

The Divine Service

The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity
Divine Service, Setting Three

Zion Lutheran Church

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

Dear God, I know that even when I have done my best I am still to blame. But I am comforted, because You have died for me and sprinkled me with the blood from Your holy wounds. I am surely baptized in You and have heard the word through which You have called me, commanded me to believe, and assured me of grace and life. With these blessings I will gladly go ahead, not in anxious and hesitating doubts and fears, which ask, "Who knows what judgment God in heaven will hold against me?" For I now live in the assurance of the gracious decree which God has given from heaven against the curse of the law, "Ye who believes in the Son of Man has eternal life." Amen

Martin Luther

In the Church we speak and sing of the glory of God, named love. Therefore in this Church is not only our happiness, but also God's perfect praise, God's glory. God's honor, like our happiness, is fulfilled in the Church. The Church is fulfillment, - here at length is all as it ought to be. The Church is fulfillment, - and what is fulfilled without it? Behold, the Church! It is the contrary of loneliness - blessed fellowship! Millions of the blessed and of believers - who are becoming blessed - and, in the midst of their songs of praise, the Lord! - No longer lonely, but permeated, satisfied, - yes, blessed is he who is one of the Millions, each of whom has Christ and with Him heaven and earth!

Wilhelm Löhe, *Three Books About the Church*, p 7-8

September 29, 2019 ✠ 10:30 A.M.

We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



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THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn

Kyrie! God Father *LSB 942*

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3

- P** Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- C** **Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.**
- P** Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- C** **Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.**
- P** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;
turn to me and be gracious to me;
- C** **give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.**
- C** **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.**
- P** Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- C** **Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.**

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

I Kings 17:8-16

The Old Testament reading for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity is from I Kings, the seventeenth chapter.

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 118:8-9

P It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

C It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

Epistle

Galatians 5:25-6:10

The Epistle according to Galatians, the sixth chapter.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Triple Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

What Is the World To Me LSB 730

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Sit

Offering

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.



[Forgiveness is] a gift given to the totally incompetent, not a reward bestowed on the suitably disposed.

Robert Farrar Capon, *The Parables of Grace*, p. 40

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 194

Proper Preface



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 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

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



Distribution

We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar. Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with the Pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?

Those communing this day are invited to pray the following:

Prayer Before Receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has done for me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

During the Distribution of the Sacrament

The Lord was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessings. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing *LSB 633*
Children of the Heavenly Father *LSB 725*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
Thanksgiving	LSB 200
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 201
Salutation	LSB 201
Benedicamus	LSB 202
Benediction	LSB 202

Sit

Recessional Hymn

Seek Ye First *LSB 712*

Life Together

Pray as You Go

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Nigeria

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Linton Dorn
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Rick Shott
Rev. Herb Swanson
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Tanya Schroeder*)
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Dave and Joyce Boswell*)
Stephanie Hollinger (*daughter
of Gary Daniels*)
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of Katie*)
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When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution, contact Pastor Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.



ZION Life Together



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

THE FRUITS OF OUR FAITH 09/22/2019

Present in Worship: 69
Children's Sunday School: 4
Adult Sunday School: 10

General Offering: \$1,895
Food Pantry: \$125
Fall Fest: \$875
Advent Parament Fund: \$100
Building Fund: \$10,000 (Thrivent Grant)

OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!

"FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE."

Matthew 10:8b

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Remember to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars before the end of the quarter Tuesday! These funds go a long way towards funding the Food Pantry and Fall Fest.



FALL FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fall Fest is less than two weeks away!! The final planning meeting will be **this Tuesday** (October 1st) at 6:00 p.m. Please come!

The Fall Fest Clean-up will be **next Saturday**, October 5th starting at 8:00 a.m.



ADVENT PARAMENT UPDATE

Funds have been raised to pay for over half of the new Advent paraments! Take a look at the chart in the Narthex to see the material and design. Prayerfully consider how much you can give to help replace Zion's altar paraments and vestments. If you have any questions, please visit with Susan Colles or Pastor Ralston.

SILENT AUCTION NEWS

All donated items (except baked goods) for the Silent Auction and Country Store need to be dropped off no later than **Sunday, October 6**. This is important so that items can be properly displayed.

Baked goods can be brought in Friday, October 11th before noon, or Saturday, October 12th before 10 a.m.

ZION'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday † September 29

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
Teen Bible Study (Fellowship
Hall)
Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with
Communion
No Catechumenate

Monday † September 30

Tuesday † October 1

6:00 Fall Fest Meeting

Wednesday † October 2

Thursday † October 3

Friday † October 4

Saturday † October 5

8:00 a.m. – Noon Fall Fest Clean-up

Sunday † October 6

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
Teen Bible Study (Fellowship
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Adult Bible Study (Fellowship
Hall)

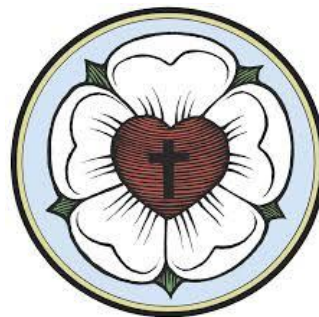
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Communion

ADULT BIBLE CLASS INFORMATION

Why do Lutherans worship differently than other denominations? Are you curious why we do certain things in the liturgy – maybe make the sign of the cross, confess our sins, sing the Kyrie, or receive communion? Come to Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 9:30 to find out! Everyone is welcome to come as we explore our church's ancient liturgy together and grow in the love of Christ. Bring your questions as we learn how God promises to serve us!

CATECHUMENATE

Classes have begun! If any child still wants to be in class, it's not too late to join! Adults who have not been confirmed but seek membership, contact Pastor Ralston to see if there are opportunities for individual catechesis, or adult confirmation class. Send an email to rev.jralston@gmail.com if you or a loved one is interested.



BULLETIN INFORMATION?

Please contact Phyllis Campbell by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning to have your "blurb" in the upcoming bulletin.

Call/text: 501-725-1418

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**If calling for a Pastoral Emergency,
contact Pastor Ralston directly:**

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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

PASTORAL CONSULTATION

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 9:30 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

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