

# Zion Lutheran Church

## The Divine Service

Eighteenth Sunday  
After Trinity

### Welcome

#### Before Service Prayer

*Dear God, I know that even when I have done my best I am still to blame. But I am comforted, because You have died for me and sprinkled me with the blood from Your holy wounds. I am surely baptized in You and have heard the word through which You have called me, commanded me to believe, and assured me of grace and life. With these blessings I will gladly go ahead, not in anxious and hesitating doubts and fears, which ask, "Who knows what judgment God in heaven will hold against me?" For I now live in the assurance of the gracious decree which God has given from heaven against the curse of the law, "Ye who believes in the Son of Man has eternal life."*

*Amen*

**Martin Luther**

Satan, then, has nothing to say. The law is fulfilled. God has not abolished an iota, not a dot from it. And still the law can no longer accuse. Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God Who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus Who died. This, now, is the freedom we have in Christ. It is the freedom that entitles me - wretched man that I am! - to be a child of God. It is the freedom for me, a sinner, who was sold under sin and who cannot get rid of the sin which dwells in me, to come to God, as happy and innocent, as if I had never committed any sin and had never experienced the law of sin which dwells in my members. I would never have dared to do so if God had not done this for me. It would have been an insult to God's holy majesty, a presumption and a blasphemy to offer Him my heart and my prayers if Christ had not died for me. But now I can do it in the name of my crucified Savior, confident that He Who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, He Who justifies the ungodly, He will accept me for Jesus' sake. This is the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**Bo Giertz**, "The Freedom We Have in Christ," in *Lord Jesus Christ Will You Not Stay*, p. 16

**Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity**

## **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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845 (vv. 1-3)

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.

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*Stand*

#### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

#### 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.

*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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- P** Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,\*  
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
- C** Hear the prayer of your | servants,\*  
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.
- P** I was glad when they | said to me,\*  
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”
- C** Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem! \*  
May they be secure who | love you!
- P** For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake \*  
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”
- C** For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,\*  
I will | seek your good.
- 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** Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,\*  
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
- C** Hear the prayer of your | servants,\*  
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

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.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*LSB 189*

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

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

*Deuteronomy 10:12-21*

The Old Testament reading for the Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity is from Deuteronomy, the tenth chapter.

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore,

for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 122:1, 7*

**P** I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**C** Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!

### Epistle

*I Corinthians 1:1-9*

The epistle reading is from First Corinthians, the first chapter.

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 22:34-46*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’?

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\text{†}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day

*Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way* LSB 857



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -  
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You  
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in  
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.  
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.  
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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Sermon


God's Gift of the Law

*Matthew 22:34-46*

Offertory



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Prayer of the Church**

*After each portion of the prayer:*

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



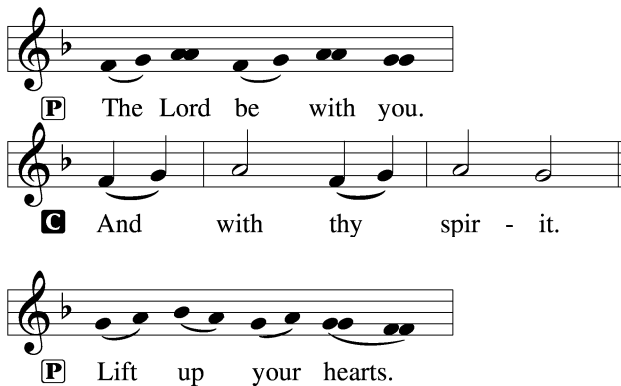
In holiness, the law ceases to be a command for us.

**Immanuel Kant**

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface**

*LSB 194*



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### 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*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth 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:

**C** 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*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

**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.*

**Communion Hymn**

*O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*      *LSB 632*

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -  
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

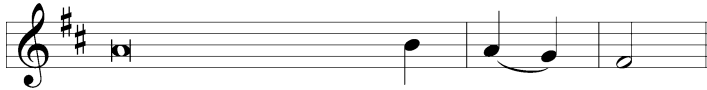
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

# Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

**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.



**C** A - men.

Here giving thanks is the natural response of prayer to the gift of the Lord's Supper, and the petition is that this salutary gift may indeed bear fruit into our lives. This prayer reflects the Two Tables of the Law - love for God and love for one's neighbor - in the beautiful words "in faith towards you and in fervent love toward one another."

**Arthur A. Just**, *Heaven on Earth*, p. 234

## Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord makes His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Sit*

Recessional Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail *LSB 845*



4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let  
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells  
 6 For love ex - cludes no race or clan That

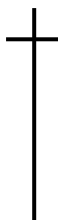


all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry  
 Christ, His on - ly Son; As mem - bers of His  
 names the Sav - ior's name; His fam - i - ly em -



that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.  
 bod - y joined We are in Him made one.  
 brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

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If forgiveness of sins depended on anything you do, and if reconciliation [with God] were by the law, then [forgiveness] would be useless.

*Apology of the Augsburg Confession IV, 42*



# The Prayers of the Church

## Persecuted Christians in:

Morocco  
Brunei  
Tunisia  
Qatar  
Mexico

## Partner Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of Latvia

## 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*)  
Pattie Ward  
Elizabeth Sharp (*friend of the Campbells*)  
Tasha Jarmillo (*sister of Joe Villalobos*)  
Don Thomas (*friend of Susan Colles*)  
Trina Bailey (*friend of Waldo family*)  
Bob Allen  
Susan Allen  
David Knoerschild  
Peggy Flatt (*friend of Susan Colles*)

## Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn  
Betty Bocksnick  
Nettie Grant

Gwen Hale  
Tom Harms  
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.  
Helen Rick  
Glenda Schrock  
Lawrence Steuber

## Those Seeking a Blessed Death

Rev. Joseph Fabry (*brother-in-law of  
Dave Boswell*)

## For those who mourn

*Epecially the family and friends of:*  
Rick (*Father-in-law of Tanya Schroeder*)

## Catechumens

Amanda Bowden  
Emory Kuretsch  
Emmett Schlittenhart  
Josie 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  
Dale Ozment

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

# ZION Life Together



**Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity**  
**October 11, 2020**

## **The Fruits of Our Faith 10/04/2020**

Present in Worship: 59

Adult Sunday School: 10

General Offering: \$2,285

Weekly Budget Offering Needed: \$2,620

## **Bible Study**

Adult Bible Study is now being held downstairs in the fellowship hall after the 10:30 service, starting around 11:45 AM. Starting today, we will begin our study of Matthew's Gospel.

## **Online Sign-Ups**

Considering there has been a lack of participation for signing up online for services without disparity of people between the two services, we won't require online sign-ups for services. If there is any concern about this, please speak to Pastor!

## **Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar are given by Ray Roth in thankfulness for God's graces.

## **Adult Catechumenate Class**

Starting Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, we will begin a class for those seeking membership at Zion. If you, or someone you know would like to attend, please let Pastor know. Classes are not just for new members. If you'd like a refresher on what it means to be a Lutheran Christian at Zion, or would like to have fellowship, come along! Class will have breaks for holidays, but will go until March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Fall Fest**

Thank you to everyone who has spent so much time volunteering for this years Fall Fest! Even though it needed to take a different format this year, we were still successful in raising funds for the food pantry and the River Valley Christian Clinic. Our Lord calls us to be generous with the gifts He has given us, including our time. Thanks for stepping up to His call!

## **Help for Nomination Committee**

If you would like to be a part of the Nomination Committee for Church Officers in 2021, let Rusty know by October 24<sup>th</sup>!

## *Why do we follow liturgical rubrics when some find them offensive?*

Such a small thing is the sign of the holy cross, one wonders why anyone should be so stubborn as to continue to make that sign when so many find it so offensive. [...] Or yet, why does a pastor continue to dress in clerical garb every day, when some find even that offensive? There are numerous matters like these which could flesh out the list, matters which appear quite unworthy of such an unyielding comportment on our part: how we vest, how we sing, the kinds of words we speak, etc. [...]

There is another very good reason for this inclination to retain certain practices even if some will find them offensive. David's prayers give the reason: "Zeal for Thy house hath consumed me" (Ps. 69:9) "my zeal hath consumed me" (Ps 119:139). So also we see Jesus, who for this zeal drove the moneychangers and their own oxen and sheep and doves all out of the temple, poured out their money, and overthrew their tables." Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up" (John 2:17). Now one could as well say the same of Jesus' behavior as many have said about the behavior of certain confessing Christian pastors. Jesus did not have to pour out their money and overturn their tables. Certainly that was a matter of adiaphora. He could as well have complained to the officials, or incited the people; He could have used other means which would have imperiled His own fame far less than this. Why did He do that? The answer is zeal for God's house. This is exactly the reason we confessing pastors are counted stubborn over some of the things we do. They all pertain to worship, they all pertain to the liturgy, and most especially to the blessed Sacraments. The holy sign exalts Baptism and invites the Sacrament of the Altar. [...] The clerical garb calls daily attention to the office which is pre-eminently carried out in the place where such garb is called for. These matters are matters of faith, and of zeal. [...]

For it is not that they have made some determination to be stubborn about unnecessary things, nor to portray some sort of criticism toward others who don't do it that way; rather, it is simply that zeal has eaten them up. They could not turn back; faith made them do it; truth made them do it; their minds and their bodies are captive to the Word of God.



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