

# **Zion Lutheran Church**

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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!

**To Stand or Sit:** There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to 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

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Stand

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

#### Invocation

Exhortation LSB 184

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

Confession of Sins LSB 184

Absolution LSB 185

### Service of the Word

**Psalm** (spoken responsively by half verses)

Psalm 149

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

<sup>5</sup>Let the godly exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

<sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishments on the peoples,

8to bind their kings with chains

and their nobles with fetters of iron,

<sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment written!

This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

#### 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 186

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading Revelation 7:9–17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Epistle 1 John 3:1–3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

AThis is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

- <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### **Nicene Creed**

Sit

### **Children's Message**

**677 For All the Saints** *sts. 1–5, 8* 

Sermon - "Faithful to the End: The Legacy of the Saints." By Dr. Tilahun Mendedo

Stand

Offertory LSB 192

Sit

Offering

Stand

### **Prayer of the Church**

# Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

The names of those who are to be remembered may be read. A bell may be tolled following the reading of each name. The following prayer is then spoken.

Donald E. Nelson – Died September 10, 2025

Emmanuel Johnson – Funeral November 22, 2024

Ottilia "Tillie" M. Vickstrom – Died January 2, 2025

Robert "Bob" Holz – Died January 7, 2025

Donald "Don" J. Fitch – Died February 7, 2025

Louise E. Walter – Died March 5, 2025

Wilma E. Keehr – Died April 18, 2025

Charlotte "Char" Peterson – Died May 4, 2025

Jordan Johnson – Funeral June 6, 2025

Marvin H. Zastrow – Died August 14, 2025

### P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

Preface	LSB 194
Proper Preface (Full)	
Sanctus	LSB 195
Lord's Prayer	LSB 196
The Words of Our Lord	LSB 197
Pax Domini	LSB 197
Agnus Dei	LSB 198
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." (Acts 2:42, 1 Cor 1:10, 10:16-18, 11:26-29)

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 the 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 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 they will adjust the groupings of four accordingly.

#### Distribution

### 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

# 392 God Loves Me Dearly

### 817 Earth and All Stars

Stand

Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
Thanksgiving	LSB 200
Post-Communion Collect	
Salutation	LSB 201
Benedicamus	LSB 202
Benediction	LSB 202
411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	

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