

Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS 20-141 County Road X – P.O. Box 37 – Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

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Sunday, February 13th, 2022 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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.

Worship Notes: We continue to consider Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 12-15; today chapter 15:1-20. Chapter 15 is often called the "resurrection Chapter" because Paul lays out the case that the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the Good News that brings to us, is a central teaching of the Christian faith. We sing an "Easter" hymn today to match up with the topic of the sermon. Throughout the history of Christianity, every Sunday is a "little Easter."

Opening Hymn

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

LSB 500

Order of Matins LSB 219

Invocation (Stand)

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

Amen.

(Sing entire opening liturgy)

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, Alleluia.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite LSB 220

O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in His hand; the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **O come, let us worship Him.**

Introit Psalm 1 (spoken)

1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8 (Congregation sits)

5 Thus says the LORD:
"Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.
6 He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.
8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

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

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26 (Congregation Stands)

17 And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26 "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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

Responsory LSB 221

(Sing) P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set 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.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death LSB 486

Sermon All Life Depends on This: Jesus Is Raised from the Dead 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

Canticle Hymn We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God LSB 941

(Offering Brought Forward on Last Verse of Hymn)

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

Heavenly Father, Your kingdom has been made manifest in the preaching and miracles of Jesus Christ. Gather together Your great multitude from every Gentile nation and from Judea's remnant, that many may know Wisdom come in our flesh. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that Your people may always hold fast to the Word that has been preached to them and not believe it in vain. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Preserve the family and all godly Christian homes. Give parents diligence and persistence in their duties to teach the faith in word and example. Keep all children in the promise You made to them in their Baptism. Let the patience, kindness and endurance of Christian love have no end among us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, do not let our rewards and blessings consist in the treasures and goods of this world. Give us joy in every sorrow, knowing that if we have You, we lack nothing and will receive an eternal reward in Christ that cannot fail. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be near to those who are troubled by any unclean spirit, memory or thought, and to the sick and all who need Your healing [especially ______]. Send forth Your power in the name of Christ Jesus, that they would hear Your Word and be cured. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

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Kyrie (Sing) LSB 227

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

The Collect

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.

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 angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: 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.**

Silent Prayer Extinguish Candles Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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| Sermon – All Life Depends on This: Jesus | | |
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| 1 Corinthians 15:1-20 – Feb 13, 2022 – Pastor Carl Rockrohr | | 3. Some Meanings and Implications of the Resurrection of Jesus |
| 1. It is to be a Christian if one does not believe in the resurrection of the dead. | | vs 20: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the |
| | | firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. |
| - There is a and | | - The entire Bible, all its teachings and narratives, point a person to know and believe there is a God who gives eternal |
| - There is a final b | by the just God. | |
| ve 12 10. | | and also all people. |
| - vs 13-18: | ifal than Christ is not raised | |
| If dead are not raised (no afterlife), then Christ is not raised If Christ is not raised, preaching is worth nothing and Christian faith worth nothing If Christ is not raised, all preachers are liars, even all | | - A Christian's awareness, behavior, attitudes and actions are all directed by the truth that because Jesus lives eternally, a |
| Christians are liars. | | Christian also shall live |
| - If Christ is not raised, our faith w | vorthless and we are sinners | |
| If Christ is not raised, all the dead have If Christ not raised, we Christians are the most pitiable fools of all human beings on earth. | | - All the sufferings of this life are for the |
| | | believer. |
| | | - All unforgiven sin in this life does not go |
| 2. The resurrection to eternal life has | been God's | |
| plan | | - The of life or punishment from Jesus for |
| - vs 3-8: | | eternity shapes our thinking, attitudes and behaviors today. |
| - What Paul preached he to others | | |
| | | - The death of fellow Christians is only a |
| - Jesus died for our sins according to the | | separation. |
| - Jesus was buried and rose from the dead according to the | | - Each day in this life on this earth believing in Jesus, is a bit |
| - Jesus appeared to Peter and the other apostles | | closer to our eternal |
| - Jesus appeared to more than | believers at one | "Jesus promises that I am going to live forever in heaven, wha |
| time | | can I do today to serve Him and help others now yet in this lif |
| - Jesus appeared to James, and to himself | | before I go to heaven?" |