



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Sunday, January 1, 2023
The First Sunday after Christmas

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. Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.

Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **LSB 379**

Confession and Absolution **LSB 151**

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 111

1 Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and merciful.

5 He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,

in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;

all his precepts are trustworthy;

8 they are established forever and ever,

to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

This Is the Feast (*sing*)

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P: (*Sing*) The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

All: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Hly Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-14 (*Sit*)

7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his
compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast
love.

8 For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."
And he became their Savior.

9 In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the
days of old.

10 But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,

and himself fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old,
of Moses and his people.

Where is he who brought them up out of the
sea

with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit,

12 who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them

to make for himself an everlasting name,
13 who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

14 Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

This Is My Father's World

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (*Stand and sing*)

LSB 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

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

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

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." 21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. 23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 158 (*Inside back cover of hymnal*)

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375

Sermon

Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Offerings Brought Forward During Last Verse

LSB 393

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

For humble hearts, that we would acknowledge the great wonder of our almighty God sending His Son to be born of the virgin Mary, under the Law, working already for our salvation on the day of His circumcision; and that God would receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For steadfast faith, that we would ever be thankful for the lovingkindness God has shown to us in Christ, and never forget His benefits or lose sight of His promises, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For preservation from prejudice, that we would firmly believe from God's Word that we are all one in Christ; for a deep appreciation of our distinctive callings, that we would recognize the beauty of God's diverse creation and our specific place within it; and that we would not resent what God has called us to be and to do, but rejoice to serve as He has ordained, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our leaders in this world, including our president, governor, Congress, legislators, judges and magistrates, and all local government officials, that our God would give them the wisdom and courage to act with integrity on behalf of all people, especially those least able to defend themselves, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in need who cry out to God, [*especially _____*], that our Father would remember them, bless and keep them by His grace, lift up His countenance upon them, and give them peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the children of God invited to the table of His Son here today, that He would give us His Holy Spirit to discern Christ's body and blood and come with joyful and repentant hearts; and that He would strengthen us by this blessed communion to love Him above all and to love one another in His name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Gracious Father, in Your steadfast love You have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of Your elect is complete. Keep Your people watchful, vigilant and awake with Your gift of faith until that day; 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.

Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving (*sing*) LSB 160-161

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: It is truly good, 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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving	LSB 161
Lord's Prayer	LSB 162
The Words of Our Lord	LSB 162
Pax Domini and Agnus Dei	LSB 163

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

C: (*sing*) 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.

Distribution *Tables*

Distribution Hymn	<i>A Great and Mighty Wonder</i>	LSB 383
Distribution Hymn	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	LSB 366
Distribution Hymn	<i>Gentle Mary Laid Her Child</i>	LSB 374

(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.)

Thank the Lord (*sing*)

LSB 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction LSB 166

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 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: (*sing*) Amen.

Closing Hymn

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude, 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.