



The Divine Service

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service, Setting Three

Zion Lutheran Church

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

Graciously comfort and tend all who are imprisoned, hungry, thirsty, naked, and miserable; also all widows, orphans, sick, and sorrowing. In brief, give us our daily bread, so that Christ may abide in us and we in Him, forever, and that with Him we may worthily bear the name Christian.

Martin Luther

This view is far from every kind of perfectionism. The hidden discipline is more difficult, more demanding than the attempt to merit holiness. But he who practices this discipline is also visited readily by God, who re-created newness. Its final victory comes only with the end-time. Since holiness has begun and is growing daily, we await the time when our flesh will be put to death, will be buried with all its uncleanness and will come forth gloriously and arise to complete and perfect holiness in a new, eternal life. Until then there is the task of facing each day. The hidden discipline would be beyond our capacity if one had, today, to bear yesterday's faults and tomorrow's prospects. It is made to be spooned out a day at a time. The church is the fellowship of the daily unburdened. All this, then is the office and work of the Holy Spirit, to begin and daily to increase holiness on earth through these two means, the Christian church and the forgiveness of sins. Daily: until the resurrection of the body is fulfilled, the life everlasting realized.

Martin E. Marty, *The Hidden Discipline*, p. 63-64

October 6, 2019 ✠ 10:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

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

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *LSB 904*

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 gra- | cious to me;
- C** **give your strength to your | servant,***
and save the son of your maid- | servant.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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 pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

I Kings 17:17-24

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 102:15-16

P Nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

C **For the Lord builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory.**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13-21

The Epistle reading is from Ephesians, the third chapter.

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Triple Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Apostle’s Creed

LSB 192

Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense *LSB 741*

Sermon

One God, One Story I Kings 17:17-24; Luke 7:11-17

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192


Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

 *Pain is never permanent.*
St. Teresa of Avila

Sending Prayer

P O God, our refuge and strength, You have cleansed Your children in the waters of Holy Baptism. Renew our hearts in the true faith that knows Your forgiveness and daily accepts Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

LSB 202

Sit

Recessional Hymn


Be Still, My Soul *LSB 752*

Life Together

Pray As You Go

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command

St. Francis of Assisi



Preaching among us has far too often turned into the mere dispensing of advice. Even worse, the advice we hand out consists of little more than exhortations about a host of supposedly achievable life enhancements, without even once getting our hearers within shouting distance of the astounding gift that's been handed us in Jesus at the price of no human accomplishment whatsoever. Our pulpits are fountains of irrelevancy when they are not puddles of dullness. They soak us with helpful hints about self-improvement [...] the advice that if we are loving, we will find the key to earthly happiness. And all the while, every last item in that farrago of free advice is a hundred-eight degrees off the Gospel mark.

Jesus proclaims unlimited forgiveness, not the excoriation of sinners. He hands out the resurrection of the body, not spiritual perfection in some alien heaven. He comes to us in the brokenness of our health, in the shipwreck of our family lives, in the loss of all possible peace of mind, even in the very thick of our sins. He saves us in our disasters, not from them. He emphatically does not promise to meet only the odd winner of the self-improvement lottery; he meets us all in our endless and inescapable losing [...] not only is all advice demonstrable malarkey; it's mere pandering to a market that the Gospel has no interest in leasing. It's what the world thinks it wants to hear, not what God in Christ has to tell it. But most of all, it is to yawn. It is to lull the world to sleep and invite it to dream of a world that advice can never in a million years create.

Robert F. Capon, *The Astonished Heart*, p. 14-15

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

ORGANIST

Susan Colles

ACOLYTE

Talia Paylor

USHERS

Chuck Campbell, Rusty Dorn

ALTAR GUILD

Carrie Green, Kathryn Higgs

ELDER

Earl Schrock

TRUSTEE

Robert Sims

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Angela Waldo
Chyral Sims
Tanya Schroeder
Tony Waldo

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY –
OCTOBER 13

ACOLYTE
Aiden Kuretsch



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Persecuted Christians in:

Egypt
Uzbekistan
Myanmar
Laos
Vietnam

Partner Church

Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod
in South Africa

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Harvey Maher
Joyce Boswell
Linton Dorn
Gary Daniels
Tom Harms
Rick Shott
Rev. Herb Swanson
Mary Ann Creamer (*Aunt of Tanya Schroeder*)
Ryder Locke (*great grandson of Dave and Joyce Boswell*)
Stephanie Hollinger (*daughter of Gary Daniels*)
Marla Steuber (*wife of Dennis Steuber*)
Amy Villalobos (*sister-in-law of Katie*)
Ray Roth
Glenda Schrock
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Ruby Alexander (*friend of Delores MeDaniel*)
Carson Brown (*friend of the Villalobos family*)

Dianne McKissack (*boss of Nikki Dorn*)
Lander Duvall (*friend of Tony Waldo*)
Lance Spence (*friend of Katie Villalobos*)
Marie Heiser

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Joyce Boswell
Betty Bocksnick
Gwen Hale
Helen Rick
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Regina Steuber

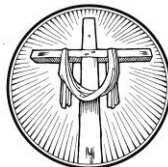
Catechumens

Emory Kuretsch
Emmett Schlittenhart
Isabella Schroeder
Tatum Rion
Gavin Rion
Alivia Waldo
Alison Waldo
Chance Paylor

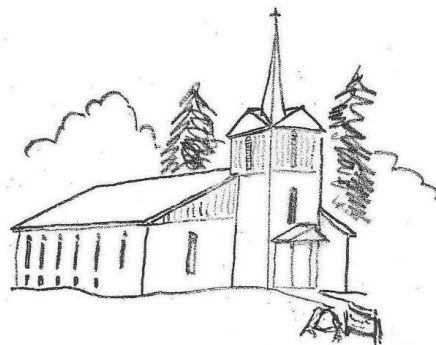
Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers
Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Christopher Stocking
Dale Ozment

*When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution, contact Pastor
Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.*



ZION Life Together



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
OCTOBER 6, 2019

THE FRUITS OF OUR FAITH 09/29/2019

Present in Worship: 53

Communed: 42

Children's Sunday School Attendance: 7

Adult Bible Study: 10

General Fund: \$1,420

Food Pantry: \$50

Fall Fest: \$750

Advent Paraments: \$300

OH GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!

"FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE."

Matthew 10:8b

LEARN BY HEART

Pastor Ralston is available at any time to listen to recitations for the Learn By Heart program.

Contact him by phone or email to set-up a time!

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 or adult 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.

ZION'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday † October 6

- 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
Teen Bible Study (Youth
Room)
Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service without
Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Catechumenate

Monday † October 7

Tuesday † October 8

Wednesday † October 9

- 6:30 p.m. LWML Meeting

Thursday † October 10

Friday † October 11

Saturday † October 12

- 9:00 a.m. Fall Fest Bike Ride
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Fall Fest

Sunday † October 13

- 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
Teen Bible Study (Youth
Room)
Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with
Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Catechumenate

AUGSBURG FALL FEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS OCTOBER 12, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Reformation Bicycle Ride

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Good German Food, Entertainment,
Arts & Crafts Booths, Bump and Jump,
Petting Zoo, Daisy BB Shooting,
Educational/Display Booths, Climbing Wall,
Pony Rides, Antique Tractors

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Silent Auction and Country Store

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free Kids Games

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kids' Cake Walk

11:30 a.m. – Noon

Adult Cake Walk

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Bingo

2:00 p.m.

Drawing for Processed Pig

2:15 p.m.

Drawing for Gun Safe

2:30 p.m.

Settle Silent Auction



ADVENT PARAMENT FUND

Through the generous giving of many individuals, we have almost reached our goal. With a pending additional gift, we will be on our way for building the fund for other new Paraments and Vestments. Please continue to consider this fund as you remember all that your loving Lord has provided you. Contact Pastor Ralston or Susan Colles with any questions.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Proverbs 25:6-14

Ephesians 4:1-6

Luke 14:1-11

The Sermon text for next week will be Ephesians 4:1-6. Read this devotionally throughout the week and come with a hunger and thirst for God's Word. The Gospel lesson, Luke 14:1-11 is a great text. Although I will not preach directly from this text, there's some great Gospel contained in this text. Have you ever wondered why Jesus is able to work on the Sabbath day, but the Jews in the Old Testament are commanded to rest? Seems like Jesus breaks Mosaic law. But the Sabbath is God's day of work – not the Jews, and not ours either. That's what Sunday church service is – a day to allow God to work on us as He humbles Himself down to earth in Word and Sacrament. So, prepare to allow yourself for God to work on you – read Ephesians 4:1-6 daily this week. Meditate, pray, and struggle with this text this week and our Lord will exalt you.

BLESSING OF THE CHASUBLE

Next week, October 13th, the new green chasuble will be blessed for service in the church. The chasuble looks like a “poncho” and symbolizes charity covering a multitude of sins. This vestment is worn by the pastor on Communion Sundays as our multitude of sins are covered.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The fourth quarter Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex. Both regular and large print copies are available. Please pick one up after the service.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Volunteers are needed to provide flowers to adorn the altar each Sunday. Most Sundays through the end of the year are open. Please check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Phyllis Campbell if you need someone to bring them to the church.





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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 Adult 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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