

Before Service Prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Lutheran Service Book

Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

Welcome

The twelve apostles were the followers and representatives of their Lord, clothed with the authority to speak like him in his name, to forgive sins, and to continue his work. Following the apostles, other men receive the commission to be pastors and teachers of the church of God. The church is an organism in which all the members do not have the same function. In this church, God has appointed "first apostles, second prophets, third teachers" to feed the flock and constantly continue their instruction. The ministry is therefore one of the means by which he continues his work and still speaks and acts on earth.

Bo Giertz

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.

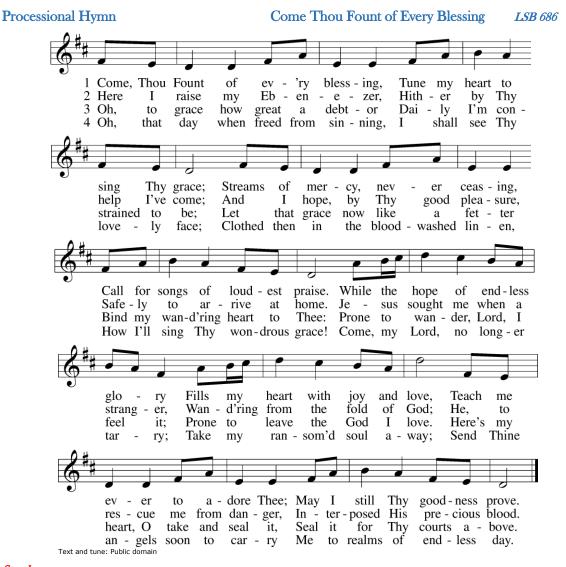
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you 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



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,
- 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 78:1-3; 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b,; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a

- Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*

 When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.
- [The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;* this is God, our God forever and | ever.
- P Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;* incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- I will open my mouth in a parable;*

 I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

- We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, | and his might,* and the wonders that | he has done.
- 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.
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LSB 186

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





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 merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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

The Old Testament reading for the Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity is from Genesis, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

Gradual Psalm 141:1-2

- P O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me!
 Give ear to my voice when I call to you!
 - Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Epistle Ephesians 4:22-28

The epistle reading is from Ephesians, the fourth chapter.

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

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

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:1-8

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

Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almightv. 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

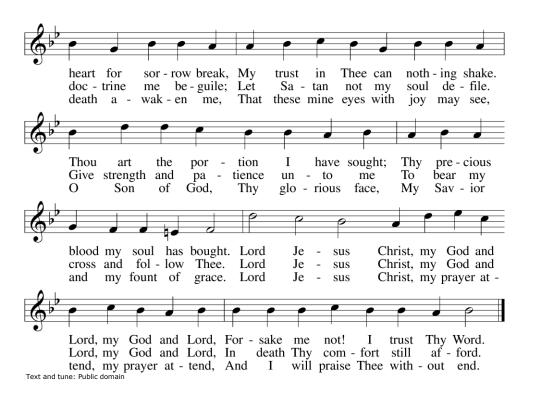
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart LSB 708





Sermon

Authority to Forgive

Matthew 9:1-8





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tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

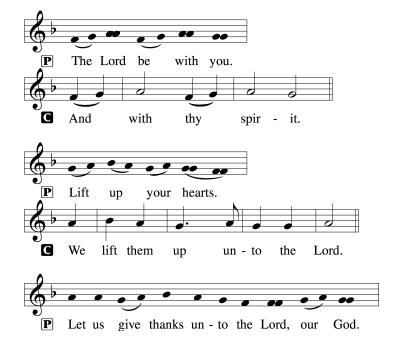
If I now seek the forgiveness of sins, I do not run to the cross, for I will not find it given there. Nor must I hold to the suffering of Christ as Dr. Karlstadt trifles, in knowledge or remembrance, for I will not find it there either. But I will find in the sacraments or the Gospel the Word which distributes, presents, offers, and gives to me that forgiveness which was won on the cross.

A - men.

Martin Luther, "Against the Heavenly Prophets," (1525), AE 40:214

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194





Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. [...] Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 195

■ 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 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



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 invited to meet with the Pastor for Catechesis before communing. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together



Nunc Dimittis



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



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.



Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



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.



Sit



The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Kenya Russia Malaysia Kuwait Oman

Partner Church

Consistory of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Lithuania

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

Iovce 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)

Angela Jones (friend of Phyllis

Campbell)

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)

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 Dale Ozment

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Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity October 18, 2020

The Fruits of Our Faith 10/11/2020

Present in Worship: 42 Adult Sunday School: 5

General Offering: \$1,265

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. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew

Congregational Poll

In discussion between Pastor and Elders, we wanted to get your thoughts and feelings on having 1 service where masks are required and 1 service where masks are recommended. These polls are anonymous, so no need to put your name on them. Once completed, put the poll in the basket on the table in the narthex. Your participation is extremely helpful!

Adult Catechumenate Class

Catechumenate has officially begun! If you are interested or know someone who is interested in attending, it's not too late! 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 18th.

If you'd like to listen to the first class, it is on the Church website at zionaugsburg.org/category/catechumenate

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 24th!



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Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Nursery

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

Congregational Membership

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

Pastoral Consultation

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

Sick and Homebound

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

Pastor's Bible Study, Teen, and Children's Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 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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