

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



May 17th, 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 Numbers , the ninth chapter.

Numbers 9: 1-15

And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, "Let the people of Israel keep the Passover at its appointed time. On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall keep it at its appointed time; according to all its statutes and all its rules you shall keep it." So Moses told the people of Israel that they should keep the Passover. And they kept the Passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the people of Israel did. And there were certain men who were unclean through touching a dead body, so that they could not keep the Passover on that day, and they came before Moses and Aaron on that day. And those men said to him, "We are unclean through touching a dead body. Why are we kept from bringing the LORD's offering at its appointed time among the people of Israel?" And Moses said to them, "Wait, that I may hear what the LORD will command concerning you."

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If any one of you or of your descendants is unclean through touching a dead body, or is on a long journey, he shall still keep the Passover to the LORD. In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight they shall keep it. They shall eat it with

unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break any of its bones; according to all the statute for the Passover they shall keep it. But if anyone who is clean and is not on a journey fails to keep the Passover, that person shall be cut off from his people because he did not bring the LORD's offering at its appointed time; that man shall bear his sin. And if a stranger sojourns among you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its rule, so shall he do. You shall have one statute, both for the sojourner and for the native."

On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning.

❑ O Lord, have mercy on us.

📣 **Thanks be to God.**

❑ A reading from Luke , the Sixteenth chapter.

Luke 16:1–13

[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

V O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

P What is the Fifth Commandment?

C **You Shall not murder.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

Sermon or Catechetical Instruction

Prayer

V In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V 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:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V 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:

C Lord, have mercy.

V 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:

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

V 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:

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

V 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

- ☐ 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

- ☐ Let us bless the Lord.

☐ **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

- ☐ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

☐ **Amen.**

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