



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Sunday, August 20th, 2023
The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Prelude
Tower Bells
Welcome
Announcements

Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* **LSB 905**
Confession and Absolution *Divine Service III* **LSB 184**
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth.
P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 67

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
2 that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
7 God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Salutation and Collect of the Day (*sing*) LSB 186-189

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Glory be to God on high:

and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (*sit*)

1 Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed...

6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to
the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the
LORD, and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not
profane it, and holds fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

8 The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?...

13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?...

28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

(Stand and sing) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C: (sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed (*inside back cover of the hymnal*)

Children's Message with Prayer and Blessing for Students and Teachers at the Start of a New School Year

Prayer and Blessing

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

C: Amen.

P: Our heavenly Father watches over all the earth, providing good things for all people for both bodies and souls. We hear in Psalm 147,

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
8 He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
9 He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

10 His delight is not in the strength of the
horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
11 but the LORD takes pleasure in those
who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

God blesses us with opportunities of learning in many areas of study, for many ages, whether working as a student or teacher. God grants that we may not only gain wisdom about this life, but wisdom about Him. From Proverbs 9:9-10:

9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

We bring before our God petitions of safety and success in all educational endeavors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all students of all ages, that our Heavenly Father may give a year of safety and good learning, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all families of students, that parents and all supporting relatives and friends, may be granted God's protection, guidance, resources and insights to support the students in their family, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all teachers, that Almighty God may give wisdom, insight and strength to teach and lead their students in true knowledge and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all schools, that the Lord God who grants many good gifts, protect schools from all evil so that they may be centers of safety and godly knowledge imparted to their students, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In the name of the true God we pray, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Backpacks or other items used for school are brought together.

May the Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless these backpacks and other tools used for this school year. May our God bless all the students and teachers who use them. **Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830

Sermon

Offertory LSB 192 *(The offering is brought forward during the Offertory)*

(Stand and sing) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Zion Lutheran Church

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

For the house of the Lord, that it may be a house of prayer and we a people of prayer, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that she may steadfastly proclaim the irrevocable gifts and calling of God, that the disobedient may receive mercy, and that those who hear may become branches grafted onto the true vine, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all honest work and occupations and our good use of the fruits of our labors; for favorable weather, safety and success in all farming and food production; for generosity toward those in need; and for the tithes and offerings that accompany our sacrifice of praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the government and those who protect us, in national, state and local agencies and governments, that they may keep justice and do righteousness, carrying out their duties in accord with God's will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the residents of Maui, and those attending them with medical, safety and social services, that all may be comforted and know the grace of God even in the midst of disaster, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and afflicted, those beset with grief and sorrow, pain and any trouble, [*especially* _____,] that the Lord would be pleased to answer their cries for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are about to receive Christ's body and blood from this altar, that we may be strengthened in faith and love, united with God and neighbor, 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.

In Our Prayers –

Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194-195

Preface (*Sing*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. **C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, 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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising and saying:

Sanctus (*Sing*)

LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei (*sing*)

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution *Continuous Line*

Distribution Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832

Distribution Hymn

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness vs 1-4, 8

LSB 636

Distribution Hymn

Praise to You and Adoration

LSB 692

(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.)

Dismissal Blessing (*stand*)

Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Benedicamus (*sing*) LSB 199-201

C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

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 be with you. **C: (*sing*) And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *(sing)* Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *(sing)* Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB 803

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.