

Before Service Prayer

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me come to Your sacred wounds and find healing. I have nothing to offer but my unworthiness. I come just as I am, clinging to Your atoning cross. There is no other refuge, no other Savior, and no other salvation. Preserve me in Your grace and keep me steadfast in faith until I see You in glory as the Lord of heaven and eternity and praise You as my Savior and Redeemer, Amen.

Meditations on the Gospels, p. 116

Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

First Sunday after Trinity

Welcome

In conclusion, I will submit a testimony of Luther from his private writings. [...] The commentary contained the error that the elect supposedly do not lose the Holy Spirit even when they laps into conscious sinning and coarse vices. [Luther wrote] 'When a person sins against his conscience, that is, when he knowingly and intentionally acts contrary to God, such as an adulterer or any other criminal does who knowingly does wrong, he is without repentance and faith and does not please God – as long as he consciously persists in this intent.' [...]

How dare I come before God with an evil conscience and say, "Oh dear God, You have forgiven me my sins. Praise be to You eternally!" No, God will reject you if you say that. If you care nothing for God, you will remain in sin. How, then, can you come to God in an intimate way? It is impossible! Suppose someone who has treated you and said, "I treated you in a disgraceful manner. I beg you, forgive me. But I intend to keep on doing it." Would you forgive him? No! Only a madman would say, "Pardon me, but I am just going to keep on doing it. Furthermore, every time I see you, I will insult you. Yet I still want you to forgive me." People who want to be comforted by His mercy yet keep on sinning treat God in just this manner. [...]

Yet if you are suddenly overtaken by sin, God forgives you. He is not angry with you and does not charge that sin against you. These acts do not snuff out faith. Or you might be tossed into sin by your temperament. You do not want to sin but have been angered to such an extent that, before you know it, you sin. That would not be a mortal sin, which would remove you from a state of grace. But when a person persists in a sin against his conscience – even though he knows it to be a sin, even though he deliberately continues to sin for a long time – he no longer has faith and cannot truly pray to God.

C.F.W. Walther, Law and Gospel, p. 237-238

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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins unto God our Father
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the 🕂 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

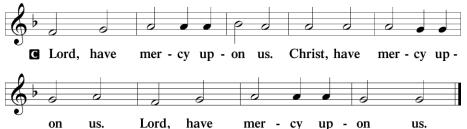
Introit Psalm 13:1-4; antiphon: vv. 5-6

- P [O Lord,] I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.
- How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
- How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- P Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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We must not imagine that contrition is a good work that we do. Rather, it is something that God works in us.

C.F.W. Walther, Law and Gospel, p. 264

LSB 186



Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **Q** 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.



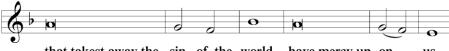
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



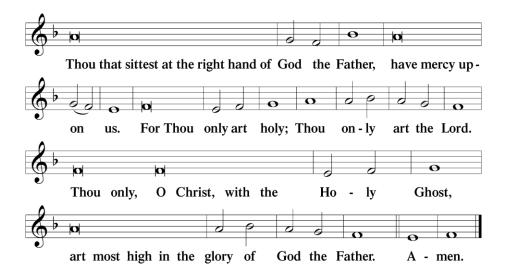
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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.



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, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

The Old Testament reading for the First Sunday after Trinity is from Genesis, the fifteenth chapter.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said,

"Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

Gradual Psalm 41:4,1

- P I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
- Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!

 In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.

Epistle IJohn 4:16-21

The epistle reading is from First John the fourth chapter.

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

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

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to

Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

C Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sit

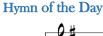
Nicene Creed

I believe in one God. the Father Almighty. maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Iesus 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.

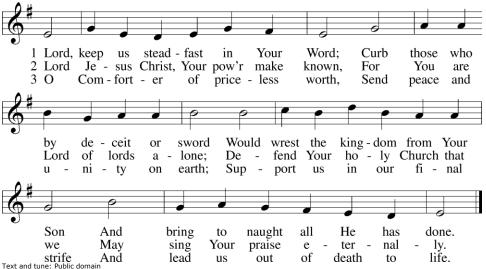
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

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.

Children's Message







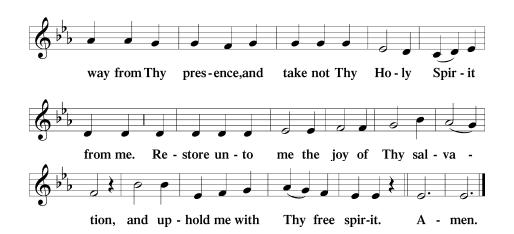
Sermon

Comforted, not Scared, into Heaven

Luke 16:19-31

Stand





Prayer of the Church

P Lord in Your Mercy,

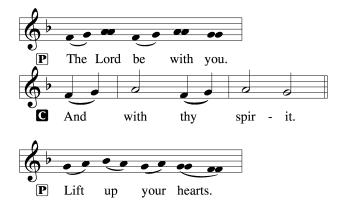
C Hear our Prayer

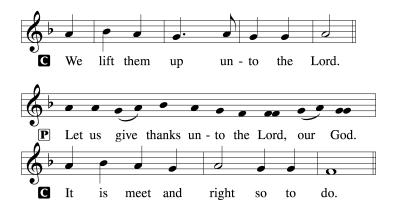
When we know God who is revealed in Jesus Christ, we are truly able to know who we are, what we ought to know, and furthermore, what we should do.

Won Yong Ji, *To Be Lutheran*, "Concordia Journal" 18:4, p.324

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194



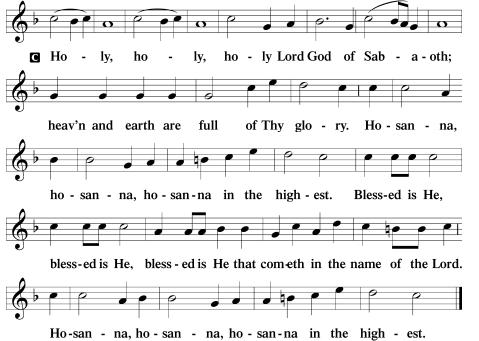


Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary [...] magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



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.

A Sunday without the Supper, a Lord's Day without the Lord's Supper is inconceivable in the Church of the New Testament.

Hermann Sasse, The Lonely Way, I:480

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

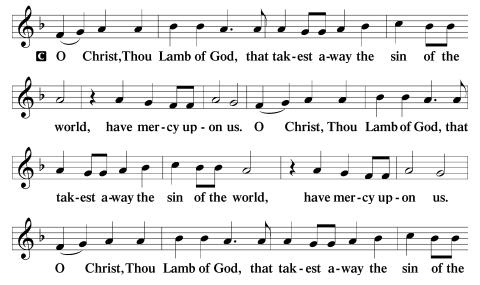
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, [...] This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

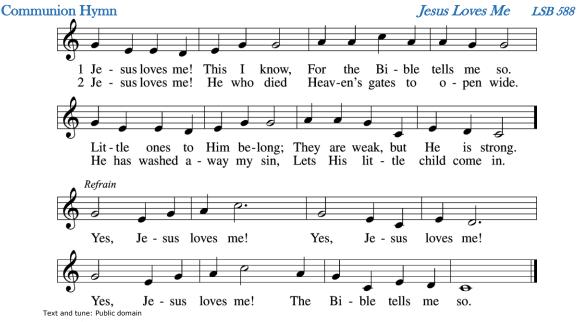




Distribution

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 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.

The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?

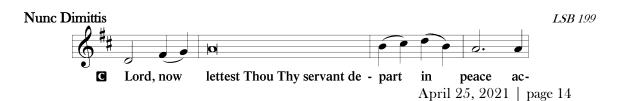


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- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 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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Thanksgiving LSB 200

P Oh 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, [...] 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.



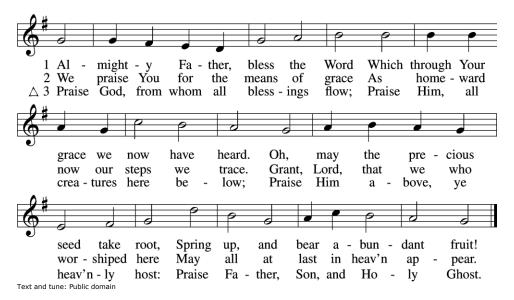
P Bless we the Lord.



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 T give you peace.



Sit



The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Turkey China Ethiopia Tajikistan Indonesia

Partner Church

Kabria Dorn

The Evangelical Lutheran Church - Synod of France

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Joyce Mendenhall (friend of Susan Colles)
Norm Lynch (friend of Susan Colles)
Liam Higgins (grandson of Ken & Linda Higgins, friends of the Campbells)
Toby Baldwin
Earl Schrock
Don Guess
Charles Lentz (relative of Pattie Ward)

Darlene McGuire (friend of Susan Colles)

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Betty Bocksnick
Nettie Grant
Gwen Hale
Tom Harms
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Helen Rick
Glenda Schrock

Catechumens

Emmett Schlittenhart 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.

Z Life logether



The Holy Trinity June 6, 2021

The Fruits of Our Faith 5/30/2021

Worship Attendance: 46 Adult Sunday School: 8 Children's Sunday School: 5

> General Fund: \$2,425 Fall Fest: \$500 Food Pantry: \$45

Potluck and Voters Meeting Today

We will have a Potluck and Voters Meeting today after the 10:00 AM service. Your attendance is strongly encouraged as we are voting on changes to the Constitution.

Passion Play

The Youth at Zion are planning to attend the Passion Play in Eureka on June 26th. If you would like to attend, please contact Nikki Dorn. Adults are welcome to join too!

Summer Adult Bible Study

What does it mean to be Lutheran? What binds us together as Lutherans? Come study the Augsburg Confession, the original document written against the doctrines of the Catholic Church! We are meeting for study every Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Bring snacks, drinks, and even a friend!

Mowing Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help keep the church grounds neat and tidy this summer, please let Tony Waldo know and he will put you on the schedule.

Thrivent Grants Needed for Fall Fest

If you are a Thrivent member and have unused grants for this year, please consider using them to help cover Fall Fest expenses. Please contact Nikki Dorn if you are interested.



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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 9:00 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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