

Before Service Prayer

Receive me, O Christ
Who lovest all men, as
Thou didst receive the
prostitute, the thief, the
tax collector and the
prodigal. Take away
the heavy burden of my
sins, for Thou takest
away the sins of the
world, Thou healest
the infirmities of men,
Thou callest to Thyself
and givest rest to those
who labor and are
heavy laden.

St. Basil the Great

Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

Welcome

Justification affirms that we are what we are by grace through faith. God gives, and we receive - a believer's childlike trust in Him. We come to Him with empty hands, knowing that we have nothing to give and everything to receive. We are entirely dependent on God for our spiritual existence and development. Justification affirms that we are weak and frail. This doctrine diagnoses our spiritual illness, sin, and offers us an effective cure, grace, made available through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. "We are beggars," as Luther said. We kneel with empty, open hands to receive the bread of life, with nothing to offer or give and everything to receive from a gracious God. This makes us indeed humble. Paradoxically this humility makes us strong and more confident, for we are in God's hand, not in our own.

Won Yong Ji, *To Be Lutheran*, "Concordia Journal" 18:4, p. 322

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.

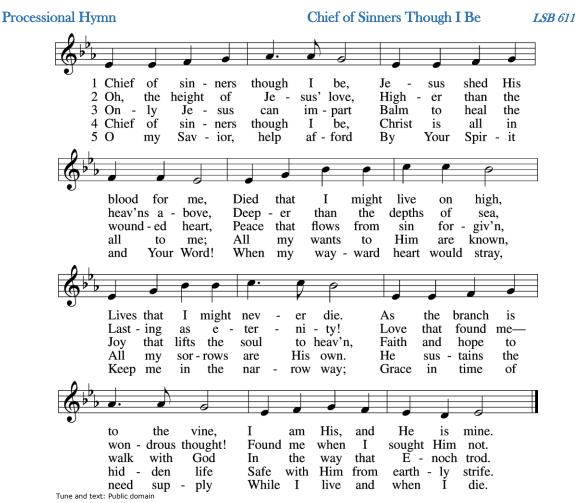
- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front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

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184

- **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.



God takes those who know that they are nothing, and He makes them into something which they otherwise could not be. God chooses the humble and elevates them (Luke 2:52; 18:9-14). He takes something small and makes it into something great and significant for use in His plan for the world.

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 1: antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b

- God is in his holy habi- | tation;*
 [he] settles the solitary | in a home.
- The God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.
- **P** God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;*

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and those who hate him shall flee be- fore him!

- But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;* they shall be jubilant | with joy!
- P O God, when you went out before your | people,* in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.
- Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*
 God is our sal- | vation.
- 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.
- God is in his holy habi- | tation;*

 [he] settles the solitary | in a home.
- The God of Israel—he | is the one* who gives power and strength to his | people.

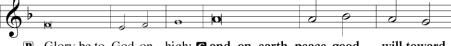
Kyrie

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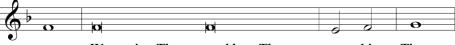


Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **and on earth peace, good - will toward**



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

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

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1-15

The Old Testament reading for the Eleventh Sunday After Trinity is from Genesis, the fourth chapter.

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

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

Gradual Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a

- In [God] my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

Epistle Ephesians 2:1-10

The epistle reading is from Ephesians, the second chapter.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

- **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.

Sit



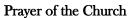
Sermon "Divine Iustice" Luke 18:9-14

Stand









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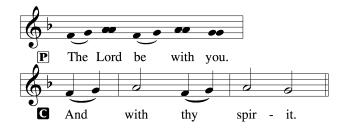
- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

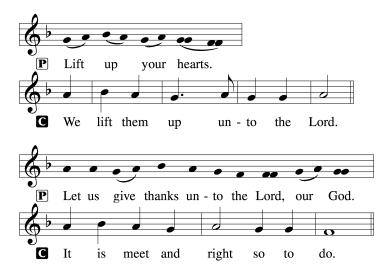
The time never comes when we have preached and heard enough concerning the significance of Christ's resurrection. We are not preaching anything new, but always, without ceasing, about that man who is called Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who died for our sins and rose for our justification.

Martin Luther, Sermon on Holy Easter, 1533

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

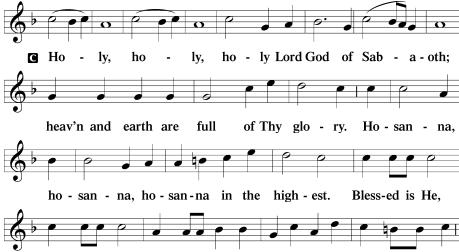




Proper Preface

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, 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 saving:





bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



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:
 - 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."

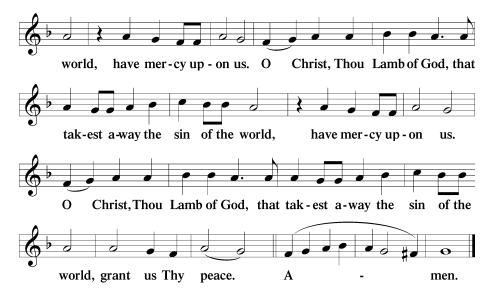
Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

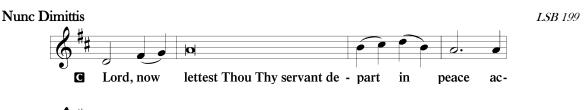
Agnus Dei LSB 198





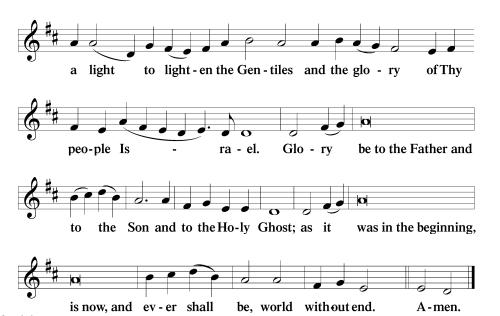
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We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians 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.



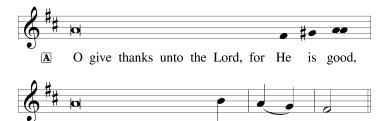






Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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Post-Communion Collect

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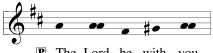
P Let us pray.

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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P The Lord be with you.



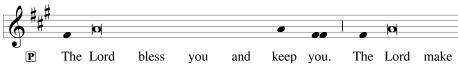
Benedicamus LSB 202





Benediction

LSB 202





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



To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For \sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee? Text and tune: Public domain

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

North Korea Afghanistan Somalia Libya Pakistan

Partner Church

The Lutheran Church in the Philippines

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 Jarmillo (sister of Joe Villalobos)

Don Thomas (friend of Susan Colles)

Kabria Dorn

Trina Bailey (friend of Waldo family)

Jodie Chester (mother of Rachel Ralston)

Bob Allen Susan Allen

David Knoerschild

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn

Betty Bocksnick

Nettie Grant

Gwen Hale

Tom Harms

Kenneth Hottinger Sr.

Helen Rick

Glenda Schrock

Lawrence Steuber

Catechumens

Amanda Bowden

Emory Kuretsch

Emmett Schlittenhart

Iosie Schroeder

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

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

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The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity August 23, 2020

Bible Study

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

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

Confirmation Class

Starting Wednesday, September 2nd, Confirmation classes will start at 6:00 P.M. To begin classes for the year, we will have Zoom sessions to review our material from last year. Then, we will evaluate coming to meet in person for Catechism classes at a later date.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given by the Ralston's in honor of his one-year ordination anniversary.

Words of Encouragement

Due to Covid-19, isolation is at an all time high, particularly for those in nursing homes. Letters of encouragement are strongly encouraged to be sent to those in nursing homes from our congregation. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing (1 Thessalonians 5:11)." Provided are the names and addresses of those who need our encouragement from Zion:

Glenda Schrock Atkins Nursing and Rehab Center 605 Northwest 7th Street Atkins, AR 72823

Dorothy Birkhahn Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center 215 South Portland Ave. Russellville, AR 72801

Helen Reik Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center 215 South Portland Ave. Russellville, AR 72801

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Phyllis Campbell

Office Assistant

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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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