

# Zion Lutheran Church



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Service of Prayer & Preaching

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Job 10:1-22

"I loathe my life;

I will give free utterance to my complaint;

I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

I will say to God, Do not condemn me;

let me know why you contend against me.

Does it seem good to you to oppress,

to despise the work of your hands

and favor the designs of the wicked?

Have you eyes of flesh?

Do you see as man sees?

Are your days as the days of man,  
or your years as a man's years,

that you seek out my iniquity  
and search for my sin,

although you know that I am not guilty,  
and there is none to deliver out of your hand?

Your hands fashioned and made me,  
and now you have destroyed me altogether.

Remember that you have made me like clay;  
and will you return me to the dust?

Did you not pour me out like milk  
and curdle me like cheese?

You clothed me with skin and flesh,  
and knit me together with bones and sinews.

You have granted me life and steadfast love,  
and your care has preserved my spirit.

Yet these things you hid in your heart;  
I know that this was your purpose.

If I sin, you watch me  
and do not acquit me of my iniquity.

If I am guilty, woe to me!  
If I am in the right, I cannot lift up my head,

for I am filled with disgrace  
and look on my affliction.

And were my head lifted up, you would hunt me like a lion  
and again work wonders against me.

You renew your witnesses against me  
and increase your vexation toward me;  
you bring fresh troops against me.

"Why did you bring me out from the womb?  
Would that I had died before any eye had seen me  
and were as though I had not been,  
carried from the womb to the grave.

Are not my days few?

Then cease, and leave me alone, that I may find a little cheer  
before I go—and I shall not return—  
to the land of darkness and deep shadow,  
the land of gloom like thick darkness,  
like deep shadow without any order,  
where light is as thick darkness.”

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

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

### **John 5:1-18**

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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

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

### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Sixth Petition

**P** What is the Sixth Petition?

**C** **And lead us not into temptation.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

### Catechetical Instruction

#### Prayer

**P** In Peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

**P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

**P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

**P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

**P** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy.**

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

### Service of the Sacrament

#### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after 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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Distribution

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

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

**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.**