



Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

Septuagesima

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

*O Lord, Thou
faithful God, I
pray Thee, grant
Thy servant the
joy of laboring in
the vineyard
planted with sweat
and tears by Thy
dear Son, and,
until the evening
comes, let me
glory in the high
privilege of serving
Thee.
Amen.*

If love is the soul of Christian existence, it must be at the heart of every other Christian virtue. Thus, for example, justice without love is legalism; faith without love is ideology; hope without love is self-centeredness; forgiveness without love is self-abasement; fortitude without love is recklessness; generosity without love is extravagance; care without love is mere duty; fidelity without love is servitude. Every virtue is an expression of love. No virtue is really a virtue unless it is permeated, or informed, by love.

Richard P. McBrien, "Catholicism", in *Christianity Today*, January 8, 1996

February 9, 2020 ✠ 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!



Divine Service, Setting Three

The Preparation

Processional Hymn

By Grace I'm Saved (v.1-3) *LSB 566*

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 18:1-2a, 27, 32,49; antiphon: vv.5-6

- P** The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me; *
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
- C** In my distress I called up- | on the LORD. *
From his temple he | heard my voice.
- P** I love you, O | LORD, my strength. *
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.
- C** For you save a humble | people, *
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.
- P** [You have] equipped | me with strength *
and made my way | blameless.
- C** For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations, *
and sing | to your name.
- 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** The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me; *
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
- C** In my distress I called up- | on the LORD. *
From his temple he | heard my voice.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

The Old Testament reading for Septuagesima is from Exodus, the seventeenth chapter.

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore, the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 9:9-10, 18-19a

P The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

C And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

P For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

C Arise, O LORD!
Let not man prevail.

Epistle

I Corinthians 9:24-10:5

The Epistle reading is from First Corinthians, the ninth chapter.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

Salvation Unto Us Has Come (v.1-5) *LSB 555*

Sermon

“Generously Unfair”

Matthew 20:1-16

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.



God loves to be asked, so that he can give.

St. Bede, Homilies on the Gospels, 2.14

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, /.../ 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

By Grace I'm Saved (v.4-6) *LSB 566*
Your Table I Approach *LSB 628*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

Salutation

LSB 201

Benedicamus

LSB 202

Benediction

LSB 202

Sit



Life Together

Pray as You Go

Lord God, heavenly Father, in your Son you have given the world a pioneer of salvation and made him the true and eternal priest and mediator of his people. Grant that we may hold fast to him in love, learn obedience in his discipleship, and so be brought into the heavenly sanctuary through Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Minister's Prayer Book, p. 85

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

Serving in the Divine Service

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

ORGANIST

Susan Colles

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Robert Sims

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Phyllis Campbell

Chyral Sims

ELDER

Dennis Ward

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SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Phyllis Campbell

Randy Lamar

Tanya Schroeder

Serving Next Sunday

February 16, 2020

ACOLYTE

Emory Kuretsch

ORGANIST

Dennis Steuber

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Sudan
Eritrea
Yemen
Iran
India

Partner Church

The Lutheran Church
in Norway

Comfort, Health, and

Recovery

Gary Daniels
Tom Harms
Rick Shott
Rev. Herb Swanson
Candace Smith (*friend of Phyllis Campbell*)
Mary Ann Creamer (*Aunt of Tanya Schroeder*)
Ryder Locke (*great grandson of Dave and Joyce Boswell*)
Stephanie Hollinger (*daughter of Gary Daniels*)
Amy Villalobos (*sister-in-law of Katie*)
Glenda Schrock
Earl Schrock
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
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)

Charlotte Hottinger
Cynde Goodman (*mother of Jeff Rion*)
Peggy Carter (*grandmother of Joshua Ralston*)
Mikel Frasier (*friend of Tony Waldo*)
Julie Buchy (*friend of Tony Waldo*)
Richard Humphries
Patti Ward

Homebound

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

Catechumens

Amanda Bowden
Emory Kuretsch
Emmett Schlittenhart
Isabella Schroeder
Tatum Rion
Gavin Rion
Alison Waldo
Alivia 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



Septuagesima February 9, 2020

The Fruits of Our Faith 02/02/2020

Present in Worship: 65

Communion: 45

Children's Sunday School: 5

Adult Sunday School: 10

General Offering: \$2,396

Food Pantry: \$1,000

Weekly Budget Offering Needed: \$2,480

Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

"Freely you have received, freely give."

Matthew 10:8b

THRIVENT LUNCHEON TODAY

Please plan on staying for the luncheon about Thrivent Financial Services. Representatives will be here to answer questions regarding products they offer.

VALENTINE GALA

The Youth of Zion will be hosting a Valentine Gala February 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. The menu for the evening is spaghetti, chicken alfredo, bread, salad, and dessert. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$20 per couple and \$5 for children under 10. Carnations will be available for purchase at the Gala (\$1 / 1 carnation, \$5 / 6 carnations, and \$10 / a dozen.

BAYLISS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHILI SUPPER & PIE AUCTION

March 7th at 6:00 p.m., the Bayliss Fire Department will host their annual Chili Supper. This is their yearly fundraiser, so please plan on attending! Members of Zion are asked to bring a pie for the auction or some chili to share.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS

Adult Instruction is a 10-week catechetical class which goes through Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism. If you are an adult, and seek membership at Zion, talk to Pastor about this class. If you are able to make it, classes will be held on Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. beginning January 16th, skipping January 23rd, and ending on March 26th.

Zion's Calendar for the Week

Sunday † February 9

9:15 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

12:15 p.m. Catechumenate
Thrivent Luncheon

Monday † February 10

Tuesday † February 11

Wednesday † February 12

6:30 p.m. LWML Meeting

Thursday † February 13

4:00 p.m. Food Pantry box prep

Friday † February 14

6:00 p.m. Valentine Gala

Saturday † February 15

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Sunday † February 16

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LWML MEETING

Zion's LWML will be meeting Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies, please consider joining this important service organization of the church! Contact Diane Ragsdale for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FOOD PANTRY BOX PREP

Due to the Valentine Gala Friday evening, the box prep for the food pantry will be on **Thursday**, February 13th at 4:00 p.m.

The Food Pantry will be at the regular time: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15th.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. Please note that Lenten soup suppers will start the **next** Wednesday, March 4th.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the Lenten soup suppers on the following Wednesdays:

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st.

Please sign up to bring your favorite soup! The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

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

Email: officeassistant.zlc@gmail.com

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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 9:15 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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