

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith \* Growing in Spirit \* Reaching out to Those in Need*  
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July 23, 2017

“Sin”

8:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN **“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”** **ELW #609**
Verses 1, 3, 5 – Congregation **Verses 2, 4 – Peri Erdmann**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
Even when we were dead in sins and made us alive
Together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
Your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
That Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** **ELW #807**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and
compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted
in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC **Peri Erdmann**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING

Psalm 25:4-10, 13-18

Pew Bible OT, p. 554

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:18-21

Pew Bible NT, p. 250

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke chapter 15.
Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible NT, p. 80

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Marcia

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Sinners Will Receive”

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APOSTLES’ CREED *(please stand)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace saying, “Peace be with you” or similar words. If you prefer not to shake hands, any friendly word or gesture is appropriate.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERING HYMN

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #188

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave yourself to us at such huge cost, to reconcile us to God and to create us into new people. In thanksgiving, we offer these gifts and the service of our lives to you, to be used to further the task of reconciling the world to God. Strengthen us with your Spirit that we may be your faithful ambassadors and eager agents of reconciliation.

Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Called together in the Spirit’s embrace, let us pray for the mending of God’s world.

After each petition: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:

**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,
Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN

“O God of Love, O King of Peace”

ELW #749

POSTLUDE

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- Ushers: Darrell Sorensen, Derek, Amy,
Emily & Kaylee Efraimson

Summer Worship at Zion

July 23, 2017

8:30 AM



Lutheran Vocabulary

FIRST READING

Psalm 25:4-10, 13-18 (Read responsively_

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

**⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.**

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**¹³They will abide in prosperity,
and their children shall possess the land.**

¹⁴The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes his covenant known to them.

**¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me,

for I am lonely and afflicted.

**¹⁷Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.**

¹⁸Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

SECOND READING

1Peter 1:18-21

¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Prayers of the Church

A brief silence.

Enliven your church with love for your world, O God. Give undivided hearts to Christians from Africa and the Americas, Asia and Europe. Make us one in faithful witness to your will. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Renew the life of this earth, O God, even as it groans because of misuse and decay. Cultivate in us an eager longing for a healthy and life-giving earth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bridge the chasms that divide the nations, O God. Inspire a reconciling vision among the world's leaders, and bring together people of differing commitments for the sake of the world's most vulnerable people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Embrace those who suffer, O God. Give peace to all who are near death, hope to those who are depressed, shelter to the homeless, and healing to the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Embolden our witness to your love, O God. Send us out into the world with courageous hearts, persistence, and holy wisdom. Inspire us to tend to and delight in our children's faith. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray,

Our Father who art in heaven....

FIRST READING

Jonah 4:2

²[Jonah] prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a

gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-9

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 2:10-14**

¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”