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## Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Sexagesima 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. Those taking Communion are asked to fill out the "Communion" side (black print) of the card. Completed cards may be also left on the pew seat.*

*Worship Note: 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 through any door immediately after their table is dismissed or return to their pew until the end of the Service of the Sacrament.*

Opening Hymn

*This is the Day the Lord Has Made*

**LSB 903**

1 This is the day the Lord has made;  
He calls the hours His own.  
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad  
And praise surround the throne.

3 Hosanna to the anointed King,  
To David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring  
Salvation from Your throne.

2 Today He rose and left the dead,  
And Satan's empire fell;  
Today the saints His triumphs spread  
And all His wonders tell.

4 Blessed is He who comes to us  
With messages of grace;  
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us  
To save our fallen race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains  
The Church on earth can raise.  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,  
Shall give Him nobler praise.

Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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

### Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 84

1 How lovely is your dwelling place,

**O LORD of hosts!**

2 My soul longs, yes, faints

for the courts of the LORD;

**my heart and flesh sing for joy**

**to the living God.**

3 Even the sparrow finds a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

**at your altars, O LORD of hosts,**

**my King and my God.**

4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house,

**ever singing your praise!**

5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

6 As they go through the Valley of Baca

they make it a place of springs;

**the early rain also covers it with pools.**

7 They go from strength to strength;

**each one appears before God in Zion.**

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;

**give ear, O God of Jacob!**

9 Behold our shield, O God;

**look on the face of your anointed!**

10 For a day in your courts is better

than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

12 O LORD of hosts,  
**blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**All: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 55:10-13

10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

New Testament Reading One      2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

19 For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! 20 For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. 21 To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. 22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. 24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; 26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; 27 in toil and hardship,

through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. 28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. 31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. 32 At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, 33 but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

1 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. 5 On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— 6 though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. 7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading Two    Hebrews 4:9-13

9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading                      Luke 8:4-15 (*Stand*)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

4 And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, 5 “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew

up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

*God Has Spoken By His Prophets*

LSB 583

1 God has spoken by His prophets,  
Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil  
One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal;  
God the first, and God the last.

2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory,  
With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,  
God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
He reveals our God to us.

3 God is speaking by His Spirit,  
Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring  
His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging;  
God the first, and God the last.

Sermon “Strong in the Lord.” Isaiah 55; 2 Corinthians 11-12; Hebrews 4 and Luke 8:15

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for His tender mercies, and that the Lord of the harvest would implant in us His Holy Word, that in good and honest hearts we may keep Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into His harvest, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christians, that we would be preserved in the pure teaching of His saving Word, whereby faith toward God is strengthened, charity increased in us toward all, and His kingdom extended in all the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health and prosperity of all in authority, President Biden, Governor DeWine; and all those who serve in our armed forces, that God would endue them with wisdom to serve and maintain righteousness and hinder and punish wickedness; that He would provide chaplains who are faithful to His Word; and that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death or any other adversity, including those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's name and truth, [*especially for \_\_\_\_\_,*] that God would comfort them with His Holy Spirit to receive and acknowledge their afflictions as under His Fatherly will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would watch over all fellow citizens who serve us daily; we remember before God emergency and utility workers, firefighters, law-enforcement, medical workers, educators and counselors, food producers and retail workers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune, that the Lord of the harvest would grant us worthily to go to His altar in faith to receive the very body and the true blood that His Son has given for our redemption, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sown Your Holy Word among us. **We pray that You will prepare our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may diligently and reverently hear Your Word, keep it in good hearts and bring forth fruit with patience; and that we may not incline to sin, but subdue it by Your power, and in all persecutions comfort ourselves with Your grace and continual help; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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*Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Luther's Morning Prayer

**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.**

*Remain standing for the hymn and beginning Service of the Sacrament liturgy. Those not staying for Holy Communion may quietly exit the church during the following hymn.*

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
 Come into the daylight's splendor,  
 There with joy your praises render.  
 Bless the One who grace unbounded  
 This amazing banquet founded;  
 He, though heavenly, high, and holy,  
 Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
 And with lovely reverence greet Him.  
 For with words of life immortal  
 He is knocking at your portal.  
 Open wide the gates before Him,  
 Saying, as you there adore Him:  
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
 That I nevermore will leave You.

### Service of the Sacrament

P: The 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: Almighty God, as the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

**C: Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord for His Holy Supper      LSB 209

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.** *(Congregation may be seated.)*

*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

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (vs 3-8)*

**LSB 636**

*Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*

**LSB 623**

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

**LSB 655**

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



636 (vs 3-8)

3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

623

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 forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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

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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.

*Nunc Dimittus (After the Pastor has put communion items away, he will lead the congregation in speaking the Nunc Dimittis.)*

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

Closing Collect

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.           **C: And with thy spirit.**  
P: Bless we the Lord.           **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

*Almighty Father, Bless the Word (Stand)*

**LSB 923**

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have  
heard.

Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2 We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles  
Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Sermon “Strong in the Lord.” Isaiah 55; 2 Corinthians 11-12; Hebrews 4 and Luke 8:15

*Isaiah 55:10-11.* God controls the weather and what it does. God controls His Word and what it does. God’s will and power come to us through His Word.

*2 Corinthians 12:7-9.* Christian greatness is not what a human can know or can do. The greatness of a Christian is Jesus working through the person. To God be the glory!

*Hebrews 4:12-13.* God’s Word in our lives and outreach is the power of Christ in us. His Word shapes our through and intentions. It is God working through His Word of God that changes people.

*Luke 8:15.* Read, hear and meditate: “15 *As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.*”

What in our lives, and in the lives of others, needs God’s guiding, shaping and strengthening?  
Pray God to guide His Word into our lives to accomplish His will.

### **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.