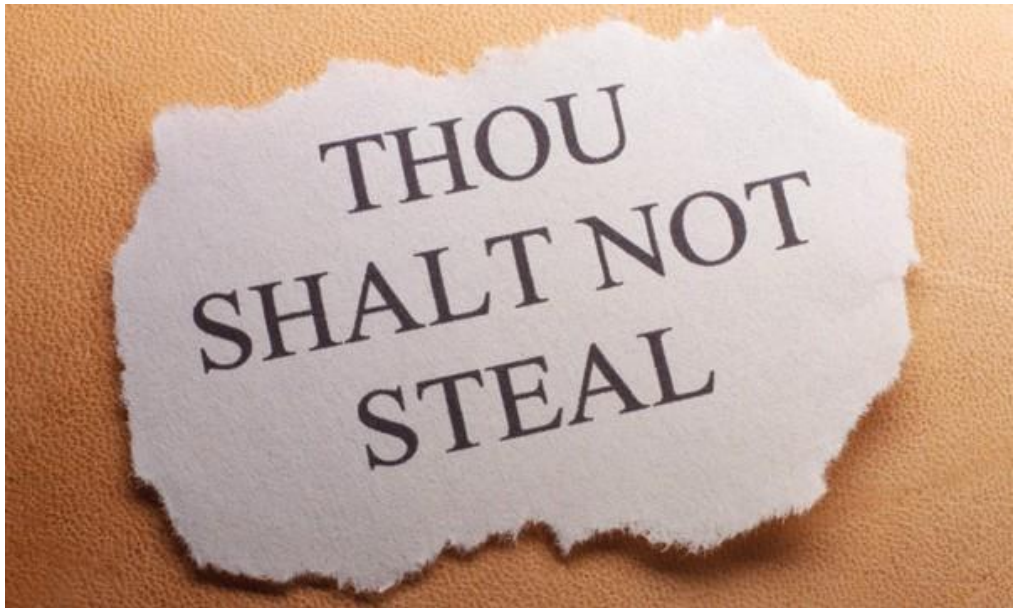


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



May 31st, 2017
Service of Evening Prayer

Opening Versicles

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

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

V Let Your light scatter the darkness
C **and illumine Your Church.**

Phos Hilaron

V Joyous light of glory:
C **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

V 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.
C **Amen.**

Psalm 141

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
V 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 John , the fourteenth chapter.

John 14:15-21

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

☑ O Lord, have mercy on us.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

☑ A reading from Joel , the Second chapter.

Joel 2: 25-32

I will restore to you the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent among you.

"You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

"And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

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 Seventh Commandment?

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

☒ We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

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:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:

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

C Alleluia.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C To You, O Lord.

Collect For Peace

V 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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.**

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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