

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Thou shalt not
commit adultery
Exodus 20:14*

May 24th, 2017
Service of Evening Prayer

Opening Versicles

℣ Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
℣ **the light no darkness can overcome.**

℣ Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
℣ **and the day is almost over.**

℣ Let Your light scatter the darkness
℣ **and illumine Your Church.**

Phos Hilaron

℣ Joyous light of glory:
℣ **of the immortal Father;
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised
with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life:
the universe proclaims Your glory.**

Thanksgiving for Light

℣ Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify
You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
℣ **Amen.**

Psalm 141

℣ **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
℣ O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.

C Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

V Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.

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.**
Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

V Let us pray.
Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your
loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises
with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

Psalm *Psalm 146*

Praise | the LORD!*

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

Put not your trust in | princes,*

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;*

on that very day his plans | perish.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is | in them,*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
who gives food to the | hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the | righteous.
The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.
The LORD will reign for- | ever,*
your God, O Zion, to all generations. |
Praise the LORD!

Readings From Holy Scripture

☑ A reading from Numbers , the ninth chapter.

Numbers 10:29-36

And Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we will do good to you, for the LORD has promised good to Israel." But he said to him, "I will not go. I will depart to my own land and to my kindred." And he said, "Please do not leave us, for you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will serve as eyes for us. And if you do go with us, whatever good the LORD will do to us, the same will we do to you." So they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey. And the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. And the cloud of the LORD was over them by day, whenever they set out from the camp. And whenever the ark set out, Moses said, "Arise, O LORD, and let your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate you flee before you." And when it rested, he said, "Return, O LORD, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel."

☑ O Lord, have mercy on us.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

- ✓ A reading from Luke , the Sixteenth chapter.

Luke 16:19–31

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

- ✓ O Lord, have mercy on us.

✎ Thanks be to God.

- ✓ In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

✎ But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

- ✓ What is the Sixth Commandment?

✎ You Shall not commit adultery.

- ✓ What does this mean?

☞ We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Sermon or Catechetical Instruction

Prayer

☞ In peace let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ 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:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ For President Matthew Harrison, District President Chris Wicher, and for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ For President Trump and for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

☞ For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

☞ Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:

☑ For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

☑ **Alleluia.**

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

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

☑ Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

☑ **To You, O Lord.**

Collect For Peace

☑ O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☑ Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

☑ **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.**

Benedicamus

V Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

V The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

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