

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Pastor is *not* part of the prayer chain)

**A personal prayer before worship:** *I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Luther's Morning Prayer, M. Luther)*

**+ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR +**

**851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

*LSB 851*

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the\_unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

*Please stand*

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

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 203*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

## Absolution

LSB 203

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## Introit

*Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9*

- A** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
I have fled to you for refuge!
- C** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**
- A** Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.
- 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.
- A** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
I have fled to you for refuge!

## Kyrie

LSB 204

- C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

- C** 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—

**Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
“Amen!” our glad reply.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 50:15–21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So

they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13*

**A** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,**

**A** who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

**C** **who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

**A** who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

**C** **The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

**A** He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

**C** **The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**A** He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**C** He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**A** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**C** as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**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.

## Epistle

*Romans 14:1–12*

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 18:21–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

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

### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.**

*Please be seated*

### 501 Come Down, O Love Divine

*LSB 501*

1 Come down, O Love divine;  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near;  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

- 2 O let it freely burn,  
Till worldly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
No soul can guess His grace  
Till it become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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## Sermon

*Rev. Phil Rittner II*

*Please stand*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** ....through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

- A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### 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.  
**C** Amen.

### 818 In Thee Is Gladness

*LSB 818*

- 1 In Thee is gladness  
Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given  
The gifts of heaven,  
Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest,  
Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely  
Has built securely;  
He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining  
To see Thy shining,  
Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,  
We fear no powers,  
Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses  
In worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story  
Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices;  
All heav'n rejoices  
In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness,  
Triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him  
And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please know that the issue of renting a portion of Zion to Trinity Church of Larwill is now dead. We have withdrawn from working on an arrangement with them due to two reasons:**

- (1) it is not compatible with scheduled and possible future events of Zion's, and**
- (2) due to the valid concerns of many of our members and the Pastor in such an arrangement. Pastor Phil Rittner**

**Pastor is *not* part of the prayer chain.** Please contact Pastor directly so he can care for your spiritual needs.

**Prayers** - Please remember in your daily prayers our Members in Nursing Homes and those at home: John & Lois Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Gene & Janice Klopfenstein, Dortha Marsh, Maxine Lott, Bill Niedermeyer, Tim & Sandra Rueger, John Myers, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, Jack & Joanne Lane, Shane Hoffman, Ralph & Barbara Keiper, Lynn Kyler and Melinda Puckett.

**Those serving our Country in the Armed Forces:** Jason & Ashley Weatherly.

**Welcome reception will be next Sunday, September 20** welcoming Vicar Tim and his family. Please join us in the gym after church.

**Thursday evening Bible Study at 7 pm** in the gym. Masks and social distancing observed.

**Catechism classes have resumed** this week online with Vicar Tim. If you have not been contacted for your child, please reach out to be included in the class.

**Zion has a new email address!** [zionccdq@gmail.com](mailto:zionccdq@gmail.com) Please update your email contacts.

### **THIS WEEK at ZION**

<b>Today 9/13</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Mon. 9/14</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Catechism Class via Zoom</b>
<b>Tues. 9/15</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs. 9/17</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Sun. 9/20</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>
		<b>Rev. H. Shumm, Celebrant</b>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Welcome Reception for Vicar Tim and Family</b>

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