

Divine Service



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 11, 2021

Zion Lutheran Church
Kearney, Nebraska

Welcome to Zion!

All worshippers please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack and let us know how we might be of service to you.

Holy Communion at Zion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus has given it. As he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord's Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him "*from following the flock*" and said to him, "*Go, prophesy to my people Israel*" (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would "*die by the sword,*" and Israel would "*go into exile away from his land*" (Amos 7:10-11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod "*sent and seized John and bound him in prison,*" even though he knew that John "*was a righteous and holy man*" (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod "*sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head*" (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist "*has been raised from the dead*" (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself "*before the foundation of the world,*" and even now by faith, "*the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*" has blessed us in Christ "*with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places*" (Eph. 1:3-4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also "*were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit*" for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).

914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - dian - ce of the
 2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
 3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
 4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
 all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
 dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
 work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be . . ." Light and life burst
 "Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
 from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
 shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."
 all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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Confession and Absolution

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.

G Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

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,

G who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
G and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
G 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.

Absolution

LSB 185

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.

G Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his |
glory,*
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.
Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.
But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.
Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!*
Praise your God, O | Zion!

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

G Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 186

G Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line
 in the midst of my people Israel;
 I will never again pass by them;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
 and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
 and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Amos Accused

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah,
and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at
Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a
prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But
the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me,
‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we
should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for
adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the
Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness
of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished
upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his
will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for
the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things
on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined
according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the
counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might
be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word
of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed
with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance
until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

G Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \neq of the world to come. Amen.

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, what'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

G Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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.

G For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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 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 it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

746 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit



1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.
2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;
3 For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour
4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?
No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.
Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r
This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,
Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come
This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



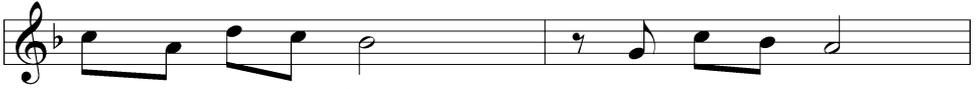
Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.
They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.
Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom
And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

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629 What Is This Bread



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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The Dismissal

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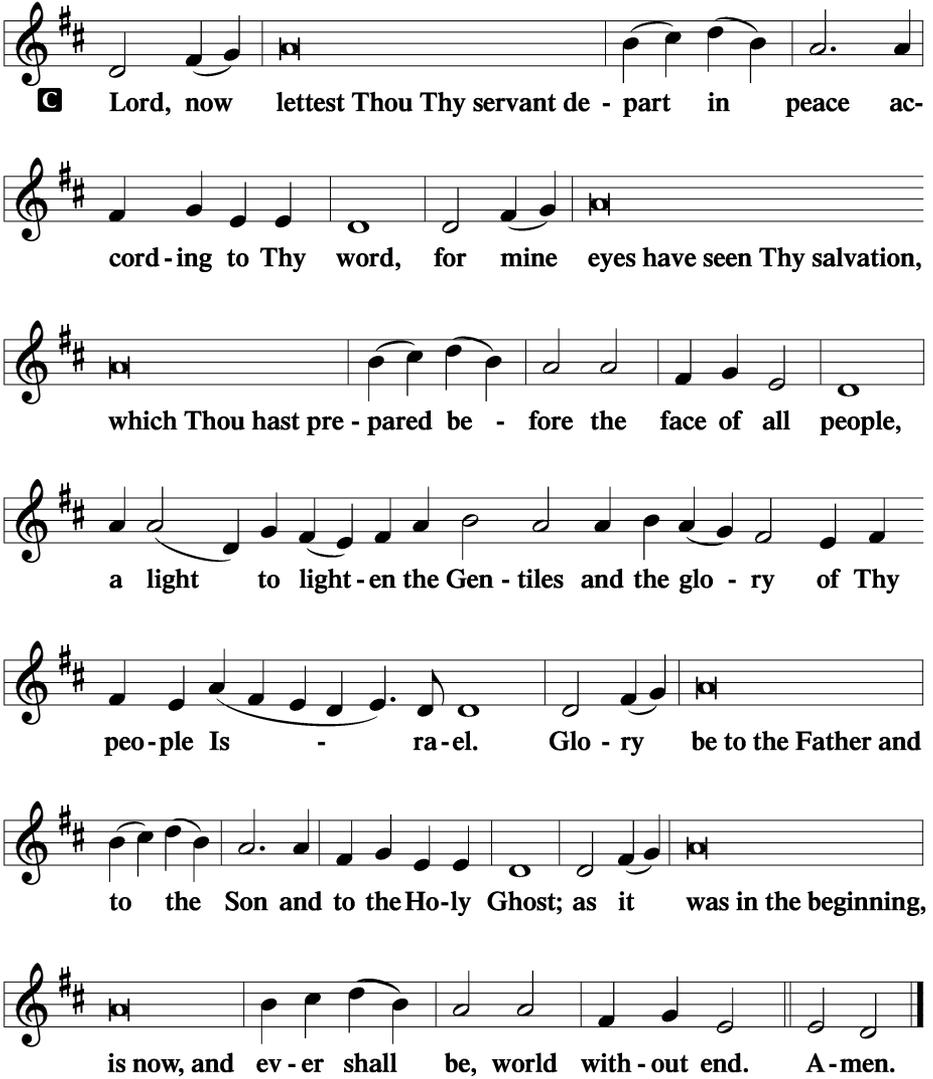
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

G Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
G and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

G Amen.

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen, amen, amen.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Prayers for Our Members

Sharon Hockemeier, Monique Pohlman	Expectant Mother
Family and Friends of Beverly Nuttelman	Grief
Norman Abels (<i>Brookestone Meadows - Elkhorn</i>)	Healing
Judy Ahrens	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (Mount Carmel)	Healing
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Lyle Colsden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Pat Flodine (<i>Cambridge Court</i>)	Healing
Vi Fox (<i>Prairie View</i>)	Healing
Verleen Gentry	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Boyd Millsap	Healing
Michelle Millsap	Healing
Roger Riekenberg	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Bev Nuttelman	Hospice
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Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

Naomi Wollberg (<i>Andy & Jeanne Wollberg's daughter-in-law</i>)	Expecting
Corb Kenneth Teten - (<i>grandson of Chris & Sarah Hoehner</i>) at St. Peter's in Elk Creek, NE	Baptism
Reg Duke (<i>Westman's brother-in-law</i>)	Healing
James Gentry (<i>Verleen Gentry's son</i>)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (<i>Marc's father</i>)	Healing
Sharon Kreutzer (<i>Richard's mother</i>)	Healing
Lyra Mais (<i>Zion student</i>)	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz (<i>Pam's Uhlir's friend</i>)	Healing
Tim Powers (<i>Kim Wilken's brother</i>)	Healing
Roy Reynolds (<i>Verleen Gentry's son-in-law</i>)	Healing
Lynne Saathoff (<i>Verleen Gentry's sister-in-law</i>)	Healing
Randy Solomon (<i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i>)	Healing
Spellman Family (<i>Quentin & Janel friend</i>)	Healing
Angela Well (<i>Charles Marineau's granddaughter</i>)	Healing
D.D. Dugger (<i>Sue Kaiser's brother</i>)	Cancer
Stuart Gronewoller (<i>Lonna's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (<i>Jeff's dad</i>)	Cancer
Randy Jochum (<i>Ken Hockemeier's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Fred Koch (<i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (<i>Rich & Carol's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
John Moore (<i>family of Susan Tonniges</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (<i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Kolby Shiers (<i>Jessica's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer

Today's Radio Broadcast is given to the Glory of the Lord by
Marian Alwardt in honor of Pastor & Carol's 35th wedding
anniversary

Today's Altar Flowers is given to the Glory of the Lord in
memory of Lawrence & Velma Fritz

Worship Assistants

Sunday, July 11 ~ 9:00am

Elder: Ken Hockemeier
Usher: Marc Hoffman
Engineer: James Marquardt
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer
Altar Guild: Becky Thornton & Carol Herron

Sunday, July 18 ~ 9:00am

Elder: Nathan Gaunt
Usher: Roger Riekenberg
Engineer: Jared Nuttelman
Announcer: Brooke Fisher
Altar Guild: Becky Thornton & Carol Herron

Our Response to the Gospel

Date: 07/04/2021

Offering: \$6,323.56

Weekly Need: \$7,457.69

This Week at Zion

Sun 07/11	9:00a 10:30a	Divine Service Radio Broadcast 1460am
Mon 07/12	7:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Mary Martha at the church <i>Nathaniel Gaunt</i> ---
Tues 07/13	1:30p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Sleeping Mats <i>Ken Hockemeier</i> <i>Travis McKillip</i> <i>Pastor & Carol DeLoach</i>
Wed 07/14	7:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	VBS Planning Meeting <i>Herb Johnson</i> ---
Thurs 07/15	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	--- <i>Patrick & Patrice Brost</i>
Fri 07/16	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>Desiree Fiddelke</i> ---
Sat 07/17	5:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Brooks-FH all day Divine Service <i>Jerry Hansen</i> --
Sun 07/18	9:00a 10:30a 6:00-8:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Divine Service Radio Broadcast 1460am VBS July 18-22 --- ---



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Where our Triune God strengthens us
through His mercy in faith toward Him and
in fervent love toward one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS Planning Meeting - There will be VBS planning meetings 7/07 at 7:00pm, and 7/14 at 7:00pm at the church.

VBS Snacks - There is a list of snacks that Zion is in need of for VBS in the school hallway. If you would take a snack or more and bring them to the office or place them in the VBS snack box by July 17th we would really appreciate it. Thank you for supporting our VBS!

Mary Martha - Mary Martha will meet on Monday, July 12th at 7:00 at the church.

New House Cleaning Party! - Our new teacher, Mrs. Joy Barefoot, will be moving in on Saturday, July 17, but before that she needs some help getting the new house move-in ready. She could really use a hand with general house cleaning on Tuesday, the 13th from 3-6. Bring your favorite supplies (we will need a vacuum and brooms) and let's welcome her into Kearney and Zion!

Moving Day! - The big move for Mrs. Barefoot is coming. We are still in need of some movers! Let Mr. Splittgerber know if you can help make the trip to Lincoln and back or if you can help unload in Kearney. Mrs. Barefoot does have a trailer that we will use if someone has a truck with hitch to haul it. Thanks for any help you can give! This saves Zion a lot on moving expenses (thank you Nelson's Furniture!)

We will be leaving early Saturday, the 17th and will be back early that afternoon.

Office Furniture Pickup Needed - Zion has purchased some surplus furniture from the Nebraska District LCMS office in Seward. If anyone is able to pick up 6 conference chairs and two small tables, please inquire at the office. This would be a great help! Thank you!

Men's Bible Study - The Men's Bible Study will resume in August.

Ride - Vi Fox is wanting to attend church in person. She needs someone to pick her up and bring her to Zion. She would like to attend Saturday evenings. If you have any questions or would be willing to help please call the office at 308-234-3410. Thank you.

Peaches - Zion will once again be selling peaches the first three weeks of August. The first weekend of August will be the Board of Education, the second weekend will be Mary Martha, the third/final weekend will be the Zion Youth.

Bulletin Correction - A bulletin correction from last week. Chris and Sarah Hoehner welcome a grandson Corb Kenneth Teten.

Offering Options:

- 1) Place your offering in the basket as you leave
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

A Bible Study - is prerecorded and available each Sunday, along with a study guide you can use to follow along. We are studying the three lessons for the day—the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel. Go to Zion's website www.zionkearney.com to access the video and study guide.

Church Management System - Zion has switched to a web-based church management system called ChurchTrac. Please pick-up a yellow sheet in the narthex to get setup today to view all of the benefits and features.

Radio Broadcast - Please help Zion spread the Gospel, sign up to sponsor a radio broadcast! There are several open dates.

Mission Offerings - If you would like to donate to the missions Zion supports, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

Vacation Bible School at Zion Mystery Island

Vacation Bible School will be held July 18-22 from 6:00-8:00 pm. It will be for preschool to 5th grade. We also need volunteers for anyone from 6th grade up to help out. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those that are willing to volunteer and for those that would like to participate.

JOIN THE FUN IN THE SUN WITH THIS UNIQUE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Is there just one God? . . . Who is God? . . . What is God like? . . . Does God love me? . . . Can I know God?

Our kids grapple with questions like these every day. At Mystery Island, we'll uncover the truth about our Creator God! There's a sea of confusion about who God is and what he's like, so we'll track down the one true God and learn how amazing he is through the pages of Scripture.

Mystery Island VBS is packed with teaching that connects the Bible to the real world and gives kids a better understanding of our awe-inspiring Creator and the salvation he offers through Jesus Christ.

Each day, kids will learn more about one of God's amazing attributes (great, almighty, ruler, Emmanuel, trustworthy) and how that applies to their lives.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Office Hours - Summer office hours will be Monday-Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Best of Kearney - Congratulations to the Zion preschool for being voted Best of Kearney by the Kearney Hub readers seventh year in a row.

Registration Open - Registration is now open for the 2021-2022. There are limited preschool spots available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office. Please tell your family and friends about Zion. Enroll early to make sure you have a spot.

Scrip Cards - Scrip cards are still available during this time. Visit the office during office hours to purchase your gift cards.

Employment Opportunities:

Lunchroom Helper:

We are looking for someone that could work from 10:30-12:30 Monday thru Friday, helping in the lunchroom. Daily tasks would include table setup, assistance with lunch distribution, table wipe down and put-away, and floor cleaning. If interested please call the school office at (308)-234-3410. Please share with anyone looking for part-time hours in great school environment.

Church & School Custodian:

Zion is looking for a custodian for the new school year. The position is for 29 hours a week. This is an important and valued position! If you or someone you know takes pride in making a clean and safe workspace, consider working with our wonderful staff at Zion Lutheran. In interested, please call the school office at (308) 234-3410.



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Two Concerns for the Church:

1 The Equality Act currently before Congress in Washington D.C

2 K-12 Health Education Standards proposed by the Nebraska Department of Education

What is it?

The Equality Act that is being considered by Congress sounds innocent. All Americans should enjoy equality and the protections of the U.S. Constitution. But in elevating sexual orientation to a protected class, the Equality Act will bring sweeping changes to current laws, to the great detriment of the religious and constitutional freedoms of biblically faithful churches, institutions, Christian schools and individuals.

In fact, those churches and institutions that are bound by the Word of God to the truth of marriage between a man and a woman could be punished for simply standing on our consistent beliefs. The Equality Act effectively outlaws the words of Christ and our free exercise of religion.

The Equality Act expands the definition of "public accommodation" and puts an ultimatum to individuals, religious non-profits, food banks, schools, charities, adoption agencies and others: "Change your faith-based practices or face government punishment."

*Read a letter from Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison and find additional information and resources at the link provided.

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) recently released a **first draft of K-12 Health Standards**. These standards are meant to guide curriculum for all Nebraska schools, including public and non-public schools.

The Health Standards are a deeply flawed, ideologically driven document. Should such standards be adopted by schools, children will be placed in peril, many educators will find their professional judgment and conscience under attack, and the culture will move toward a further normalization of child sexualization.

Read the proposed Health Standards and take special note of the "Human Growth and Development" section in each grade. Here are a few highlights:

- In Kindergarten, students will "discuss different kinds of family structures (e.g. single parent, blended, intergenerational, cohabitating, adoptive, foster, same-gender, interracial). Note that traditional marriage between a man and woman is not mentioned.
- In 1st grade, students "define gender, gender identity, and gender-role stereotypes."
- In 4th grade, students "distinguish between sex assigned at birth and gender identity and explain how they may or may not differ."
- In 8th grade, students would be taught that abortion is "reproductive care" and how to develop a plan to eliminate an unplanned pregnancy.

*Find the proposed Health Standards and additional information and resources at the link provided.

What can you do?

The Equality Act

1. Treat all people with kindness and respect (“You shall love your neighbor as yourself” Mark 12:31).
2. Become informed about the **Equality Act** and the issues of gender dysphoria.
3. Consider your role as Christian citizens and make your voice known to your elected officials. Our friends at Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI) have created a **simple web tool** to allow you to reach out to your congressperson.
4. Pray for our officials, government, and the church in these challenging days.

[Additional resources regarding the Equality Act:](#)

- **Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty**
- **Alliance Defending Freedom** — The True Impact of the “Equality Act”
- **Heritage Foundation** — 11 Myths About H.R. 5, the Equality Act of 2021

K-12 Health Education Standards

1. Pray for Christian teachers and staff serving in our public schools, that they may find opportunities to freely share their faith.
2. Double down on your commitment to Christian education for your own family.
3. Talk about your concern for the new health education standards with your friends. Make sure that they are aware of the educational standards being proposed for every public school in Nebraska.
4. The Nebraska Department of Education is seeking feedback about these standards. Please take some time to fill out the **NDE online survey** and speak up for all Nebraska kids!
5. Watch for local Health Education Standards.

Looking for more information?

* Full details and all resources mentioned can be found on the Nebraska District LCMS website at www.ndlcms.org/action-alert

