thing] with the good.

The true Love of God is... (A few points)

- Holds to good not evil. Abhors — is horrified by evil. (What horrifies you that you must get away from?)
- *Continues to bless....* Does not stop blessing. (Verse 14)
- Persecution of true Christianity should not surprise us. The world rejects the Love of God. Jesus and all the New Testament writers expect persecution for belief in Jesus. But the Christian does not strike back.
- Because... God is in control.