

#### **Before Service Prayer**

Teach us, dear Father, not to rely upon or trust in our own good deeds or means, but to venture out upon Thine infinite mercy. Let us not despair because of our sinful life, but value Thy mercy as higher, wider, and stronger than all our life. Amen.

Martin Luther, Devotions and Prayers of Martin Luther

# Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

The Holy Trinity

## Welcome

God sends His Son - here lies the only remedy. It is not enough to give man a new philosophy or a better religion. A Man comes to men. Every man bears an image. His body and his life become visible. A man is not a bare word, a thought or a will. He is above all and always a man, a form, an image, a brother. And thus he does not create around him just a new way of thought, will and action, but he gives us the new image, the new form. Now in Jesus Christ this is just what has happened. The image of God has entered our midst, in the form of our fallen life, in the likeness of sinful flesh. In the teaching and acts of Christ, in His life and death, the image of God is revealed. In Him the divine image has been re-created on earth. The Incarnation, the words and acts of Jesus, His death on the cross, are all indispensable parts of that image.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

#### 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.

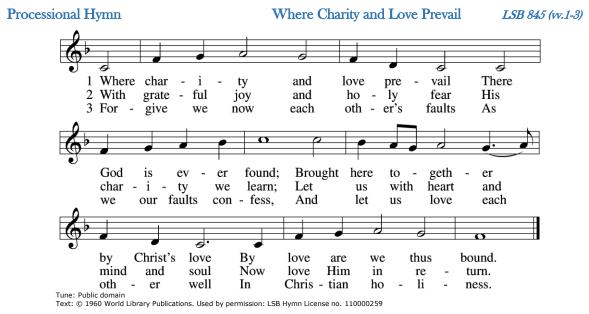
- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front 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!



## The Preparation



#### Stand

#### Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

#### Confession of Sins and Absolution

- 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.

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#### Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

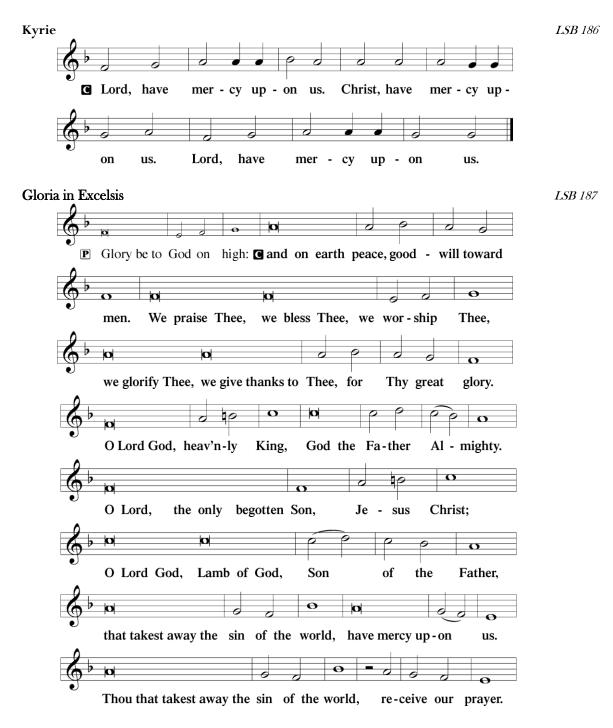
**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

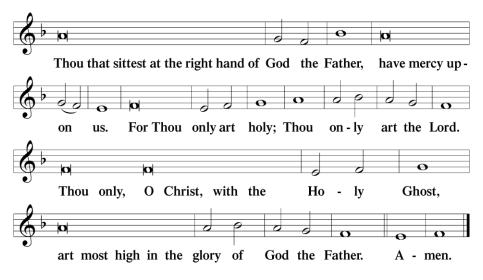
Introit

Psalm 13:1-4; antiphon: vv. 5-6

**P** [O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\* my heart shall rejoice in your sal- vation. **C** I will sing to the LORD,\* because he has dealt bountifully | with me. P How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for- ever?\* How long will you hide your | face from me? С How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?\* How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me? P Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;\* light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, С lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"\* lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken. С Glory be to the Father and to the Son<sup>\*</sup> and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen. [O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\* P my heart shall rejoice in your sal- vation. **C** I will sing to the LORD,\* because he has dealt bountifully | with me.



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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. С

#### Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 15:1-6

The Old Testament reading for the First Sunday After Trinity is from Genesis, the fifteenth chapter.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said

to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

Psalm 41:4,1

I John 4:16-21

I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

C Blessèd is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.

#### **Epistle Reading**

The Epistle reading is from First John, the fourth chapter.

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### Stand



#### Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

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

#### **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father

Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

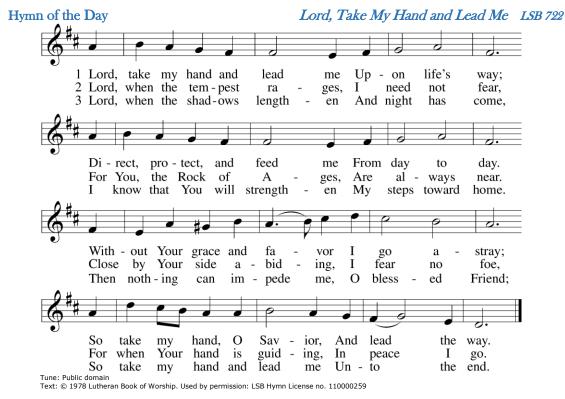
**C** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God. С the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, verv God of verv God. begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father. by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### Sit



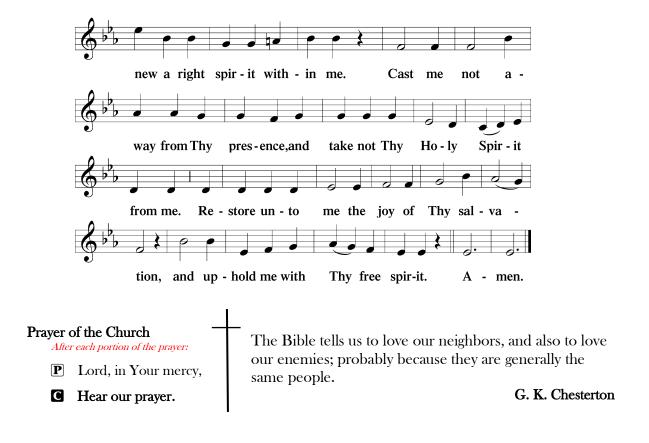
#### Sermon

#### "You Are What You Consume."

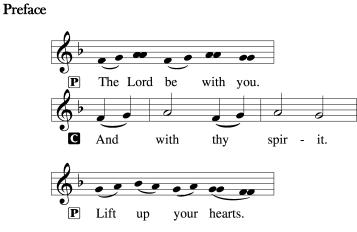
Luke 16:19-31

#### Stand



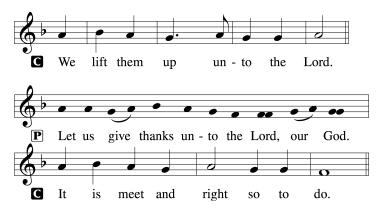


### Service of the Sacrament



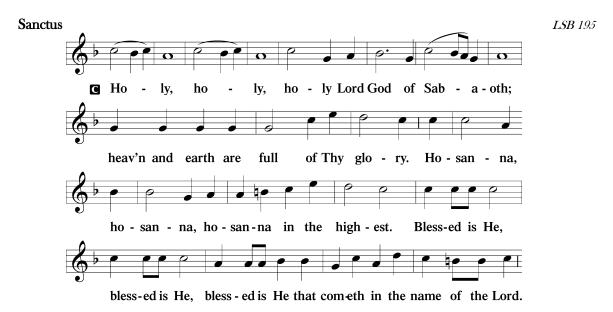
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#### **Proper Preface**

 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



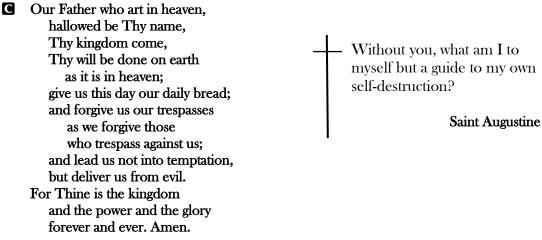


Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:



#### Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### **C** Amen.

#### Agnus Dei

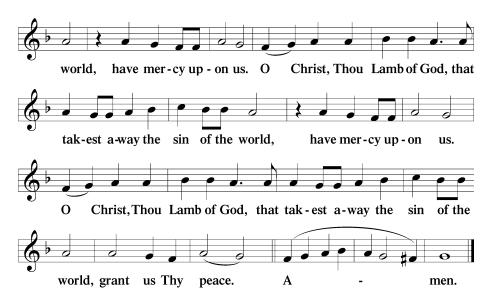


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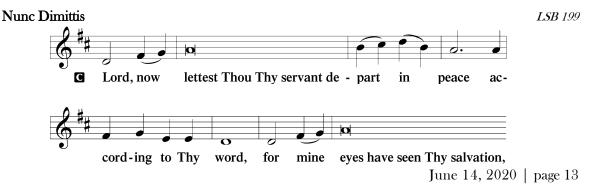
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#### Distribution

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?



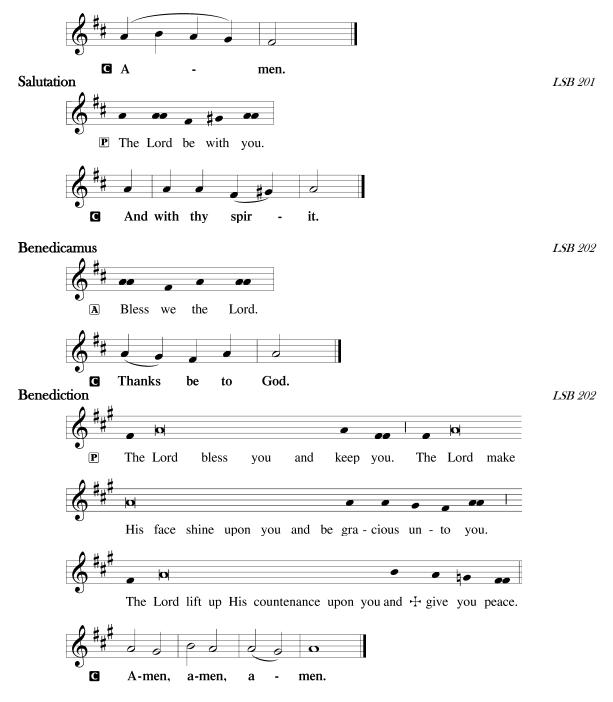


#### **Post-Communion Collect**

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**P** Let us pray.

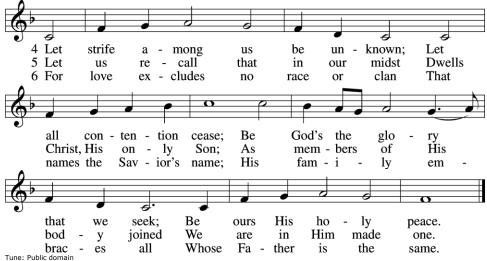
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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#### **Recessional Hymn**

#### Where Charity and Love Prevail LSB 845 (vv.4-6)



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#### Pray as You Go

Help us, Lord God, that we being released from our old sinful birth, may be made partakers of the new birth in the flesh of your Son, and ever continue in the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

J. K. Wilhelm Loehe

Sit

## The Prayers of the Church

#### Persecuted Christians in:

North Korea Afghanistan Somalia Libya Pakistan

#### Partner Church

The Lutheran Church of Liberia

#### Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Rick Shott Tom Harms Rev. Herb Swanson Ryder Locke (great grandson of the Boswells) Amy Villalobos (sister-in-law of Katie) Glenda Schrock Dianne McKissack (boss of Nikki Dorn) Lance Spence (friend of Katie Villalobos) Marie Heiser Joyce Mendenhall (friend of Susan Colles) Charlotte Hottinger Julie Buchy (friend of Tony Waldo) Patti Ward Elizabeth Sharp (friend of Chuck & Phyllis Campbell) Tasha Jarmillo (*sister of Joe Villalobos)* Don Thomas *(friend of Susan Colles)* 

#### Homebound

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

#### **Catechumens**

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

#### Serving in the armed forces

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

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





The First Sunday After Trinity June 14, 2020

#### Fruits of Our Faith

#### 5/12/2020

General Fund: \$1,968 Food Pantry: \$720 Fall Fest Sponsor: \$25 Daniels Memorial: \$115 Cemetery: \$25

#### 5/18/2020

- General Fund: \$2,123 Food Pantry: \$100 Fall Fest Sponsor: \$100 Daniels Memorial: \$100 **6/3/2020** General Fund: \$1,821
- Food Pantry: \$5,000 Fall Fest Sponsor: \$5,000 Daniels Memorial: \$200 Steuber Memorial: \$275

#### Offering

If you are not able to attend church, we still encourage you to send in your tithes. Send your offerings to the following church PO Box address:

Zion Lutheran Church PO Box 327 Dover, AR 72837

Pick-up pre-stamped envelopes in the back.

#### Service Update!

Starting June 14<sup>th</sup>, we will host services with 30 people or less at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. To see the service time sign-up list, you can click the link on the homepage at zionaugsburg.org.

#### Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study is now being held in the sanctuary after the 10:30 service, starting around 11:45 AM.

Currently, we are reflecting and discussing the effects of the Coronavirus not only on our faith and life, but also the faith and life of the world. As Christians, we must be prepared to give an answer to the hope we have (1 Peter 3:15). So, When struggling, suffering people question God's love for them, or even His existence, we must point them to the hope we have in Christ. Come, learn, and equip yourselves with answers for a hurting world.

#### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar this Sunday are given by Ray Roth to the glory of God.

## Be Aware of Sinful Tendencies

"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their corrupt nature along with its passions and desires." Galatians 5:24

It's very advantageous for believers to be aware of the sinful tendencies of their corrupt nature. This awareness keeps them from becoming filled with pride through the useless, godless delusion of trying to become righteous by works, as if this would make them acceptable to God. Puffed up by this delusion, the monks believed they were so holy because of their self-chosen works that they sold their righteousness and holiness to others. In their own hearts, however, they were convinced that they were impure. Trusting in our own righteousness and imagining ourselves to be pure is very damaging.

But if we are aware of the sinfulness in our own hearts, we cannot trust in our own righteousness. This awareness humbles us so that we let go of our pride and stop trusting in our own works. It compels us to run to Christ, our Reconciler. He doesn't have a corrupt, impure nature, but a completely clean and holy one, which he gave for the life of the world. In him we find a trustworthy and complete righteousness. So we remain humble - not with false humility but with true humility - because of the sinful tendencies and shortcomings of our corrupt nature. Therefore, we would be guilty of eternal death if God were to strictly judge us. But we are not proud in the sight of God. We humbly acknowledge our sins and desire forgiveness with a broken heart. Trusting in the work of Christ as Mediator, we enter God's presence and plead for forgiveness of sins. Consequently, God spreads his immeasurable heaven of kindness over us, and for the sake of Christ, he does not credit our sins to us.

> Martin Luther, Through Faith Alone: 365 Devotional Readings from Martin Luther, June 6

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

Cell.....501-454-0581 Church......479-331-3277

#### 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).

#### Listen to Lutheran Radio

**Listen:** Issues, Etc. is talk-radio for the thinking Christian. Listen 24/7 at www.IssuesETC.org *The Lutheran Hour* is broadcast on KARV 610 AM/101.3 FM every Sunday at 7:30AM.