

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Gracious Lord, you are the giver of all good things because you and you alone are good. Because of your goodness poured into our hearts by your Spirit, may generosity pour forth from our lives and hands. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



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## **The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

October 14, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

### **Welcome to the Lord's Day.**

The prophet Amos points out this week the sin of greed and the damage greedy hearts caused to Israelite society. Greed deeply affects our nation as well. Jesus points out to a morally upstanding Jewish man one thing he was lacking: Following Him. Jesus told him, "Sell all you have; give to the poor and follow me."

This righteous man had met his limit. He couldn't be too generous, he couldn't follow Jesus. Did greed possess him? Why did he truly leave so sorrowful? What was he missing out on? What does joyful generosity look like as we follow Jesus?

## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Wayne Pagel by his family and friends.
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## **A Welcome for Those With Young Children**

This house is your children's home, too. Relax and enjoy your time here:

- Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please consider sitting towards the front where your children can easily see the worship leaders, hear the words, note the colors, wonder about some of the images up there, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in with their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And also with you! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them, too.
- Be sure to sing and pray your parts as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. There is a nursery downstairs for those who would like to use it, but like Jesus, we want your children in the liturgy, not out. *Let the little children come unto me.* (Luke 18:16).

If you need help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.

## **Announcements**

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers.



## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please kneel. Silence for reflection.*

*God does not sit waiting to see if you will find him. God is in essence the Justifying God who does not wait for repentance or merit, but takes the bull by the horns and makes the unjust just by an authored act of forgiveness that creates out of nothing. God is creator, and the gift of God himself is to become a new creation.*  
~ Steven D. Paulson,  
Lutheran  
Theology

*...sin is without repair, since it is all original – which remains even after justification, or baptism....justification of the ungodly begins with killing the ungodly – and this no one “believes.” Salvation goes through death, not around it.  
~ Steven D. Paulson,  
Lutheran Theology*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Please stand.*

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

“Salvation unto Us Has Come” green hymnal #297

## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

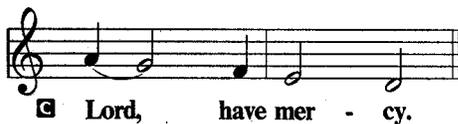


☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

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



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



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

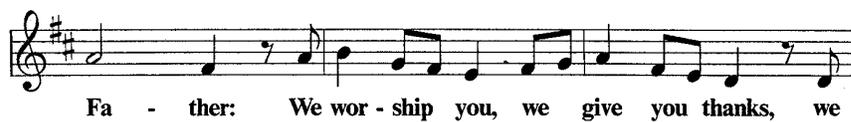


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



*When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.  
~ Titus 3:4-7*

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, and to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

~ 1 Timothy 6:17-19

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -  
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**CHORAL RESPONSE** (9:00 a.m.)

“You Shall Have a Song”

... Harriet Ziegenhals

**OLD TESTAMENT** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, <sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! <sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*...these offers of “life” occur in a chapter the main theme of which is death...*

*Amos has never spoken of repenting; perhaps because he knows there is no guarantee of automatic forgiveness. He knows also that there is no future for Israel as it now is, for the highly uncertain promise is offered only to the remnant of Joseph.*

*~ Donald E. Gowan, The Death and Resurrection of Israel*

**PSALM 90:12-17**

Choir/ Lord, you have 'been our refuge\*

L: from one generation 'to another.

**C: So teach us to num'ber our days,\*  
that we may apply our 'hearts to wisdom.**

Choir/ Return, O LORD; how long 'will you tarry?\*

L: Be gracious 'to your servants.

**C: Satisfy us by your lovingkindness 'in the morning;\*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days 'of our life.**

Choir/ Make us glad by the measure of the days that you

L: afflicted us\*

and the years in which we suf'fered adversity.

**C: Show your ser'vants your works\*  
and your splendor 'to their children.**

Choir/ May the graciousness of the LORD our God 'be upon us;\*

L: prosper the work of our hands; pros'per our handiwork.

**All: Glory 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**

**EPISTLE** Hebrews 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

<sup>15</sup>As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." <sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>And as [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal,

*The man does not ask how he may obtain life eternal as if he were at a loss as to the way and the means. On the contrary, he thinks he knows quite well how, namely, by his doing something, some one good thing... He asks the question what he shall do because he thinks that Jesus has managed to discover this thing and has by it acquired life eternal for himself... This idea is Pelagianism in its worst form.*  
~ R.C.H.  
*Lenski, Interpreation of St. Mark's Gospel*

The effect produced on the young man shows that Jesus had struck home, had bared the man's most vulnerable spot, the love of his great wealth...He, indeed, left Jesus, but the words of Jesus did not leave him. The fact that he was not changed on the instant need cause no surprise. The change would cause a struggle, and this might be severe and prolonged.

~ R.C.H. Lenski, Interpretation of St. Mark's Gospel

Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.”<sup>20</sup> And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”<sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”<sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



### APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  $\times$  resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL** (9:00 a.m.)

*During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength” green hymnal #502

## **SERMON**

“Christ the Killjoy?”

*Please kneel.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING**

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

*...faith alone is the righteousness of a Christian and the fulfilling of all the commandments, for he who fulfills the First Commandment has no difficulty in fulfilling all the rest...from faith thus flow forth love and joy in the Lord, and from love a joyful, willing, and free mind that serves one's neighbor willingly and takes no account of gratitude or ingratitude, of praise or blame, of gain or loss.  
~ Martin Luther, "The Freedom of a Christian"*

If a be-  
liever...can  
begin to un-  
derstand that  
giving is an  
act of faith,  
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stewardship  
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his or her re-  
lationship  
with Jesus.

~ Charles R.  
Lane, in  
Ask,  
Thank,  
Tell

## VOLUNTARY

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and  
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteous-  
ness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to  
eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink  
his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS ("Holy")



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name

*My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.  
~ Philippians 4:19-20*

*There are three things that spread the Christ life to us: baptism, belief, and that mysterious action which different Christians call by different names – Holy Communion, the Mass, the Lord’s Supper.*  
~ C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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**

## ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

## AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*

*~ Martin Luther, in the Small Catechism*

It is a living Man....and still as much God as He was when He created the world, really coming and interfering with your very self; killing the old natural self in you and replacing it with the kind of self He has...if all goes well, turning you permanently into a different sort of thing; into a new little Christ, a being which, in its own small way, has the same kind of life as God, which shares His power, joy, knowledge, and eternity.

~ C.S. Lewis,  
in Mere Christianity

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" green hymnal #294

"Jesus, Still Lead On" green hymnal #341

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*

**A Prayer  
As You Go**  
Heavenly Father, even in the midst of the darkness of sin and unbelief, your goodness still fills this world. Because of your great goodness made known in Christ and placed in us by your Spirit, help us to have true, everlasting joy in You, because of You, and through you. Amen.

## **Serving at Worship**

Preaching: The Rev. Christopher Johnson

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei Women

Lector: (9:00) Samantha Pinzl

(11:00) Paul Henning

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Lilith Christoffersen

(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring

(11:00) Adam Holzschuh

Ushers: (9:00) Marty Dettmering; Janet Dettmering;

Jewell Charbarneau; Landis Holdorf;

Gary and Sue Wolslegel;

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Ted Gulhaugen

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Janet Dettmering; Pam Hoppe

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## **Zion Lutheran Church**

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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