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**Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**The 6<sup>th</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

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

**LSB 940**

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 145:1-14, 19

1 I will extol you, my God and King,  
**and bless your name forever and ever.**  
2 Every day I will bless you  
**and praise your name forever and ever.**  
3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
**and his greatness is unsearchable.**  
4 One generation shall commend your works  
to another,  
**and shall declare your mighty acts.**  
5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
**and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**  
6 They shall speak of the might of your  
awesome deeds,  
**and I will declare your greatness.**  
7 They shall pour forth the fame of your  
abundant goodness  
**and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**  
8 The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 The LORD is good to all,  
**and his mercy is over all that he has made.**  
10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O  
LORD,  
**and all your saints shall bless you!**  
11 They shall speak of the glory of your  
kingdom and tell of your power,  
**12 to make known to the children of man  
your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**  
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all  
generations.  
**The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and kind in all his works.**  
14 The LORD upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
**19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear  
him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.**

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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**All: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading      Zechariah 9:9-12 (*sit*)

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
11 As for you also, because of the blood of my  
covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the  
waterless pit.  
12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of  
hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you  
double.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle      Romans 7:14-25

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. 15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. 17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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 11:25-30

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

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

25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*  
(*Offering brought up during last verse.*)

**LSB 610**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

For deliverance from anxiety and worry, that we would hold fast to the conviction that, for Jesus' sake, we are of more value than birds and lilies to our Creator, who knows what we need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that the Lord would enkindle the gifts of His Holy Spirit and give us mutual encouragement by each other's faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our homes, that our heavenly Father would be the companion of those who are alone, the strength of husbands and wives, and the blessing of parents as they catechize their children; and that He would preserve our families from every plague and evil, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace and protection, that God would bless our nation's leaders with integrity and wisdom to defend against evil, until at last He cuts off the war horse and the chariot forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all couples who are newly married or planning for their wedding in the coming weeks, that the Lord would bless their marriages with enduring love and faithfulness toward one another and also toward God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lord's blessings on all our work activities, that He may bless us with favorable weather, safety and success, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are incarcerated, that God would foster in them repentance and trust in His grace, preserve them from greater evil, and enable them by such forgiveness to bear their sentence in joyful hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For comfort to those weary and heavy-laden with tribulations or illnesses, [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they would be blessed with the knowledge of His easy yoke and light burden and find rest from their Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the saints who have gone before us, seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness above all else, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that God would preserve us in repentance and faith until we stand before Him in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

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

Lord's Prayer

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

*My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*

**LSB 820**

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles  
Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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