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Septuagesima Sunday

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.

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

Opening Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howso'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in the strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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.

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 95:1-9

1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
**9 when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

All: O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 Exodus 17:1-7 (*Congregation sits*)

1 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you

bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:13

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16 (*Congregation Stands*)

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5 So they went.

Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' 9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is set firmly in the heavens.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Sermon Hymn

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

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1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river

Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.

Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

Sermon "The Exercise We Christians All Need"

Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:13 and Matthew 20:1-16

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.

(Congregation sits)

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Master of the vineyard, by Your Holy Spirit You have called us into Your care. You have enlightened us with Your gifts, with Your name in Holy Baptism, Your absolution doled out richly and daily for all sins in Your Christian Church, and the gift of Your body and blood to make glad our hearts. Your grace is beyond all telling. Keep us from all grumbling, from the evil of envy and from unbelief. Give us contentment and a firm trust in You, that whatever is right and for our good, You will give us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Master of the vineyard, send forth laborers into Your harvest and sustain those whom You have sent. Keep Your whole Church mindful at all times of the gracious favor You have bestowed on us in the Beloved, that we in our vocations may serve You with faithful labor, especially as hearers of Your saving Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Master of the vineyard, You call us by Your grace to work and live in Your kingdom not as slaves, but as sons of the Most High and brothers of Christ. Work graciously by the teaching and example of fathers and mothers to preserve the faith of children, and help them to grow in it until life's end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Master of the vineyard, You have established all authority upon earth to be a blessing, not a burden. Remember those entrusted with civil authority here and in all places, and enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Master of the vineyard, graciously regard all for whom we pray [*especially _____*]. Give them contentment to take what You send them and go their way confident that whatever is right, You will give them, since You work all things together for the good of those called according to Your purpose. By the gracious gift of Christ, relieve them of their sorrows. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Holy Word You have called us into Your vineyard. Send, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may labor faithfully in Your vineyard, shun sin and all offense, obediently keep Your Word and do Your will, and put our whole and only trust in Your grace, which You have bestowed upon us so abundantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

P: Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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

1 O God, my faithful God,
 True fountain ever flowing,
 Without whom nothing is,
 All perfect gifts bestowing:
 Give me a healthy frame,
 And may I have within
 A conscience free from blame,
 A soul unstained by sin.

2 Grant me the strength to do
 With ready heart and willing
 Whatever You command,
 My calling here fulfilling;
 That I do what I should
 While trusting You to bless
 The outcome for my good,
 For You must give success.

3 Keep me from saying words
 That later need recalling;
 Guard me lest idle speech
 May from my lips be falling;
 But when within my place
 I must and ought to speak,
 Then to my words give grace
 Lest I offend the weak.

4 Lord, let me win my foes
 With kindly words and actions,
 And let me find good friends
 For counsel and correction.
 Help me, as You have taught,
 To love both great and small
 And by Your Spirit's might
 To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes: "The Exercise We Christians All Need" Ex17:1-7; 1 Cor 9:24-10:13 and Matt 20:1-16

1. The Gospel Creates Life that Needs Spiritual Exercise, that is, Life in Christ is Lived or Not
2. Grumbling Against God is Rejection of Life in Christ. Repent!
3. Spiritual Discipline and Exercise is for the Sake of Neighbor