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Divine Setting Four



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May God bless your worship with us this day. A new day of salvation!

**Welcome!** We worship the Triune God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. We are pleased you are here to worship with us today. Make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ. If you are visiting, please do introduce yourself to others and to our Pastor. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again!

**Preparation for Worship:** The order of worship for today begins on the back of this page.

**To Stand or Sit:** There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to kneel or stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to stand or sit.

## Confession and Absolution

**733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

*sts. 1–6*

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

**Exhortation**

*LSB 203*

*Kneel/Stand*

**Confession of Sins**

*LSB 203*

**Prayer for Forgiveness**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

**Psalm**

*Psalm 33:12–22*

<sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
**the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven;  
**he sees all the children of man;**

<sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
**on all the inhabitants of the earth,**

<sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all  
**and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army;  
**a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**

<sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
**and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
**on those who hope in his steadfast love,**

<sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death  
**and keep them alive in famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD;  
**he is our help and our shield.**

<sup>21</sup>For our heart is glad in him,  
**because we trust in his holy name.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
**even as we hope in you.**

**Gloria Patri**

**C** 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

**Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 204*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>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.” <sup>2</sup>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?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** (*this is the basis of today’s sermon*)

*Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia LSB 205

Verse LSB 205

Alleluia LSB 205

Holy Gospel Luke 12:22–34

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Apostles’ Creed**

*Sit*

## **Children’s Message**

## **735 Have No Fear, Little Flock**

## **Sermon – “Living by Faith” (based on Hebrews 11:1-16)**

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*Stand*

## **Preface**

*LSB 208*

## **Sanctus**

*LSB 208*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

## **Pax Domini**

## **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

*Sit*

### **About Holy Communion/The Lord's Supper**

Here at Zion Lutheran, we believe that Christ's true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord's Supper (Real Presence). All who participate here believe the same Biblical truths and we practice "Closed Communion."

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Johnson or the Elder before receiving the Lord's Supper.

Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you do not meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Our Communion practices are to have four adults (with children standing in front of the adults) on each side of the area in front of the chancel (Altar area) as our Pastor and Elder are serving the elements. The Ushers are instructed to limit the communicants to four. Inform the Usher if you desire NOT to be separated from someone and he'll adjust the groupings of four accordingly.

### **Distribution**

**352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**

**576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

**748 I'm But a Stranger Here**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

**Benediction**

**809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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