

# Zion Lutheran Church

413 Avenue D East

Bismarck, ND 58501

July 26, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

## OPENING HYMN: LSB 743 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,  
Fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest friend to me,  
Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish,  
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine,  
O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;  
Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2 In Thine arms I rest me;  
Foes who would molest me  
Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev'ry heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash  
And thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Satan, I defy thee;  
Death, I now decry thee;  
Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me  
Nor thy threats alarm me  
While I sing of peace.  
God's great pow'r  
Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore Him,  
Silent bow before Him.
- 4 Hence, all earthly treasure!  
Jesus is my pleasure,  
Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory!  
Naught to me thy story  
Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss,  
Or shame or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior 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, whate'er  
I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!

#### INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

#### DECLARATION OF GRACE

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. may the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

#### INTROIT (*Psalm 105:2-6; Antiphon: Psalm 105:1*)

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*

**People: make known his deeds among the | peoples!**

Pastor: Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\*

**People: tell of all his | wondrous works!**

Pastor: Glory in his | holy name;\*

**People: let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!**

Pastor: Seek the LORD | and his strength;\*

**People: seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*

**People: his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,**

Pastor: O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\*

**People: children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

**People: and to the Holy | Spirit;**

Pastor: As it was in the be- | ginning,\*

**People: is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*

**People: make known his deeds among the | peoples!**

## **KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

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.

**C Amen.**

## **CAMP BLESSING**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT – Deuteronomy 7:6–9**

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

P This is the word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

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

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

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

**C To him be glory forever. | Amen.**

## SECOND READING – Romans 8:28–39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL – Matthew 13:44–52

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

P Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ**

## HYMN LSB 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

1 My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

**3** While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
    Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
    From Thee aside.

**4** When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
    Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
    A ransomed soul!

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### **THE SERMON "What does God's love do?" Deuteronomy 7:7-9**

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
    The third day He rose again from the dead.  
    He ascended into heaven  
    and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
    From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
**I** believe in the Holy Spirit,  
    the holy Christian Church,  
    the communion of saints,  
    the forgiveness of sins,  
    the resurrection of the body,  
    and the life + everlasting. Amen.

#### **THE PRAYERS**

**P** Lord in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

#### **THE OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**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.

### **HYMN LSB 733 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

**1** O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

**2** Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

**3** Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

**4** A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

**5** Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

**6** O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home! Text: Public domain