Divine Service



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16th, 2023

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we can know how we can best of serve. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. 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 Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

As "the rain and the snow come down from heaven" and "water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout" (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as "an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off" (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and "indeed bears fruit" (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who "have received the Spirit of adoption as sons" (Rom. 8:15). Thus being "led by the Spirit of God," we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14-15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we "also be glorified with him" (Rom. 8:17).



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

- **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.

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

- **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.

Service of the Word

Introit

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Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8
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The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

As for man, his days | are like grass;*

he flourishes like a flower | of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*

and its place knows | it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who | fear him,*

and his righteousness to children's | children,

to those who keep his | covenant*

and remember to do his com- | mandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,* and his kingdom rules | over all.



O 10 O O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. 0 10 O O Lord, the only begotten Son, Christ; Je - sus O O 0 Ο O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, ο O Ο θ that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Θ O 0 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our praver. O θ O 0 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -For Thou only art holy; Thou art the Lord. on us. on - ly Θ O O 6 O Christ, with the Thou only, Ho lv Ghost, O art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men. Salutation and Collect of the Day P The Lord be with you. **C** And with spir it. thy P Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth. making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." This is the Word of the Lord. P

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

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

Romans 8:12-17

Romans 11:33. 36

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. **P** This is the Word of the Lord.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord
- **C** Thanks be to God.



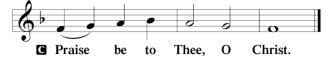
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

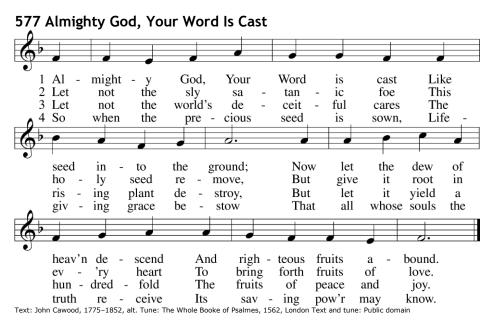
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

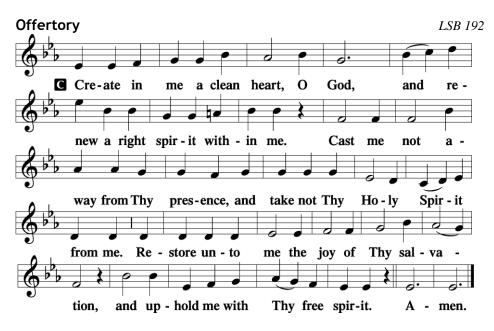
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God. begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God. Light of Light. very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance 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 + of the world to come. Amen.

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Sermon

Stand

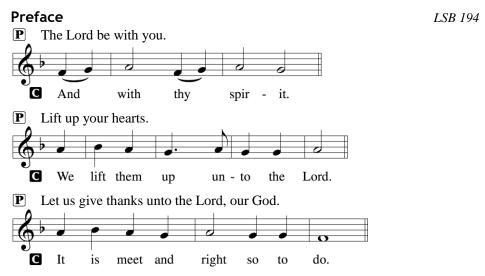


Prayer of the Church

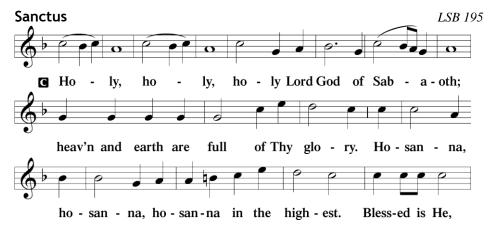
Consecration of the Offering

Please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. You may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn as you prepare to receive the sacrament.

Stand



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:

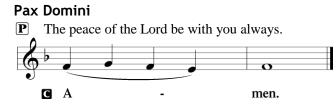




The Words of Our Lord

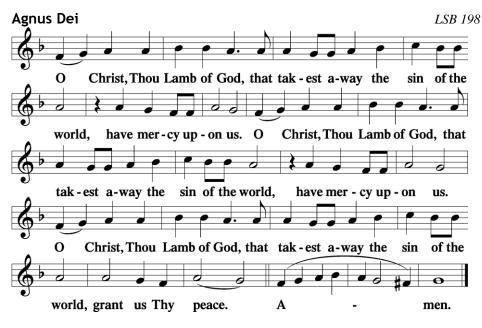
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."



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Sit

Distribution

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared 1 Lord Christ, You This Je - sus have pre - pared feast for 2 Al though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an gel 3 Yet. Say - ior. You are not con - fined To an у 4 We this bread and drink this Your eat cup, pre cious θ It sal Your our va tion: is bod y dwell And Your hosts are ing, in pres - ence hab But You i ta tion; are pres ent Word be liev ing That Your true bod у And and Your blood, Your in vi tion at ta they be hold Your glo - ry, all ex cel ling, _ with ven now Here Your con tion. e gre ga and Your blood Our lips are here re ceiv ing. -0 As souls, with sin op-pressed, We come wea - ry to And though Your peo ple shall not see Your glo ry Firm as rock this truth shall stand. Un moved by а This Word re - mains for ev er true. All things are rest, You for need - ed For com - fort, and for par - don. and Your Till dawns the maj - es - ty judg - ment morn - ing, dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft an - y and cun - ning. ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y. pos - si -5 Though reason cannot understand, 7 Grant that we worthily receive Yet faith this truth embraces: Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places. May prove by our behavior I leave to You how this can be; That we are thankful for Your grace Your Word alone suffices me; And day by day may run our race, I trust its truth unfailing. In holiness increasing. 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Help me when doubts assail me. Be praised throughout all ages! Remember that I am but dust, Preserve it, for in ev'ry place And let my faith not fail me. The world against it rages. Your supper in this vale of tears Grant that this sacrament may be Refreshes me and stills my fears A blessèd comfort unto me And is my priceless treasure.

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545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth
1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -
heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die, mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be; yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,
Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y, Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to
we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You. world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing. pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken. all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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652 Father, We Thank Thee 0 thank Thee who hast plant Thy 1 Fa ther, we ed ho - ly 2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in Save it from mer cy, Θ 6 name with - in Knowl - edge and faith and life im our hearts. - fect e _ vil, guard it still. Per it in Thy love, u -Θ sus, Thy Son, mor - tal Je to us im _ parts. Cleansed and con - formed will. it, Thy nite un to 0 1 6 0 0 Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea Didst sure. grain, once scat - tered the hill sides, Was As on Θ 0 1 0 give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the this bro-ken So from all lands Thy in bread made one, θ Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise. Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son. Text: Didache, 2nd cent; tr. F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984 Tune: attr. Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–61 Text: © The Church Pension Fund. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003744 Tune: Public domain



The Dismissal

- **C** Amen.



J Let us pray. We give thanks t

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.



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<u>This Week at Zion</u>			
Sun 7/16	9:00a	Divine Service	
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study	
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast	
		1460AM & 92.1FM	
	5:00p	Divine Service	
	5:00p-7:30p	Vacation Bible School	
	Birthdays		
Mon 7/17	12:00p	Sr. Citizen's Potluck	
	6:30p	Rev. Clausing Mission Presentation	
	Birthdays	Jerry Hansen	
Tues 7/18	1:30p	Sleeping Mats	
	7:00p	Church Council	
Wed 7/19			
Thurs 7/20	Birthdays	Rev. Doug Gaunt	
		Kaden Nabity	
Fri 7/21	Birthdays	Rebecca Riekenberg	
Sat 7/22	Birthdays	Renn Ronning	
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	Birthdays	Tracy Schake	

Prayers for Our Members		
Madisen Skaggs	Expecting	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Jim Catterson	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Jade Florang	Healing	
Vi Fox (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Teresa Leising	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Debra Schinkel	Healing	
Don Trampe	Healing	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	
Prayers for Our Members' Family	& Friends	
Makenzie Brooks (Bruce and Joni's daughter-in-law)	Expecting	
Nicole Teten (Chris and Sarah Hoehner's daughter)	Expecting	
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's	
Andrew Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Deployment	
Gerald Bartels (Dennis' uncle)	Healing	
Joan Bentley (Family friend of the Kreutzer's)	Healing	
Elaine de la Motte (Carol Herron's sister-in-law)	Healing	
Norm Erickson (Jackie Zehendner's father)	Healing	
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing	
Robert Haubold (Don Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing	
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing	
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing	
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing	
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing	
David & Carol Shiers (Jessica's parents)	Healing	
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing	
Virginia Vest (Sue Bartels' cousin)	Healing	
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer	
Diane Brandt (Friend of Junge's and Helmbrecht's)	Cancer	
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer	
Sarah Forinash (Richmond's daughter)	Cancer	
Gay Koopman (Todd Koopman's sister)	Cancer	
Lynda Kroutzor (Pich & Carol's sister in law)		
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer	
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer	
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Response to the Gospel

Date: 7/9/2023 Offering: \$ 12,624.19 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate as you enter or 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.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Marian Allwardt, In thanks to God for the DeLoach's wedding anniversary (July 13th).

<u>Sunday, July 16th - 9:00a</u>				
Elder: Dan Oertwig	Usher: Andy Wollberg			
Acolyte: Gradyn Fisher	Engineer: Eric Rosenthal			
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer	Altar Guild: Becky Thornton & Carol Herron			
Sunday, July 23 rd - 9:00a				
Elder: Eric Rosenthal	Usher: Mike Wilkens			
Acolyte: Isaiah Gaunt	Engineer: Jamie Nikodym			

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild: Becky Thornton & Carol Herron

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Announcements for July 16th, 2023

<u>3rd Quarter Missions:</u> All mission offering from July-September will help Rev. Jonathan Clausing and his family, who are serving in Tanzania. To access more information about the Clausing family and their mission, go to: www.lcms.org/clausing.

<u>Back to School Mailing</u>: Be on the lookout for a Back to School packet with all the information needed for Final Registration. Call the office with any questions.

Zion Lutheran of Kearney Foundation: The Zion Lutheran of Kearney Foundation recently was able to give \$750 to the Zion Lutheran School tuition assistance fund. This is the interest earned from Lavonne Peterson memorials and will be used to assist a family in sending their child(ren) to our school.

If you are interested in learning more about how your gift to the Zion Lutheran of Kearney Foundation can be used to help fund various areas of ministry at Zion, please speak with one of our foundation board members. Current members are Lennis Hodgson, Carol Herron, Susan Tonniges, Shirley Oertwig and Pastor DeLoach.

<u>Smiles for Vets Fund:</u> Local veterans who need help paying for dental work can fill out an application for assistance. Many local veterans' organizations have the application, but it is also available at the Kearney Area Community Foundation office. To get the application or to find out more information, contact KACF by emailing <u>andi@kearneyfoundation.org</u> or calling (308) 237-3114. For more information visit:

https://www.kearneyfoundation.org/_files/ugd/90548d_94e1d977f12b4066a 24edbe8659e5bea.pdf

Rev. Jonathan Clausing & Family

As many of you know, the format for VBS is different this year. We are not asking you for help with snack or craft items. Please consider giving money you would have donated for these items to our 3rd Quarter Missionary, Jonathan Clausing, who will be speaking at our church on Monday, July 17th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The ushers will have mission envelopes available on your way out of church today to drop in the special offering plate in the Narthex.

