



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Sunday, November 21, 2021
Last Sunday in the Church Year

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 be left on the pew seat.

Opening Hymn

In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

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

C: 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.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 149

1 Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

3 Let them praise his name with dancing,
**making melody to him with tambourine and
lyre!**

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

5 Let the godly exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their
throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

7 to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishments on the peoples,

8 to bind their kings with chains

and their nobles with fetters of iron,

9 to execute on them the judgment written!

This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the LORD!

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Salutation and Collect of the Day (*sing*) LSB 186-189

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: Lord God, Heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church,
that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast;
though Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

17 "For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever in that which
I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and
her people to be a gladness.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my
people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of
weeping and the cry of distress.

20 No more shall there be in it an infant who
lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years
old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be
accursed.

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my
people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the
work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain or bear children
for calamity,

for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of
the LORD, and their descendants with them.

24 Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy
mountain,"
says the LORD

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir - "*Children of the Heavenly Father*"

Alleluia (*Stand and sing*)

LSB 190

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: (*sing*) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*sing*) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (*Inside back cover of hymnal*)

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

LSB 515

Sermon

Offertory (*Offering Brought Forward During Singing*) LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Zion Lutheran Church

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

For the Church, Christ’s Bride, that He would lead her home to enter with all the company of the redeemed into His eternal wedding feast, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and servants in the Church, that trusting Christ, our only hope, they would proclaim Him in boldness and clarity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all God's baptized people, that they would be diligent as they watch for their Savior's appearing and be always prepared to meet Him with joy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who lead our country and all who serve in our military, that the King of the nations would fill them with His wisdom and protect them in every danger, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all parents, grandparents and other caretakers of children that the raising of children may be full of God's grace and protection; for the health and protection of all pregnant mothers and their children; for God's grace and wisdom and needed resources for all who take care of older relatives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For successful and safe harvesting and farming activities of this fall season, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For safety in all travels for our work, family gatherings and holiday plans, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in trying circumstances: the sick, the suffering, the dying, the mourning, [*especially Your servants _____,*] that our God would comfort them with His divine promises and grant His healing peace, until we all are gathered into His everlasting joy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune this day, that the Giver of the feast would grant them repentance and faith and so receive His body and blood in a worthy manner, showing forth His praise in their lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. **Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest.**

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. **Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Service of the Sacrament
LSB 194-195

Preface (*Sing*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*Sing*) LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

Pax Domini LSB 197

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (*sing*) Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*sing*) LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution *Continuous Line*

Distribution Hymn *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* **LSB 631**

Distribution Hymn *The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace* **LSB 580**

Distribution Hymn *Be Still, My Soul* **LSB 752**

(NOTE: The Pastor will commune the Communion Assistants and then the organist. Then those who commune in the pews will be served starting at the back of the church. Not all hymns/verses may be needed. Organist will play as needed.)

Dismissal Blessing

Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Benedicamus (*sing*) LSB 199-201

C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

P: Let us pray. 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 through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: (sing) Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: (sing) And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord. **C: (sing) Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: (sing) Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

LSB 663

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude and 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.

Sermon Notes - "Being Ready for the Change"

Isaiah 65:-17-18

A new heaven and a new earth - _____ is changed.

Gladness and _____ forever.

Jerusalem (God's people is created to be a _____ . _____ weeping or distress.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 and 9-10

The Last Day will come as a _____ in the night. Stay _____ .

"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him." (vs 9-10)

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus' parable teaches us to be _____ for Him to return.

The foolish virgins took no extra oil to be ready for a long time. The wise were ready to wait for the bridegroom, whether a short time or a long time.

A person cannot get ready for Jesus to return, *a person must* _____ *ready, now*. What is being ready now?