



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE JESUS, GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Galesville, WI (608) 582-2818

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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Music: Selisa Erickson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, beloved children of God, and gather in the presence of the One who calls us by name.

We come to seek God's wisdom, grace, and truth.

In every generation, God has been at work, teaching and guiding the hearts of God's people.

We give thanks for those who have shared faith with us and pointed us toward Christ.

In a world filled with many voices, we turn again to Jesus, our Savior and our source of life.

We come to worship the living God, whose truth endures forever. AMEN

GATHERING HYMN

Here I Am to Worship

acc. by Pr. Joe on Guitar

WORSHIP NOTES FOR GUESTS

NOISY OFFERING — *Trunk—or—Treat*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

This Little Light of Mine (as kids walk to Sunday School)

#677 v. 1

CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Silence left for reflection and self-examination

...Let us pray...God of grace,

We confess that we have missed the mark, falling short of the people you call us to be.

You give us what we need each day, yet too often we forget to give thanks.

You fill our lives with blessings—the sunrise, safe housing, clean water, and so much more—yet we often stop noticing. Like Jonah, we sometimes run from where you are calling us to go. And still, you remain steadfast, in Grace and love.

Hear our prayer, we lift to you. Wash us in the waters of your grace.

Renew our hearts, and help find the life you are calling into together,

In Jesus name,

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

...and share the same grace with one another. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters^[a] beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For the people of those regions^[b] report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 96

(Please read responsively)

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ **Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

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Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22: 15-22

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Almighty King

#408 v. 1-4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to "Lord in your Mercy" with "Hear Our Prayer"

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

Create in Me A Clean Heart

#186

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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STORY OF COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER SONG

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Let Us Break Bread Together
We Come to The Hungry Feast*
Instrumental music on the piano

#471
#479 v. 1-3

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

#623

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#884

SENDING

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

INVITATION TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

POSTLUDE