



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Sunday, February 14th, 2021
Quinquagesima 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

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

1 Today Your mercy calls us
 To wash away our sin.
 However great our trespass,
 Whatever we have been,
 However long from mercy
 Our hearts have turned away,
 Your precious blood can wash us
 And make us clean today.

3 Today our Father calls us;
 The Holy Spirit waits;
 His blessed angels gather
 Around the heav'nly gates.
 No question will be asked us
 How often we have come;
 Although we oft have wandered,
 It is our Father's home.

2 Today Your gate is open,
 And all who enter in
 Shall find a Father's welcome
 And pardon for their sin.
 The past shall be forgotten,
 A present joy be giv'n,
 A future grace be promised,
 A glorious crown in heav'n.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
 O ever-open Door,
 What should we do without You
 When heart and eye run o'er?
 When all things seem against us,
 To drive us to despair,
 We know one gate is open,
 One ear will hear our prayer.

(Stand) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,
 Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**and my mouth will declare Your praise.
 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 89:18-29

18 For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.
19 Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly
one, and said:
**“I have granted help to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.**
20 I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,
21 so that my hand shall be established with
him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not outwit him;
the wicked shall not humble him.
23 I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall
be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
25 I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.
26 He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’
27 And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.
28 My steadfast love I will keep for him
forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
29 I will establish his offspring forever
and his throne as the days of the heavens.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

All: O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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 35:3-7 (*Congregation sits*)

3 Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 13

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

Gospel Reading Luke 18:31-43 (*Congregation Stands*)

31 And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

35 As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." 42 And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Sermon Guest Preacher - Pastor Chad Hoover

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.

To Him who opens the eyes of the blind to see and the ears of the deaf to hear, that as we prepare to enter the season of Lent, He would open our eyes and ears anew through the preaching of His Law and Gospel to see and hear Christ, our Savior, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church and her ministers; to give all pastors courage to embrace gladly the crosses of their office; and to aid all Christians in bearing the reproach of the world, the attacks of Satan and the temptations of the flesh in the confidence of Christ's redemption, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the family and all godly Christian homes, that God would give parents diligence and persistence in their duties to teach the faith in word and example; that He would keep all children in His promise made to them in their Baptism; and that the patience, kindness and endurance of Christian love would have no end among us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the state and its servants, that to those God has given authority, He would bestow also the wisdom needed to use it dutifully for the benefit of those under authority; to turn us from every evil in judgment, law or action; and that God would renew in us and our fellow citizens discernment and selflessness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves and all who call to God in any need, [*especially _____,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, what You foretold through the holy prophets has been fulfilled and accomplished in the suffering, death and resurrection of Your Son. You have set forth His Passion and resurrection as the firm foundation and content for our faith.

Have mercy on us, and open our eyes to be fixed on the Son of David at all times. Give us courage to follow Him through all adversity and every assault of the devil to view His Passion with repentant hearts and with delight, for by it You have redeemed us from all sin and evil. Comfort us with the certainty of Christ's resurrection, by which we, too, have the confidence of eternal life; through the same 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.**

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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

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.**

Closing Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

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1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own

3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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