

Zion Lutheran Church

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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Matins

OPENING HYMN: LSB 851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv'n to you”?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew. Text: Public domain

COMMON VERSICLES

- V O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C 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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON (COMMON)

- V Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

VENITE

C O come, let us sing **I** to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of **I** our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanks **I** giving,
let us make a joyful noise to **I** Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a **I** great God
and a great **I** king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are **I** in His hand;
the strength of the hills is **I** His also.

The sea is His, for He **I** made it,
and His hand **I** formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and **I** bow down,
let us kneel before the **I** Lord, our maker.

For He **I** is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the **I** sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and **I** to the Son
and to the **I** Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be **I** ginning,
is now, and will be for **I** ever. Amen.

COMMON ANTIPHON

V Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C O come, let us worship Him.

OFFICE HYMN

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1** Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2** Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
- 3** All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
- 4** O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
- 5** Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6** So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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INTROIT *Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9*

V Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

C I have fled to you for refuge!

V Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

V Enter not into judgment with your servant,

C for no one living is righteous before you.

V Glory be to the Father and to the Son

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C and to the Holy Spirit;

V as it was in the beginning,

C is now, and will be forever. Amen.

V Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

C I have fled to you for refuge!

THE OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 50:15–21

V When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

V O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE – Romans 14:1–12

V As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

V O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL – Matthew 18:21–35

V The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

V Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

V O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

COMMON RESPONSORY

V Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation I of Your house
and the I place where Your glory dwells.**

V Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation I of Your house
and the I place where Your glory dwells.**

V Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation I of Your house
and the I place where Your glory dwells.**

THE SERMON "What Is Forgiveness?"

Matthew 18:21-35

HYMN LSB 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive. Text: Public domain

OFFERING

CANTICLE "TE DEUM"

C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to | be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Fa | ther everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the | pow'rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim con | tinually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majes | ty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles | praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the | prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs | praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the | world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and | only Son;
also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

You are the king of glory, | O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son | of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to de | liver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born | of a virgin.
When You had overcome the | sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to | all believers.

You sit at the right | hand of God
in the glory | of the Father.
We believe that | You will come
To | be our judge.

We therefore pray You to help Your | servants,
whom You have redeem | ed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered | with Your saints
in glory | everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your | heritage.
Govern them and lift | them up forever.
Day by day we | magnify You.
And we worship Your name for | ever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with | out sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, | have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust | is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never | be confounded.

KYRIE

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SALUTATION

V The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

V O God, our Refuge and Strength, the Author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE OFFERING

BENEDICAMUS

V Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

HYMN LSB 650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

- 1** Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.
- 2** Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3** Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol. Text: Public domain