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Sunday, January 28th, 2024
The Festival of St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor (Jan. 26)

Prelude
Tower Bells and 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.

Today we are following the readings and theme of the Festival of St. Titus (Jan. 26) instead of the 4th Sunday after Epiphany. We remember that Titus was a coworker of Paul, a pastor and missionary supervisor over other pastors on the island of Crete.

Opening Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904

Divine Service IV - LSB 203

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

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 71:1-14, 17

1 In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!

2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me, and save me!

3 Be to me a rock of refuge,
to which I may continually come;

**you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

5 For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

6 Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;

you are he who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

7 I have been as a portent to many,
but you are my strong refuge.

8 My mouth is filled with your praise,
and with your glory all the day.

9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength is spent.

10 For my enemies speak concerning me;
those who watch for my life consult together

**11 and say, "God has forsaken him;
pursue and seize him,
for there is none to deliver him."**

12 O God, be not far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me!

13 May my accusers be put to shame and consumed;

**with scorn and disgrace may they be covered
who seek my hurt.**

14 But I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.

17 O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C: (*sing*) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis (*sing*)

**1 To God on high be glory. And peace to all the earth;
Good will from God in heaven. Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing —
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in power are seated At God's right hand on high —**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" Our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

All: Almighty God, You called Titus to the work of pastor and teacher. Make all shepherds of Your flock diligent in preaching Your holy Word so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 20:28-35 (*sit*)

28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Fervent in Spirit*

Epistle

Titus 1:1-9

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— 6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard

or violent or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. 9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse

LSB 205

C: (stand and sing) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2 And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, Peace be to this house!' 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. 7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed (*Inside back hymnal cover*)

LSB 207

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

Sermon

Hymn

Hear Us, Father, When We Pray (vs 1-2)

LSB 773

(Offering brought up during first verse. Church Council Members walk to altar area during second verse.)

Installation of Zion Lutheran's Church Council

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

To the Holy Trinity who alone is God of gods and Lord of lords, from whom with Jesus Christ are all things, and for the revelation of His saving knowledge to us and all the world, that together we may be known by God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church and her ministers, that the precious Church of God which He obtained by His own blood, be blessed with faithful pastors, teachers and leaders that the devil may not harm or deceive God's flock with false teaching or living, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families and homes, that God would guard them and build them up in love; that He would support parents in their task of instructing their children; that He would strengthen those whose faith is weak; and that He would make us bold to forego convenience and security to attest the truths of our most holy faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health and success of our president and governor, our legislators and judges, all others who serve for our governance, and for all who serve us in time of danger, emergency and need, that God would make them high in purpose, wise in counsel and unwavering in duty, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick, distressed, in danger or facing any need, [*especially* _____,] that the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Physician who cast out unclean spirits and taught with authority, would sustain them with patience, trusting in His merciful care, and so graciously relieve them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the baptized, that as we face the temptations of the devil, the world and our sinful flesh, we may be enabled to win the victory over all that threatens our faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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: Amen.

Closing Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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