



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS  
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Sunday, August 6, 2023  
10<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

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

LSB 873

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 136:1-9, 23-26

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

2 Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

4 to him who alone does great wonders,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

5 to him who by understanding made the  
heavens,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

6 to him who spread out the earth above the  
waters,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

7 to him who made the great lights,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

8 the sun to rule over the day,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;...**

23 It is he who remembered us in our low  
estate,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

24 and rescued us from our foes,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

25 he who gives food to all flesh,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**for his steadfast love 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  
P: (*Speak*) The Lord be with you.

LSB 156  
**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**All: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts; give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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      Isaiah 55:1-5 (*Congregation sits*)

1 “Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that  
which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do  
not know, and a nation that did not know you  
shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the  
Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading      Romans 9:1-24

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. 9 For this is what the

promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” 10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

19 You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— 24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

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 14:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17 They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

(See inside back cover of hymnal.)

Sermon Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation*

LSB 728

Sermon

Offertory (*Stand and sing*)

LSB 159

*Offering brought forward during Offertory.*

**What shall I render to the Lord for His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take my cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

For the people of God, that in the steadfast love of their Lord they may give thanks and have confidence that no danger, trouble or hardship can separate them from the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and church workers, that the Lord would bless their service and bless all who are considering and preparing for church work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In gratitude for all God provides for our bodies and lives, that we might not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from His hand alone, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For eyes to see the Lord's mercies anew every morning, and for grateful hearts to receive and share our Lord's rich and daily grace with the needy and His Church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who serve us in government and protect us in our communities, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, troubled, grieving and dying; we remember before our Father \_\_\_\_\_; that they may receive grace according to God's merciful will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in our Father's steadfast love, especially as we receive Christ's body and blood in His Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, let us seek You while You may be found, call upon You in the day of salvation and be prepared by Your mercy for the day of judgment; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. **Amen.**

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 *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing* **LSB 737**

Distribution Hymn *O Living Bread from Heaven* **LSB 642**

Distribution Hymn *Praise and Thanksgiving* **LSB 789**

*(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.)*

Nunc Dimittis *(sing)* **LSB 165**

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**

**A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction **LSB 166**

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: *(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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer* **LSB 918**

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.