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Divine Setting One



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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

### 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

*Stand*

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

### Invocation

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

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

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

### Absolution

*LSB 151*

## Service of the Word

### Psalm *(said responsively by half verses)*

*Psalm 1*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
    **who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,**  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    **nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**  
<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
    **planted by streams of water**  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    **and its leaf does not wither.**  
In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
    **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
    **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**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 152*

**This Is the Feast**

*LSB 155*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

*Philemon 1–25*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. <sup>22</sup>At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

<sup>23</sup>Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, <sup>24</sup>and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

<sup>25</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 14:25–35*

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

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

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

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

*Sit*

## Children's Message

**556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

*sts. 1–5*

**Sermon – “Receive Him as a Brother” (*Philemon 1–25*)**

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 159*

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface** *LSB 160*

**Proper Preface (Full)**

**Sanctus** *LSB 161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *LSB 161*

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 162*

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini** *LSB 163*

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 163*

*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**

**425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ**

**556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice** *sts. 6–10*

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord** *LSB 164*

- ☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**
- Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**
- He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy**
- with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Post-Communion Collect

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

## 605 Father Welcomes

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