

Zion Lutheran Church The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
413 Avenue D East, Bismarck, North Dakota  
Website: [zionbismarck.org](http://zionbismarck.org)  
Email: [zionlcmsbis@gmail.com](mailto:zionlcmsbis@gmail.com)  
(701) 223-8286  
Find us on Facebook, search: *Zion Lutheran Church*  
The Rev. Thomas R. Marcis Jr. – Senior Pastor  
Ben Ramthun – Vicar  
Kristin Nistler – Director of Family Ministry

Liturgy: Pastor Marcis  
Sermon: Vicar Ramthun  
Organist: Kathy Rooke

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 17

Overcome Evil with Good  
August 30, 2020



### AS WE GATHER

In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God's desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good. In our worship service today, we receive the same Jesus who once overcame evil by carrying His cross to suffer for our salvation. Trousing over all the evil we will ever face, our risen Savior lives to love, to bless, and to deliver us as His people.

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### BAPTISMAL HYMN

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" *LSB* 594 vs 1-3

- 1 **God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!**
  
- 2 **Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**
  
- 3 **Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!**

Text: © 1991 Robert E. Voelker. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004275

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**Max Jordan Morris, son of Matthew & Kelsie Morris**

His witnesses are Jessica Patch, Chelsea Jung, Aaron Volk, & Shawn Small

## HYMN

“Praise to You and Adoration” LSB 692

- 1 Praise to You and adoration,  
Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,  
Who, to serve Your own creation,  
Came to share our flesh and blood.  
Guide me that I never may  
From Your fold or pastures stray,  
But with zeal and joy exceeding  
Follow where Your steps are leading.
- 2 Hold me ever in Your keeping;  
Comfort me in pain and strife.  
In my laughter and my weeping  
Be with me throughout my life.  
Give me greater love for You,  
And my faith and hope renew  
In Your birth, Your life, and passion,  
In Your death and resurrection. Text: Public domain

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8–9

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

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

Pastor: Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

Pastor: Gracious Lord,

People: **we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lord I Need You”

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

**Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
Where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me**

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You**

**So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay**

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You**

**You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You**

#### **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Grant to us the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

(The Lord gives His precious, saving words.)

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM**

*Psalm 26*

**Pastor:** Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,

**People:** **and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**

Pastor: Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.  
**People: For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.**  
 Pastor: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.  
**People: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.**  
 Pastor: I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,  
**People: proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.**  
 Pastor: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.  
**People: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,**  
 Pastor: in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.  
**People: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.**  
 Pastor: My foot stands on level ground;  
**People: in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 12:9–21*

(With genuine love, overcome evil with good.)

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

*Matthew 16:25*

**People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
 Pastor: Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.  
**People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.  
**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:21–28*

(Jesus calls His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.)

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Lead Thou On" LSB 718

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand  
To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many\_a woe  
To our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland. Text: Public domain

## SERMON

"In the Presence of Power."  
Matthew 14:22-33

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord:  
People: Lord, have mercy.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" Sts. 1, 4, 6: LSB 783

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee. Text: Public domain

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
People: **And also with you.**  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the rescuing work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who overcame evil by the goodness of His death and resurrection. Abiding in His goodness and love, we take up our cross and follow our Savior, receiving from Him the blessing of forgiveness. 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy” *LSB 507 vs 1 & 4*

- 1 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!** Text: Public domain

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our world to trounce evil and its deception by His death upon the cross. With joyful hearts, we receive the victory over death and the grave, which He secured for us by rising from the tomb.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Give us faith to receive Your Son, Jesus Christ, to take up our cross daily, and to overcome the evil of our world with the goodness of the One who died for us all. With gratitude in our hearts, we praise You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” *LSB* 434 vs 1

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o’er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus! Text: Public domain

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” *LSB* 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now. Text: Public domain

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *LSB* 621

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav’nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow’rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!” Text: Public domain

## THE DISMISSAL

- Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- People: Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gracious gift of Your Son's body and blood. Now that we have received His goodness in His Word and Spirit, help us to take up our cross daily and follow our Savior, who leads us with the only love that overcomes evil with good; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

*Romans 12:21*

**Pastor:** Do not be overcome by evil,

**People:** **but overcome evil with good.**

**Pastor:** Go forth with the blessing of your good and gracious God:

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:** **Amen.**

## HYMN

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" *LSB 923*

**1** **Almighty Father, bless the Word**  
**Which through Your grace we now have heard.**  
**Oh, may the precious seed take root,**  
**Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!**

**2** **We praise You for the means of grace**  
**As homeward now our steps we trace.**  
**Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here**  
**May all at last in heav'n appear.**

**Δ3** **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.** Text: Public domain