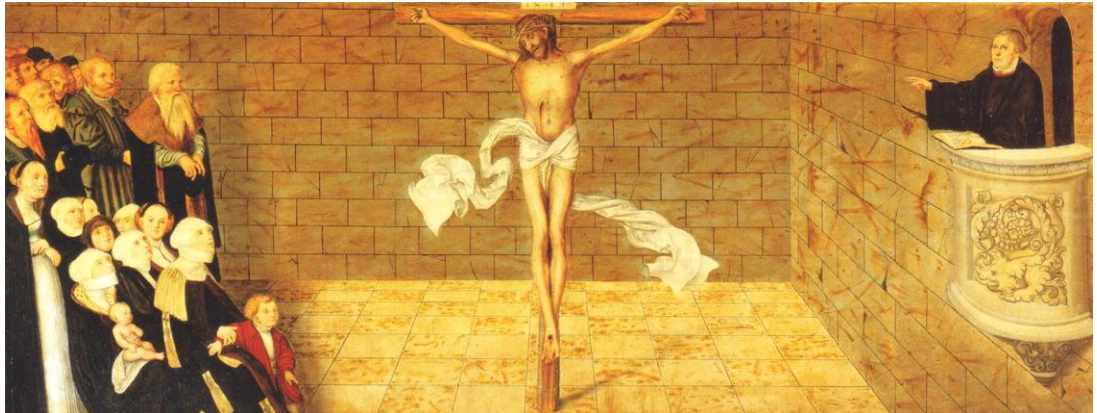


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



May 3rd, 2017
Service of Evening Prayer

Opening Versicles

V Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

V Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C **and the day is almost over.**

V Let Your light scatter the darkness
C **and illumine Your Church.**

Phos Hilaron

V Joyous light of glory:
C **of the immortal Father;
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised
with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life:
the universe proclaims Your glory.**

Thanksgiving for Light

V Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify
You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Psalm 141

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
V O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.

C Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

V Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.

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.**
Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

V Let us pray.
Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your
loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises
with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

Psalms *Psalm 116:1–14 (The Third Sunday of Easter)*

¹I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

²Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

⁶The LORD preserves the | simple;*
when I was brought low, he | saved me.

⁷Return, O my soul, | to your rest;*
for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.
⁸For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears,
my feet from | stumbling;
⁹I will walk be- | fore the LORD*
in the land of the | living.
¹⁰I believed, even | when I spoke,*
"I am greatly af- | flicted";
¹¹I said in | my alarm,*
"All mankind are | liars."

¹²What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all his | people.

Readings From Holy Scripture

❑ A reading from Exodus , the Thirty Forth chapter.

Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

☑ O Lord, have mercy on us.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

☑ A reading from Luke , the Seventh chapter.

Luke 7:36–50

36One of the Pharisees asked [Jesus] to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.

37And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, 38and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. 39Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." 40And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

41"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." 48And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" 50And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

☑ O Lord, have mercy on us.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

☑ In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

☑ **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Sermon

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Litany

V In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V 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:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For President Matthew Harrison, District President Chris Wicher, and for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For President Trump and for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers then continue:

V For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C **Alleluia.**

V Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C **To You, O Lord.**

Collect For Peace

V O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

V Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.**

Benedicamus

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

Benediction

- V** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** **Amen.**

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