

15th Sunday After Pentecost
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8:00 am



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Rally Sunday! What does Rally Sunday mean anyway? We Rally to inspire, to ignite, to get people ready to go out into the world carrying a message Christ.

Today, we celebrate the start of the 2020-21 activity year here at Zion Lutheran Church. So, we rally around the Gospel. We rally around the children. We rally around each other. We rally around food, fun and fellowship. Around ministry to our families and those in our circle of relationships and influence. Around worship and reflection. Around stewardship and service. We rally around people who are grieving. We rally around people who are sick, out of work, homeless, hungry and on the edge.

Each week we rally around the Word of God and Holy Communion. We listen together as the lessons are read. We listen together as sermons are preached, as songs are sung and anthems soar. We rally around the love that God has for each of us and the lengths to which He will go to seek us out, to save us, to make a place for us, to celebrate with us! Let's Rally Together to be a presence of Christ in the world today!

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: LSB 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

- 2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. So let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins,

and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: Our Lord invites us to come and see what He has done— He has given us solid promises that guard our faith in days of sorrow, suffering, confusion, conflict, and pain. He has sent His Son to be the Word of life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and through the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

THE INTROIT: Psalm 71:12-21

Pastor: Do not be far from me, my God;

People: come quickly, God, to help me.

Pastor: May my accusers perish in shame;

People: may those who want to harm me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

Pastor: As for me, I will always have hope;

People: I will praise you more and more.

Pastor: My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long—

People: though I know not how to relate them all.

Pastor: I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord;

People: I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.

Pastor: Since my youth, God, you have taught me,

People: and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Pastor: Even when I am old and gray,

People: do not forsake me, my God,

Pastor: till I declare your power to the next generation,

People: your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Pastor: Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens, you who have done great things.

People: Who is like you, God?

Pastor: Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter,

People: you will restore my life again;

Pastor: from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up.

People: You will increase my honor and comfort me once more.

All: 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.

Pastor: Do not be far from me, my God;

People: come quickly, God, to help me.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People (sing): Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices

- 1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing
God, who is solely Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

- 2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: O Lord, the daily pressures and demands of this world are great; grant that we would daily repent of our sin and look to Christ, for forgiveness, joy and humility; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:1-2

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE

People (sing): Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:39-40

People (sing): Glory to You, O Lord.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People (sing): Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: LSB 827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
 “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
 Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
 Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
 “Here am I, send me, send me”?”
- 2 Some take up His task in morning,
 To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
 Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
 Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
 That God’s Word so richly yields.

- 3 For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.
- 4 Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

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THE SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love’s baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.

- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

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Pastor: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,
strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!