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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

Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

LSB 773

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.

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.

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 sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.

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.

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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 96

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be
praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless
idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the
peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and
strength!

**8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his
name; bring an offering, and come into his
courts!**

9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of
holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth!

10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be
moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth
rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12 let the field exult, and everything in it!

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for
joy**

13 before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

All: O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our Ruler and Guide we may so pass through things temporal that we may not lose the things eternal; 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 45:1-7

1 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
2 "I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
3 I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
5 I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
6 that people may know, from the rising of the
sun and from the west, that there is none
besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no
other.
7 I form light and create darkness;
I make well-being and create calamity;
I am the LORD, who does all these things.

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

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 1

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and

true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

Preserve Your Word, O Savior (vs. 1,2,4,5)

LSB 658

1 Preserve Your Word, O Savior,
To us this latter day,
And let Your kingdom flourish;
Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing;
Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us
While living here below.

2 Preserve, O Lord Your honor,
The bold blasphemer smite;
Convince, convert, enlighten
The souls in error's night.
Reveal Your will, dear Savior,
To all who dwell below,
Great light of all the living,
That all Your name may know

4 Preserve Your Word and preaching,
The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory,
The power that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water,
This dew of heavenly grace,
Sustain us while here living
Until we see Your face.

5 Preserve in wave and tempest
Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather,
May it endure each shock.
Stand at the helm, our pilot,
And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor
In Your eternal light.

Sermon “God is Above the Nations” Isaiah 45:4-7; Matthew 22:15-22

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 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, deliver Your people by Your power, and grant to us grace sufficient for all our needs and for the needs of all people. *Brief silence*

Let us pray to the Lord to open the eyes of the blind by the light of His Word and to open the ears of the deaf with the voice of His Gospel, and for the Lord to clear the way for all people to know the riches of His grace, the gift of forgiveness and the promise of life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord to teach us to trust not in our works but in His Word, and for a steadfast faith to endure in time of test, trial and tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord to bless our nation with peace and harmony, and for the Lord to bless our president, governor, all legislators and judges, and those who protect and defend us against all the enemies of our land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord who gives us fellow citizens to aid and rescue us in all time of need, we ask God to bless doctors and nurses, law enforcement, firefighters and rescue workers, utility and emergency workers, food producers and retail workers, educators and counselors. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord to heal the sick, give relief to the suffering, grant comfort to those who mourn, and give peace to the dying, especially _____ and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord for the renewal of our lives of prayer and devotion, interceding on behalf of all those in need and those who have devoted themselves to the Lord's work. We especially remember Zion's Food Pantry work and all which it serves, that God may give His grace and guidance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord for those who commune this day, for faith to receive His gifts, and for genuine repentance, that they may receive to their benefit His flesh and blood in this bread and cup. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord that we may remain steadfast and immovable in faith, and that we may endure to the day of His coming again, when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, to live in His eternal presence and sing His praise without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiven,
The certain joys of heirs of heaven.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray (vs 3-5)

LSB 623

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

LSB 663

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

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

623

3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.

4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day

663

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken;
For the foe, Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping.

2 Watch against the devil's snares
Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.

3 Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled
It betray and cheat you.

618 (also selected verses from *The Lutheran Hymnal* 315)

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain: Lord, May Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain.*

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,

When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

Watch and see Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you,
Who but seek to harm you.

4 Watch against yourself, my soul,
Lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control
Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin Lurk within,
All your hopes to shatter;
Heed not when they flatter.

5 But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing,
So that still Mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him
And forever love Him.

Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful Shephard art: *Refrain*

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

(TLH 14) Though death may threaten with
disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the Master
With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*

(TLH 15) My heart has now become Thy
dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes: "God is Above the Nations" Isaiah 45:4-7; Matthew 22:15-22

(v 4) God uses both _____ and _____ world leaders.

- For the _____ of His _____

(v 5-6) Even though many call on different _____ or no _____

- There is only the one _____

(v 7) Both _____ and _____ are under God's

_____. Any theory or belief otherwise is from _____.

(v 19-21) Give _____ what they are due. Give God _____.

(v 22) Listen to _____ and be _____.

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.