



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Sunday, January 21st, 2024
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* **LSB 873**

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.

Introit Psalm 62

1 For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him,
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

4 They only plan to thrust him down from his
high position.

They take pleasure in falsehood.

**They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.**

5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

7 On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

8 Trust in him at all times, O people;
**pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

9 Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;
**in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.**

10 Put no trust in extortion;
**set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

11 Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God,

12 and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast
love.

**For you will render to a man
according to his work.**

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:

C: 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, heav'nly 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 God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 Jonah 3:1-10 (*sit*)

1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

6 The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, 8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

29 This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, 31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

32 I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. 33 But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, 34 and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. 35 I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse (*stand and sing*)

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

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

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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 Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839

Sermon

Offertory (*Stand and sing, offering brought forward*)

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 Zion Lutheran Church

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

For faithfulness and urgency in the Church, that as this world passes away, we may be bold to proclaim the kingdom of God come near in Christ Jesus, who does not desire the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church's mission, that as Christ called Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow Him and made them fishers of men, He would send faithful preachers also in our time; and for those who generously support the missionaries, seminaries, colleges and other institutions of our Church for the spread of the Gospel and the service of God's people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christians in every home, that they may have constancy and contentment in their God-given stations despite every current distress as the present form of this world passes away; for the married, that God would give them comfort and faithfulness, strengthening them also to pass on the faith to the next generation; and for the unmarried, that assured of the holiness of their place in life, they would live freed from anxiety and attend to holiness in body and spirit with undivided devotion to Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation with its rulers, that God would bless President Biden; Governor DeWine; all local government officials and all who serve for the good of this people; that God would call to repentance those who have forgotten Him; and that He would not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all of us, that our merciful Father would turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from His blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life; for confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name; and that God would graciously behold and help those for whom we pray, [*especially* _____,] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who come to the Holy Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would work repentance and faith in us, united in a sincere confession of His divine truth at this altar, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

LSB 812

Distribution Hymn

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619

Distribution Hymn

Oh, That the Lord would Guide My Ways

LSB 707

(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.)

General Communion Dismissal (*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.

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

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917

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.