



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS

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Education Hour 8:45 AM - Divine Worship 10:00 AM

Communion First and Third Sundays

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Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Sunday

Prelude
Tower Bells
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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (vs 1-3)

LSB 901

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

Psalm 80:7-19

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**8 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

9 You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

**10 The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.**

11 It sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.

**12 Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

13 The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.

**14 Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,**

15 the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

**16 They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**

17 But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,

the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
18 Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!
19 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!**
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

All: **Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 5:1-7

1Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

2He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

3And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

4What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

5And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

6I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of

Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said,] ³³“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁶And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Nicene Creed (*Inside back cover of the hymnal.*)

Sermon Hymn

Praise, Love, Serve

(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: *LSB 361*)

1 Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.

2 In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.

3 Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.

SERMON “Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit” (Matthew 21:43).

LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on

His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

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Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

Merciful Lord, You have planted us as Your own vineyard, that we might bear good fruit for Your glory. Grant to us grace, that we may be faithful and show forth in our lives the good works that glorify You and serve Your purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, embolden us by Your Spirit, that we may give witness to Your mighty acts. Bless the missionaries who bring the Gospel to people who have not heard, and raise up faithful pastors who will nurture the congregations in their care with Your Word and Sacraments. Give us ears willing to hear, minds willing to be instructed and hearts willing to trust You in all things. We ask your blessings up St. John Lutheran Church in Stryker and their new Pastor, Rev. Aaron Bueltmann. Bless and protect Pastor Davis and Faith Lutheran Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, give to the nations both the desire for and the blessing of peace. Thwart the actions of terrorists and those who would oppress with the power of fear. Bless Donald, our president; our governor; and all who pass, enforce and judge our laws. Spare us from disease and fear. Deliver the poor from want, and help us to provide jobs and worthy employment for all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bountiful Lord, we ask You to bless all efforts of harvesting the crop You have given. Bless and protect all food producers and retail workers. Keep safe and guide all firefighters, law-enforcement, medical workers, emergency and utility workers, and educators and students. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, guide husbands and wives to love and forgive each other and strengthen them in their life together. Bless the homes in which Your people dwell. Help parents to be faithful examples for their children, and give room in their hearts and homes so that orphans may know the joy

of a place and a home to call their own. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, deliver the sick from their illnesses, give relief to the suffering, help the troubled to know peace of mind, and be with the grieving and those in their final days. Guide all health care professionals to serve those in need, and give patience to those who must bear with their infirmities, disabilities and infertility. Hear us especially for _____. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us, O Lord, and give answer to the prayers of Your people prayed in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, forevermore. Amen.

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 Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe He saved us from evil foe.

2 As His pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread, And with the wine the blood He shed.

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.

Special Table

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior (vs 3-5; 9-10)

LSB 627

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830

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

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 *Serve the Lord with Gladness*

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, Tune: LSB 662

1. "Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

2 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

3 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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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.