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**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude  
 Tower Bells  
 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

*Awake My Soul and With the Sun*  
 Order of Matins p 219 (*liturgy is sung*)

**LSB 868**

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
 Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite LSB 220 (*sing*)

**O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

**the strength of the hills is His also.**

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**  
**For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.**  
**The deep places of the earth are in His hand;**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.**  
**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
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Introit Psalm 125 (*spoken*)

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

**which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

**so the LORD surrounds his people,**

**from this time forth and forevermore.**

3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

**lest the righteous stretch out**

**their hands to do wrong.**

4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
**and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

5 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways

**the LORD will lead away with evildoers!**

**Peace be upon Israel!**

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (*Congregation sits*)

6 “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28-39

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall

tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52 (*Congregation Stands*)

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48 When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” 52 And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsory LSB 221

(*Sing*) P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Apostles' Creed (*Inside back cover of hymnal*)

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

*All Depends on Our Possessing*

**LSB 732**

Sermon

Hymn

*I Lay My Sins on Jesus*  
*(Offering brought forward during last verse.)*

LSB 606

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

For the Church throughout the world, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ may go forth unhindered and the Holy Spirit bring many into this fellowship of the redeemed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all God's people, redeemed by the cross and resurrection of Christ, that we may pursue His kingdom with all our hearts, souls, minds and bodies, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those troubled by the memory of past sins, that they may have confidence that Christ has died for their justification and still intercedes for them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faithfulness in our vocations, that we would come to see the various offices God has given us as gifts through which we serve Him and our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For President Biden, for Governor DeWine; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would lead with wisdom, seeking what is best for all in accordance with God's will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those burdened by sickness and affliction, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*], that they may await healing and deliverance in the firm conviction that nothing can separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, it is not for the sake of our numbers or strength or birth that You preserve us, but for the sake of Your faithfulness and steadfast love.

**As You preserved Your ancient people of Israel for the sake of Your promises, keep Your Holy Church on earth, and also preserve our Synod, we pray, for the sake of Your name. Lead our delegates and members, gathered in convention, according to Your good pleasure and will, that in word and action we may love You and keep Your commandments, confessing Your steadfast love and faithfulness even to a thousand generations; through Christ, the crucified, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

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

The Collect for the Week

**Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Morning Prayer

**ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**LSB 924**

Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles and Postlude

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