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**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude  
Tower Bells and Welcome  
Announcements

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

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 119:65-72

65 You have dealt well with your servant,

**O LORD, according to your word.**

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge,

**for I believe in your commandments.**

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,

**but now I keep your word.**

68 You are good and do good;

**teach me your statutes.**

69 The insolent smear me with lies,

**but with my whole heart I keep your**

**precepts;**

70 their heart is unfeeling like fat,

**but I delight in your law.**

71 It is good for me that I was afflicted,

**that I might learn your statutes.**

72 The law of your mouth is better to me

**than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Gloria in Excelsis (*sing*)

**1 To God on high be glory. And peace to all the earth;**

**Good will 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 heavenly 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 power 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: Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

15 I will return again to my place,  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my  
face,

and in their distress earnestly seek me.

1 “Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

3 Let us know; let us press on to know the  
LORD;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;

he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.

5 Therefore I have hewn them by the  
prophets;

I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt  
offering.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle    Romans 4:13-25

13 For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” 23 But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

LSB 205

Verse

**C: (stand and sing)      Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

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

*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

**LSB 563**

Sermon

Hymn

*O Christ, Our True and only Light  
(Offering brought up during last verse.)*

**LSB 839**

Sending Blessing for Helping Appalachian Rural People (H.A.R.P.) Mission Volunteers  
(*H.A.R.P. Team come forward*)

Pastor: Christian Sisters and Brother, Taylor, Debra, and Eric, servants in Christ: You stand before this Christian community ready to embark as Christ's servants. Before you go to serve with the Helping Appalachian Rural People Mission in Caldwell, Ohio, hear the Word of the Lord concerning service.

Pastor: Jesus said to His disciples: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all" (Mark 10:43-44).

**All Men: The apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (6:2).**

**All Women: To the Christians at Rome Paul explained: “Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourself. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord” (Romans 12:9-11).**

Pastor: Do you wish to serve so that others may see Christ’s love through you?

*Servants: Yes, we go to serve as Christ served us and gave His life for all.*

Pastor: Will you, to the best of your ability and with God’s help, be faithful in your calling and loving toward those called to serve with you?

*Servants: Yes, we go to serve in love for God and each other.*

Pastor: This being your pledge, we send you out to serve. Remember that the Lord will give you as a reward what He has kept for His people. For Christ is the real Master you serve. He will bear you up on His wings and guide you on your way. He will be with you! Go and serve in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**All: Father, we thank you for these servants. Keep them safe from all harm and danger. Grant them Your Spirit, and enable them to help Your kingdom grow. Amen.**

*(HARP team may return to their seats)*

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

For repentance, that the Lord who both strikes down and heals would revive us and raise us up to live before Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For pastors and all who teach the Word of God, that the ears of many would be opened to hear and acknowledge Him in His Word and to live in His steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who work this weekend to prepare for our Synod’s convention, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents and all caring for small children, that our Father in heaven would strengthen them to train children diligently, defend them from discouragement and apathy, and convince them that He is able to do what He has promised, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace among the nations, that our Lord, who calls everything into existence and governs it for good, would guide those in authority to reflect His order and purpose in their work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all farming activities, that the Lord God would provide safety and favorable weather, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For healing of body and strength of faith, that God would help the suffering [*including \_\_\_\_\_*] and restore them according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith, that our Father would strengthen us like Abraham to trust His promises in Christ despite our weaknesses and troubles, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, 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.

Lord's Prayer (*sing*)

Our Father,  
Which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.**

Closing Hymn

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

**LSB 918**

## Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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