



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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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 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.

Opening Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise;
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

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 67

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**2 that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity**

and guide the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

7 God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

All: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are underserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

1 Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to
the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name
of the Lord,
and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the
Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of
Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

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

New Testament Reading Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” 28

Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign (vs 1-3)

LSB 832

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Sermon "Not Color, Race, or any Human Distinction – but Holding Fast to the Covenant."
Isaiah 56:6-8 (See bulletin inside back page.)

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

For true unity in the faith; for the preservation of pure doctrine; for harmony and the will of God in the lives of our congregation, district and Synod; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those outside the kingdom; for missionaries near and far; for the ministries and agencies of our Church whereby the Gospel is spoken to those who have not heard; and for those who hear, that they may be brought to faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all families, for husbands and wives to live in faithfulness to each other, for all mothers with child, for all children, and for those who bring them to Baptism and nurture them in the faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president; the Congress; our governor; all elected and appointed leaders; all judges and magistrates; the members of the armed forces; and our police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel; emergency and utility crew in their duties to protect and serve us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the healing of the sick, the relief of the suffering, the comfort of the grieving and the peace of the dying, [*especially _____*], and for those who care for them in their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy assembly and for our communion upon the Lord's body and blood, and for us to bear in our lives the fruits of the Spirit and do the good works for which we were created, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all honest work and occupations, for favorable weather for all farming, for our good use of the fruits of our labors, for generosity for those in need, and for the tithes and offerings that accompany our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, giver of all that is good, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your grace, that we may endure the changes and chances of this mortal life and be found worthy when our Savior comes to bring to completion all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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.

Hymn *Jesus Comes Today with Healing (vs 1-2)* **LSB 620**

1. Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."

2. Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.

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 *Jesus Comes Today with Healing (vs 3-6)* **LSB 620**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less **LSB 575**

O Worship the King **LSB 804**

(NOTE: Not all hymns/verses may be needed. Organist will play as needed.)

620 vs 3-6

3. Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursed tree.

4. God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

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1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

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1 O worship the King, all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds
form,

5. Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6. Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanse me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!
[Refrain]

And dark is His path on the wings of the
storm.

3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.

Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love.
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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.**

Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign (vs 4-5)

LSB 832

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes — “Not Color, Race, or any Human Distinction – but Holding Fast to the Covenant.”
Isaiah 56:6-8 (See bulletin inside back page.)

Isaiah 56

Vs6 – “foreigners” - Isaiah’s prophecy refers to non-Jews. Different people than the descendants of Abraham. These people would be different tribes, languages, cultures, races, etc.

What is necessary?

- Join themselves to the LORD (YHWH – true God, covenant God)
- Minister to Him
- Love the name of the LORD (“No other gods before me”)
- Be servants
- Keep Sabbath and do not profane it.
- Hold fast “my covenant.” Hold fast to God’s promises to save and watch over His people.

Vs7 – What will God do?

- Bring them to His holy mountain. They will truly worship God.
- *Give them joy* in the house of pray. Spiritual blessings of joy and peace.
- *God accepts* their sacrifices and offerings – they are given in faith
- God’s house a place of prayer for all peoples.

Faith in the one, true God and in His words and promises (the covenant) is emphasized above all human distinctions and differences.

Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman asks Jesus for help. Historically in the Old Testament, the Canaanites were idol worshippers, and even offered infant and child sacrifices to their gods. It is no small distinction that Matthew specifically records a Canaanite woman comes to Jesus.

“Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David” – The woman looks to Jesus for help, for mercy. She calls Him Lord and she calls him “Son of David.” That is, she believed Jesus was the fulfillment of the LORD’s Old Testament covenant promises to the Israelites, but she was claiming these promises for herself by calling Jesus these titles.

The disciples wanted Jesus to help her, send her away. But Jesus was quiet and the woman continued to call out to Jesus. Jesus said He was for Israel only. But she knelt before Jesus and still called Him Lord and asked for help. Jesus was quite blunt and said the children should not lose their food to dogs. But the woman persisted and said even the dogs get crumbs. She believed Jesus was for her too. God’s covenant was for her too.

Jesus declared her faith great. He did not declare His disciples faith great, but even called their faith little. The woman showed she believed God’s Messiah was for her too. She worshipped the true God.

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.