

# Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

# Welcome

It is what we do with our bodies for one day per week, which is a lot of time in this era of busyness. From the standpoint of the powers of this world, it is not hard to see why there is so much pressure against keeping Sabbath. The internet competes iealously for as much of our attention as it can grab. For in our era it is not just time that is money, but attention. How much would an advertiser or start-up company, eager to monetize its product, be willing to pay in order to capture the attention of a whole congregation gathered on a Sunday morning for an hour or more? Multiply this by the thousands of congregations across the country and across the world, and it would be worth billions. And what are all these people doing on the Sabbathaccomplishing nothing but telling old stories and singing old songs! For the modern race, this is a tremendous waste of time. That, of course, is one of the most salient reasons to keep the Sabbath, and keep it well. Let us waste our time accomplishing nothing but to sing to tell the old story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to enjoy the very being of creation. [...] By freeing our attention, the Sabbath frees us to love things. By inviting us to worship and celebrate the goodness of God, the Sabbath builds us up in faith. And by training us to do nothing, the Sabbath teaches us the hope of redemption, which is not our doing. Only the one who finished the work of creation in the beginning can bring it to glory in the end. In the meantime, there will be plenty of work for us to do--including all the works of love and faith and hope--but none of the work can replace the rest that anticipates and enacts the enjoyment for which we were created."

> Phillip Cary, "Sabbath Time", The Mockingbird, p. 29-30

# **Before Service Prayer**

O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray And to concentrate my thoughts on you; I cannot do this alone. In me there is darkness, But with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand your ways, But you know the way for me.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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## 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** Lord Jesus, Think on Me

- 1 Lord Je - sus, think And purge sin; on me a way my
- 2 Lord Je sus, think me, Byanx ious thoughts op - pressed; 3 Lord Je - sus, think A on me mid the bat - tle's strife;
- 4 Lord Je sus, think on me Nor let me
- go a stray; life 5 Lord Je - sus, think That, when on me this is past,



From world-ly pas-sions set me free And make me pure with-in. Let me Your lov-ing ser-vant be And taste Your prom-ised rest. all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life! Through dark-ness and per-plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way. may the e-ter - nal bright-ness see And share Your joy Text and tune: Public domain

#### Stand

#### Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- $\mathbf{C}$ 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. C
- $\mathbf{P}$ 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.

LSB 610

- 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.

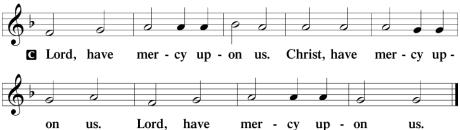
# Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: vv.137, 124

- Righteous are you, O LORD,\* and right are your just decrees.
- Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,\* and teach me your statutes.
- P Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\* who walk in the law | of the LORD!
- Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,\* who seek him with their | whole heart.
- P Oh that my ways may be | steadfast\* in keeping your | statutes!
- Then I shall not be put to shame,\*
  having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- 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.
- Righteous are you, O LORD,\* and right are your just decrees.
- Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,\* and teach me your statutes.

Kyrie LSB 186



Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187 P Glory be to God on high: **and on earth peace, good - will toward** We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship men. Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly God the Fa-ther King, Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Christ; Je - sus O O Lord God, Lamb of God, the Father, Son of O 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.



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

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

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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**

Proverbs 25:6-14

The Old Testament reading for the Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity is from Proverbs, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?

Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end

and your ill repute have no end. A word fitly spoken

is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters.

Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

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

Gradual Psalm 33:12, 6

- P Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6

The epistle reading is from Ephesians, the fourth chapter.

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel Luke 14:1-11

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

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he 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.

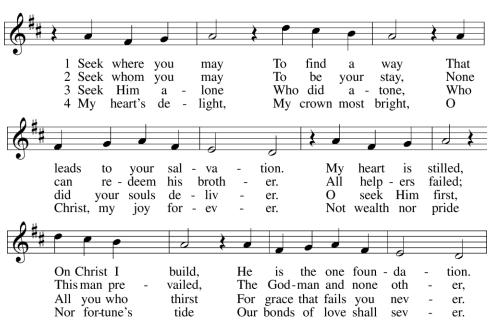
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

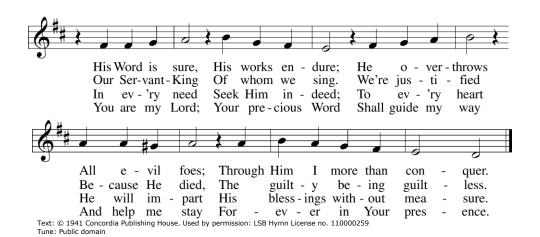
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

# Hymn of the Day

#### Seek Where You May to Find a Way LSB 557







#### Rest in the Lord's Sabbath

Luke 14:1-11



## Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

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You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

St. Augustine

# Service of the Sacrament

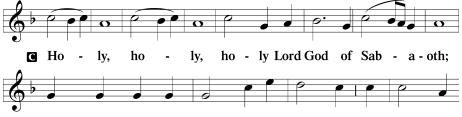
Preface LSB 194



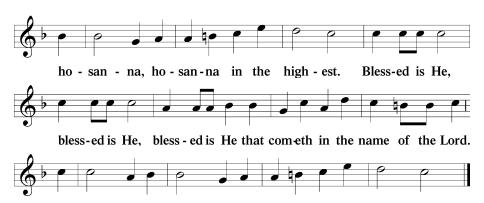
# **Proper Preface**

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



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



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.

God is the God of the humble, the miserable, the afflicted, the oppressed, the desperate, and of those who have been brought down to nothing at all. And it is the nature of God to exalt the humble, to feed the hungry, to enlighten the blind, to comfort the miserable and afflicted, to justify sinners, to give life to the dead, and to save those who are desperate and damned.

Martin Luther, "Lectures on Galatians,"

Luther's Works. AE 26:314

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



#### 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.

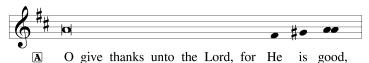


- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- Now have I found consolation,
   Comfort in my tribulation,
   Balm to heal the troubled soul.
   God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
   Cleanses me from sin and error,
   Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 199





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#### **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

LSB 201

**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:

Jordan

Nepal

Bhutan Kazakhstan

United Arab Emirates

#### Partner Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Almaty (Kazakhstan)

#### 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 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

#### Catechumens

Amanda Bowden

Emory Kuretsch

Emmett Schlittenhart

Josie & Isabella Schroeder

Gavin & Tatum Rion

Alison & 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.

# Z Life Jogether



# Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity October 4, 2020

#### The Fruits of Our Faith 09/27/2020

Present in Worship: 45 Adult Sunday School: 7

General Offering: \$1,827

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!

#### **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 Auction**

The Fall Fest Auction is live today! There will be over 70 items shown on Facebook. Be sure to go to **Augsburg Fall Fest Oct 10, 2020** and bid on auction items or buy items immediately. Sold items will be picked up on Oct 10. Thank you for all the donations!

## 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>!



# **Lutheran Church**

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

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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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