



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE JESUS, GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

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November 19, 2023

25th Sunday of Pentecost

Pastor Joe Iverson

Music: Nancy Martinovici

WELCOME

INVOCATION HYMN Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty #413 (Verse 1)

COUNCIL MEMBER GREETING

GATHERING HYMN *"Shall We Gather At the River"* #423 (V 1-3)

GREETING

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Author of Salvation,

We confess,

That we are not perfect.

We have fallen short of your vision for our lives.

We have not loved you as we should;

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

At times, we fail to reflect your light onto others

In Jesus' name we pray to you;

Cover us in the waters of your Grace,

Forgive us, and bring us to abundant life you desire for us,

That we may follow you, and bring life to those you love,

Through Jesus Christ, our teacher, our friend,

Our redeemer. Amen.

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Judges 4:1-7

4 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ²So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Second Scripture Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Children's Message

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

pg.189 front of red book, setting 8

Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust, your, word...

Let your stead-fast love, come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-27

The holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O LORD

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.’

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

#726

APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Maria Jacobs-Halvorsen

Respond to “Lord in Your mercy” with “Hear our prayer”

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *"We Are An Offering"* #692

OFFERING PRAYER

...Jesus Christ, our risen Savior
AMEN

INVITATION TO THE TABLE/ STORY OF COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER SONG

COMMUNION HYMNS Let Us Break Bread Together #471
 One Bread One Body #496
 What Feast of Love #487
 Instrumental music on the piano

COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *"Oh Sing to the Lord"* #822 (v 1-4) acc. by Pastor Joe

BLESSING

May the light of God shine upon you
Blessing you with hope, peace
And a holy trust that this God we worship,
with you now and always,
In the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirt

DOXOLOGY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow #884

INVITIATION COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord,
Thanks be to God. **AMEN.**