



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Sunday, September 17th, 2023
The 16th 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

Father, We Praise Thee

LSB 875

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 103:1-12

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
**and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!**

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit,

**who crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy,**

5 who satisfies you with good

**so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle's.**

6 The LORD works righteousness

and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He

made known his ways to Moses,

his acts to the people of Israel.

8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.**

9 He will not always chide,

nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our
sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the
earth,

**so great is his steadfast love toward those
who fear him;**

12 as far as the east is from the west,

**so far does he remove our transgressions
from us.**

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: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21 (*sit*)

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 17 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11 for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

(Stand and sing) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

Sermon Hymn

O God of Mercy, God of Might

LSB 852

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 freedom from grudges and an unforgiving spirit, that we may not be kept from God's forgiveness through our lack of mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For patience in trials, that like Joseph in Egypt, we, too, might learn to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for God and one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the Holy Word and Sacraments, that they would be preserved among us; for faithful stewards of God's mysteries, that repentance and the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in Christ's name; and for all the baptized, that they would be faithful confessors of the hope that is in them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the homes of God's people, that He would keep them from all harm and danger; and that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of His holy angels, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations and leaders, that life and liberty might be defended; and that rulers and nations might strive toward all that is honorable, true and just, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For safety and wisdom for all law enforcement, firefighting, emergency, and medical workers; for courage and endurance for all military; for success in all vocations and for favorable weather; for godly learning and teaching for all students and educational institutions, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For victims and emergency workers of natural disasters, including fires, storms and earthquakes, that resources might be available and comfort sought from the Maker of all good things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and infirm, [*especially _____,*] that they may have patience to endure their time of suffering and that their days be crowned with God's mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For gratitude as we receive Christ's body and blood, that having been forgiven a debt that only Christ could pay, we in turn may go out to serve others in the same spirit of forgiveness, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, being obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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*)

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, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563

Distribution Hymn

O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642

Distribution Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

(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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

Silent Prayer and Extinguish Candles

Postlude and 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.