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**Sunday, July 16, 2023**  
**The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

*Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*

**LSB 908**

Confession and Absolution

LSB 203 (Divine Service IV)

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, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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 65

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
**and to you shall vows be performed.**

2 O you who hear prayer,  
**to you shall all flesh come.**

3 When iniquities prevail against me,  
**you atone for our transgressions.**

4 Blessed is the one you choose and bring  
near, to dwell in your courts!  
**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of  
your house, the holiness of your temple!**

5 By awesome deeds you answer us with  
righteousness,

**O God of our salvation,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas;**

6 the one who by his strength established the  
mountains,

**being girded with might;**

7 who stills the roaring of the seas,  
**the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples,**

8 so that those who dwell at the ends of the  
earth are in awe at your signs.

**You make the going out of the morning and  
the evening to shout for joy.**

9 You visit the earth and water it;  
you greatly enrich it;

**the river of God is full of water;**

**you provide their grain,  
for so you have prepared it.**

10 You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,

**softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.**

11 You crown the year with your bounty;  
**your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.**

12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
**the hills gird themselves with joy,**

13 the meadows clothe themselves with  
flocks,

**the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.**

Kyrie (*sing*)

LSB 204

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

Hymn of Praise

*All Glory Be to God on High*

LSB 947

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**All: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

10 “For as the rain and the snow come down  
from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the  
eater

11 so shall my word be that goes out from my  
mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent  
it.

12 “For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their  
hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the  
cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the  
myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (*sing*)

LSB 205

**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 13:1-9, 18-23

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

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

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. 7

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear.”...

18 “Hear then the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Nicene Creed

LSB 206 (*Or inside hymnal back cover*)

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

**LSB 904**

Sermon

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

For repentance, that by every thorn and briar, God would warn us of sin and discipline us against temptation, so that we would place all trust in His promise of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For devotion to the Holy Word, which God sends as abundantly as rain on the earth, that we may never take it for granted but seek its help and refreshment in every circumstance, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an abundant harvest of believers, that God would bless pastors and missionaries as they sow His Word to the nations, preparing the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents, that the Lord would bless them with faithfulness as they plant His Word into their children; and for children, that by His Word the Lord would protect them amid the cares and troubles of this world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for a successful week of Vacation Bible School, and that He would continue sending the Holy Spirit to all the VBS students and their families that they would all continue growing in His Word and in strong faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For reasonable weather and bountiful harvest, that according to our Creator's Word, He would send rain on the earth to make it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those suffering from illnesses of body or mind, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*], that the Lord would give them healing, comfort them with His loving presence, grant them patience to endure suffering and assure them always of the glory of Christ that awaits them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who partake of the Holy Communion, that God would sustain His children in repentance and faith to receive Christ's body and blood for life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, Your Spirit calls us by the Gospel to the new life of faith. We praise You and acknowledge You as our Lord.

**Deliver us from the devil's temptations, that we may live under You and serve You in righteousness, innocence and blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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In Our Prayers – Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 208 - 209

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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*(sing)* Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer LSB 209 *(Also, inside hymnal back cover)*  
The Words of Our Lord LSB 209

Pax Domini and Agnus Dei LSB 209 - 210  
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: Amen.**

**1 *(sing)* O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution *Continuous Line*

Distribution Hymn *Come, My Soul, with Every Care* **LSB 779**  
Distribution Hymn *O Lord, We Praise Thee* **LSB 617**  
Distribution Hymn *Beautiful Savior* **LSB 537**

*(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.)*

General Dismissal Blessing

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

**1 *(sing)* O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

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

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

**LSB 655**

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.