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Sunday, September 12, 2021
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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.

Opening Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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.

C: Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 146

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3 Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

6 who made heaven and earth,

**the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

7 who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

9 The LORD watches over the sojourners;
**he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

10 The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Kyrie

LSB 204

C: (*sing*) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

**1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

All: O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness;

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 1 Kings 17:8-16

8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” 13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Galatians 5:25-6:10

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.

6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

C: (sing) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can

add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was

not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore

do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed (*Inside back hymnal cover*) LSB 207

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783

Sermon “Our Heavenly Father Takes Care of His Family”

Offerings Brought Forward During Hymn (LSB 789 v 1-3)

1 Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.

3 Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

For faith to seek Christ Jesus, who is the kingdom of God and His righteousness, above all things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and missionaries, that by the Holy Spirit the Gospel of God's kingdom would be heard and believed throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For help in every anxiety and worry, that our loving Father, who clothed creation in glorious dress and all the more provides for our every need of body and soul, would lead us to look to Him for every good thing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all good works, which God prepared beforehand for us to do in Christ's name; for workers, that they would work hard for the blessing of their employers and customers; for employers, that they would pay honest wages; for all working in food production, that there would be success and safety in all farming activities, and for the unemployed, that they would entrust their days and burdens to their Father's hand, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For President Biden; Governor DeWine; and all leaders in our land, that they would rule according to Your will and righteous decrees; for soldiers and servants in our armed forces, that God would protect them and send faithful chaplains to comfort them with Christ's forgiveness; and for our nation, that God would lead it to repent of everything it celebrates contrary to His will, especially the scourge of abortion and the destruction of marriage, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and afflicted, [especially _____,] that our merciful Father would give His power to the faint and increase their strength, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles
Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes

I. Psalm 146 – What does the LORD do?

Do not trust in _____; there is no _____ in them.

The LORD made the _____ and _____ and _____ and all in them.

The LORD helps the _____; _____; _____;
_____; _____; and _____.

II. 1 Kings 17:16 – According to the _____ of the Lord the jar of flour was not _____
neither did the jog of _____ become empty.

III. Matthew 6:26 & 32-33

You heavenly _____ feeds them...

For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly _____ knows that you need them all.