

## **Before Service Prayer**

O Blessed Lord, who has commanded us to love one another, grant us grace that, having received Your undeserved bounty, we may love every one in You and for You. We implore Your mercy for all; but especially for the friends whom Your love has given to us. Love them, O Fountain of love, and make them to love You with all their heart, that they may will, and speak, and do those things only which are pleasing to You. Amen.

Anselm of Canterbury

# Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

# Welcome

Jesus illustrates and expands on his teaching in [Matthew] 5:21-22 by means of two pictures in 5:23-24 and 5:25-26, respectively. The first illustration presupposes cultic worship in the Jerusalem. He does not specify in 5:23-24 the type of sacrificial offering that one might be bringing to the altar. His point, however, is clear and taught throughout Scripture. The believer cannot pretend that the horizontal relationships that he carries on with his fellows are independent of his relationship with God. His vertical relationship with God must affect his horizontal relationships with his brothers. Unless a broken horizontal relationship is repaired and nourished, it can damage the vertical relationship. If you remember that you have sinned against your brother and he has something against you, you cannot go to church and act as if nothing needs to be done!

Although the "altar" of 5:23-24 is clearly not to be equated with altars in modern church buildings, there is a fortuitous theological connection by way of Paul's teaching regarding the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11. Believers must not approach the Eucharist when they are harboring division and especially bitterness and a competitive, comparing spirit over against their fellow communicants. To do so incites God's judgment. The liturgical custom of the "passing of the peace" immediately before the eucharistic distribution is a meaningful opportunity for all in the congregation to acknowledge that the reconciliation Christ Jesus has effected in his death and resurrection must remove bitter divisions between those who commune together.

Jeffrey Gibbs, *Matthew 1:1-11:1*, Concordia Commentary Series, p. 284

#### 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!

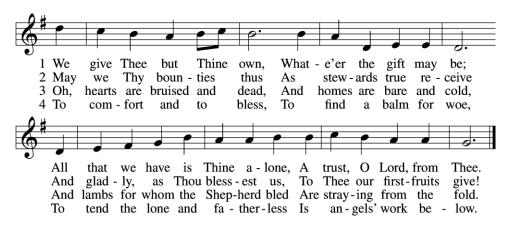


# The Preparation

#### **Processional Hymn**

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781



- The captive to release,To God the lost to bring,To teach the way of life and peace,It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word,
  Though dim our faith may be:
  Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
  We do it unto Thee.
  Tune and text: Public domain

#### Stand

#### Invocation

**P** 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.

- 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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

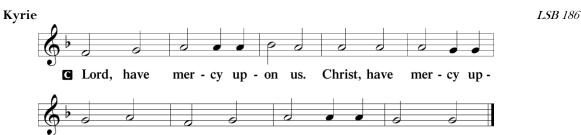
Introit

Psalm 28:1-2,7; antiphon: vv.8-9

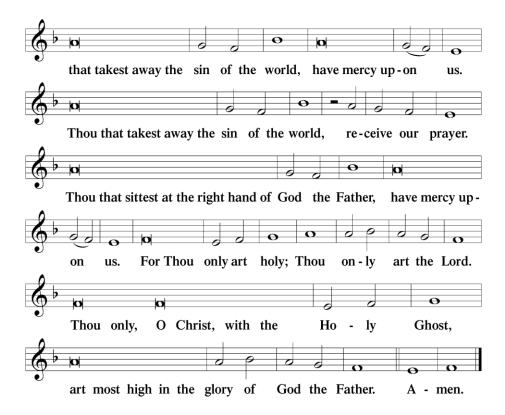
- The LORD is the strength of his | people;\* he is the saving refuge of his a | nointed.
- Save your people and bless your | heritage!\*

  Be their shepherd and carry them for | ever.
- P To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\* lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
- Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\* when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
- The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\* my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
- 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 LORD is the strength of his people;\*
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- Save your people and bless your | heritage!\*
  Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.







#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Exodus 20:1-17

The Old Testament reading for the Sixth Sunday After Trinity is from Exodus, the twentieth chapter.

And God spoke all these words, saying,

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

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

Gradual Psalm 90:13, 1, 2b

- P Return, O LORD! How long?
  Have pity on your servants!
- Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Epistle Reading Romans 6:1-11

The Epistle reading is from Romans, the sixth chapter.

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:17-26

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift

at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to thee, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, 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, very God of very 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.

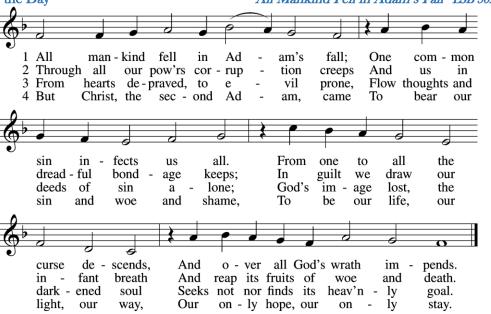
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



#### All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall LSB 562



- 5 As by one man all mankind fell
  And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
  So by one Man, who took our place,
  We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours, New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs. This grace our ev'ry way attend Until we reach our journey's end. Tune and text: Public domain

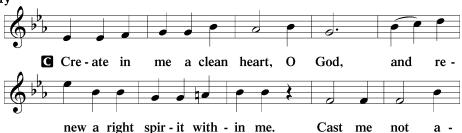
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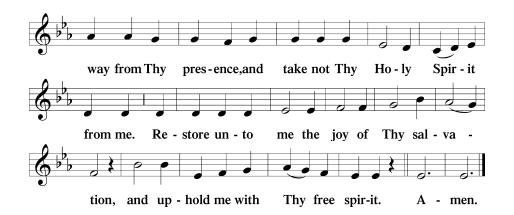
Seek Righteousness

Matthew 5:17-26

#### Stand

Offertory





#### Prayer of the Church

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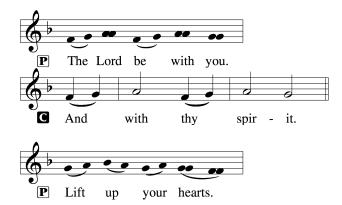
- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

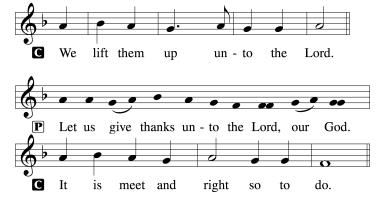
Do you have someone in your life that drives you nuts? That you have trouble dealing with or forgiving? Here's the key: pray for them. Pray for them, not once, and then you're done. Pray for them over and over again. And you'll experience it. You can't hate those whom you pray for. You can't hold them up to divine love and not be changed into love in your regard for them.

Rev. Will Weedon

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

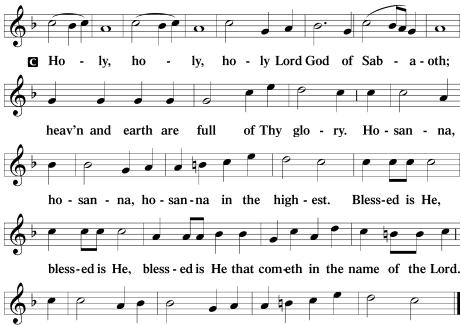




#### **Proper Preface**

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



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

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Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord LSB 197

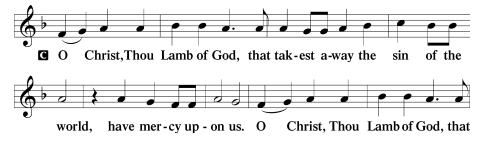
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had 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."

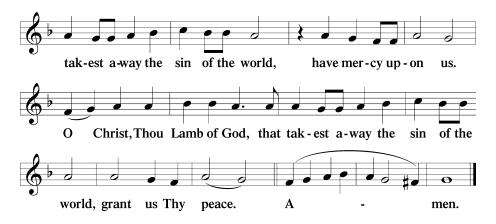
Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198

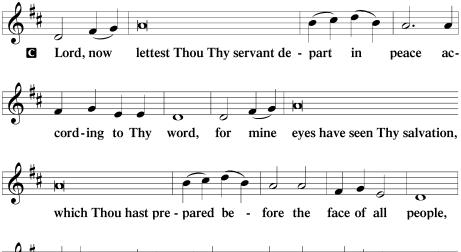




#### Distribution

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.

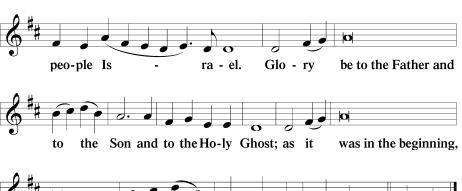




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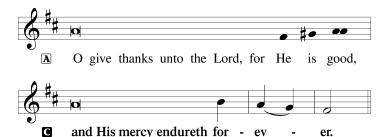
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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

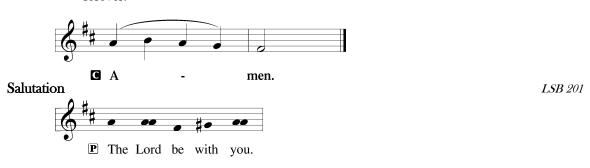


#### **Post-Communion Collect**

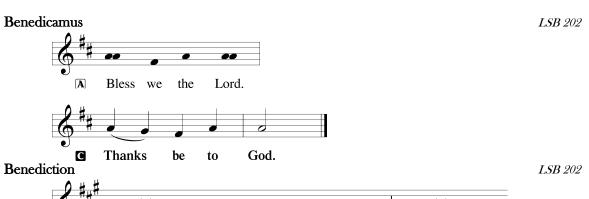
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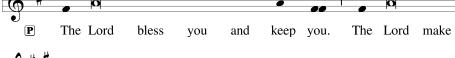
P Let us pray.

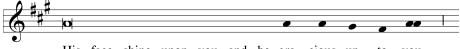
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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











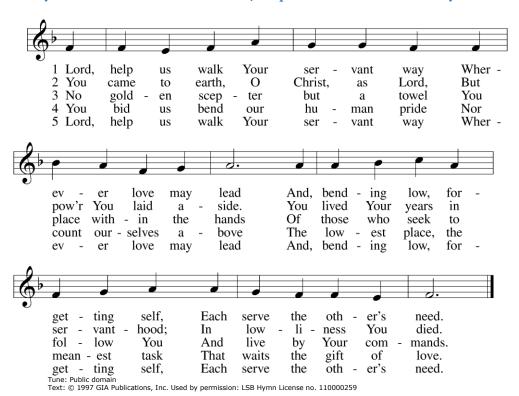
His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Sit



# The Prayers of the Church

#### Persecuted Christians in:

Turkev China Ethiopia **Tajikistan** Indonesia

#### Partner Church

The Lutheran Church -Hong Kong

#### Comfort, Health, and

#### Recovery

Rick Shott

Rev. Herb Swanson

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)

Julie Buchy (friend of Tony Waldo)

Patti Ward

Elizabeth Sharp (friend of Chuck & Phyllis

Campbell)

Tasha Iarmillo (sister of Ioe Villalobos) Don Thomas (friend of Susan Colles)

#### Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn Betty Bocksnick Nettie Grant Gwen Hale Tom Harms Kenneth Hottinger Sr.

Helen Rick

Lawrence Steuber

#### Catechumens

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

#### Serving in the armed forces

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

Chance Paylor

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

# Z Life Jogether



# The Sixth Sunday After Trinity July 19, 2020

#### Worship at Home

If you are more comfortable staying at home during the Covid-19 crisis, we want to be able to provide you with materials to worship at home. Instead of posting services online, we are sending copies of Pastor's sermons as well as bulletins with a liturgy appropriate for at home worship. A sermon manuscript and "At-home worship" bulletin will be posted online available to be downloaded. If you'd rather have a physical copy mailed to you, just let the Pastor or Elders know.

#### Adult Bible Study

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

Today, we look at how Revelation 5 is a picture of communion, especially with what is prayed at the end of the Proper Preface! It is important to know why we say what we say as we receive God's gifts. "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." – Psalm 19:14

#### Vacation Bible School

There will be a one-day VBS for the children of Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 9:30 in the morning and go until 3:30 in the afternoon. A picnic with families will follow. If you'd like to sign up or volunteer, there are sign-ups in the back, or you can contact Pastor or Tanya Schroeder.

#### LWML News

All ladies of Zion are invited to the Spring Work Day on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at Bethel Lutheran Church in Fort Smith. Please contact Diane Ragsdale (479-567-1935) by Friday, July 24<sup>st</sup> if you would like to go.



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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 11:45 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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