



Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in Thee, to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake, Amen.

Penitential Prayer of St.
Ambrose of Milan

When Paul describes conversion or renewal, he almost everywhere designates these two parts, *making dead and making alive*, as in Colossians 2:11, “In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands,” namely, “by putting off the body of the flesh.” And afterward, “in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God” (2:12). Here are the two parts. ***One is putting off the body of sins, the other is rising again through faith.*** Neither should these terms “making dead.” “Making alive,” “putting off the body of sins,” “rising again” be understood in a Platonic way, about a *fake* change. Rather, “making dead” means true terrors, such as those of the dying, which nature could not sustain unless it were supported by faith. Paul calls that “the putting off the body of sins,” which we ordinarily call contrition. ***In these griefs the natural, lustful desire is purged away.*** The “making alive” should not be understood as a Platonic fancy, but as comfort that truly sustains life that flickers in contrition.

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, 46

August 7, 2022 ✠ 10:00 AM

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 *bold, italic 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

The Tree of Life *LSB 561*

Stand

Invocation

LSB 184

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9-10

- P** We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
- C** As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.
- P** Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.
- C** Within her | citadels*
God has made himself known as a | fortress.
- P** Let Mount Zion | be glad!*
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!
- C** This is God, our God forever and | ever.*
He will guide us for- | ever.
- 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** We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
- C** As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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

Jeremiah 23:16-29

The Old Testament reading for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity is from Jeremiah, the twenty-third chapter.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²⁴“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 31:2b, 1a

P Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

C In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

Second Reading

Acts 20:27-38

The Second Reading is from Acts, the twentieth chapter.

²⁷[Paul said:] “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Thy Strong Word *LSB 578*

Sermon

Know the Bible to Examine the Doctrine

Matthew 7:15-23

Offertory

LSB 192

First Communion before Confirmation: John Gallagher

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord in Your Mercy,
- C** Hear our Prayer



The sum of the preaching of the Gospel is this; to convict of sin; to offer for Christ's sake the forgiveness of sins and righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life; and that as reborn people we should do good works.

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, 29

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

Proper Preface

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 957





Text and tune: Public domain

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed....

Pax Domini

LSB 197

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.

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?

Communion Hymn	<i>Eat This</i>	<i>Soloist: Pattie Ward</i>
Communion Hymn	<i>I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus</i>	<i>LSB 729</i>
Nunc Dimittis		<i>LSB 199</i>
Thanksgiving		<i>LSB 200</i>
Post-Communion Collect		<i>LSB 201</i>
Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction		
<i>Sit</i>		
Recessional Hymn	<i>Almighty God, Your Word is Cast</i>	<i>LSB 577</i>

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

Serving in the Divine Service

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

ORGANIST

Susan Colles

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Tatum Rion, Linton Dorn

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Kim Schroeder, Joe Villalobos, Randy LaMar

ALTAR GUILD

Phyllis Campbell, Carrie Green

ELDER

Joe Grant

TRUSTEE

Dave Boswell

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Egypt
Uzbekistan
Myanmar
Laos
Vietnam

Partner Church

Lutheran Church in
Southern Africa

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Suzan Steuber (*mother of Angela Waldo*)
Korey Heath (*friend of Zoe Ward*)
Dennis Rowe (*son of Bo Rowe*)
Emersyn Potter (*friend of Wanda Choate*)
Connie Ragsdale (*relative of Diane Ragsdale & Angela Waldo*)
Rick Shott
Lucas Bachman (*student of Katie Villalobos*)
Tracy Boswell (*sister-in-law of Barbara Smith*)
Jesse Lea (*brother of Wanda Choate*)
Alissa Wicker & Jace (*friends of Katie Villalobos*)
Ashton Schrock (*relative of Earl Schrock*)
Mildred Greathouse (*grandmother of Tony Waldo*)
Keith Olson (*nephew of Linda Shott*)
Diane Caple (*sister-in-law of Eunice Lamar*)
Kristen Brown (*friend of Earl Schrock*)

Continued Prayers

Landell Aday (*friend of Greg Kremers*)
Toby Baldwin
Josh Dodson (*brother of Tasha Schlittenhart*)
Ryan Stripling (*brother of Kim Schroeder*)
Elizabeth Sharp, Amber Beatty, Molly Wiley, Tami Robinson (*friends of Phyllis Campbell*)
Dennis Pistole (*co-worker of Patrick Callahan*)

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Betty Bocksnick
Nettie Grant
Gwen Hale
Dorothy Hitzke
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Helen Riek
Glenda Schrock

Serving in the armed forces

Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Dale Ozment
Hunter Greenfield
Abigail Manuel

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

ZION Life Together



The Eighth Sunday after Trinity August 7, 2022

The Fruits of Our Faith 7/31/2022

Worship Attendance: 70

Adult Sunday School: 8

Children's Sunday School: 5

High School: 4

General Fund: \$ 2,260.00

Weekly Need: \$ 2,870.00

Food Pantry: \$ 2,000.00

Fall Fest: \$ 200.00

Pastor Benke Fund: \$ 25.00

Mid-South Pastor Loses Home

Last weekend, a fire destroyed the home of Faith Lutheran Church's pastor, Rev. Robert Benke and his wife Mary, in Hot Springs Village. Thankfully, they were not harmed. The Mid-South District is collecting support for the family. Please designate "Benke Family Fund" on your gift and mail it to:

The Mid-South District
1675 Wynne Road
Cordova, TN 38016

Ladies Day August 13th

Mt. Carmel Cumberland Presbyterian Church is inviting all ladies of Zion to "Ladies Day" Saturday, August 13th from 9 a.m. - Noon. The speaker will be Dr. Vickie Henderson, M.D. Lunch and craft supplies will be provided. Please RSVP Tiffini at 757-567-0842 if you would like to attend.

Thrivent Grants Needed!

Thrivent members, if you would like to apply for an action team grant to help with Fall Fest, please contact Nikki at 479-264-5833. We need all the help we can get!

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar are given by Reverend and Rachel Ralston in celebration of their anniversary.

Minor Prophet Bible Study

Service and Bible Study will resume next Thursday, August 11th. Service of Prayer and Preaching will begin at 6:00 PM with Bible Study following at 7:00 PM. For the preaching service, Pastor will be preaching over 1 Peter 3:8-4:11 with the theme "Suffering unjustly for Christ's sake to the benefit of our neighbor." We will be studying the books of Habakkuk and Zephaniah. Habakkuk studies why God lets suffering happen to righteous people. Zephaniah causes one to seek repentance over one's sin and look for the Lord to quiet your fear with His loving promises.

Meetings this week:

Board of Elders

Monday, August 8th at 6:00 PM

Board of Education

Tuesday, August 9th at 6:00 PM

LWML Meeting

All ladies of Zion are invited to the LWML meeting this Wednesday, August 10th, at 6:30 p.m.



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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 a.m. 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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