

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 14th & 15th, 2020 Divine Service Setting Four
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♪ The Day Is Surely Drawing Near Stz. 1-2

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- 1 The day is surely drawing near
 When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
 As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
 As Scripture long has warned us.

- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound
 And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
 Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
 Be changed at His commanding.

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

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.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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C 1 To God on high be glory

And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,

"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,

'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,

near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has

not, even what he has will be taken away.³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

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3 The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev’ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge’s stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

Sermon

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- For Virginia Sanders (Kaylene Maxson's son-in-law's mother), Alfred Sauer, Melissa Wiedyk Bejcek, Laura Howard, Kaylene Maxson, Joyce Potter, Grant Maciag (friend of Jennifer Kerr), Robert Eversole (brother of Bonnie Engelhardt), Ken Pacholka (Diane Horning's brother) who is undergoing cancer treatment, Debbie Anderson (Aunt of Matt and Martha Currie) who is undergoing cancer treatment, Sonya (friend of Jeannie Ventrone) diagnosed with aggressive leukemia, Wanita Zeller (Matt and Martha Currie's grandmother), Cathy Huizer, (cousin of Eileen Rosenbrock), Esther Gerzeski, Alice Lederer, Diane Horning, Nancy Howe, Esther Whalen, Janet Rash, Lori Kulczycki (daughter of Luanne Vogtmann) who is improving, Robert Vogtmann (brother in law of Luanne Vogtmann) who is improving, Dr. Kalil Masri (friend of Mark Treiber), Luella Strohpaal, Esther Boiler (Esther Gerzeski's daughter's mother-in-law) who is in rehab for a broken hip, Peter Satkowiak (nephew of Jo-Ann & Paul Satkowiak) 7 years old having his jaw removed due to cancer, Gary Buechler, Mary Lou Jammer, Mary Maul, Ernie Wiedyk, Johnnie Meissner, Diane Jacobs, Clara Wirsing, Mary Ellen Hart, Tony Pitch (father of Emily McMenemy), Valerie Walter (wife of Don Walter),

Shirley Gerstacker who is recovering from having a valve replaced, and Marilyn Datte.

- For those who mourn, especially the family of Don Gehringer, who died on Thursday.
- For all who are deployed or enlisted, and the safe arrival of troops coming home.
- For the school and staff of Zion Lutheran as they continue this school year, that they might better know and show Christ's love.
- For peace and healing and guidance in our nation during this time of pandemic, unrest, and division.

Lord's Prayer

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

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

**6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.**

**7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.**

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Church This Weekend

- **Church attendance last week:** Saturday 62 (C56), Sunday 68 (C49).
- **Offerings for last week:** \$11,561.00 (Weekly need is \$11,735.00)
- **Serving this weekend:**

Organist: Luanne Wegener

Saturday Elders: Ralph Riske, Bill Kohn

Sunday Elders: Dean Kohn, Kevin Miller



- **Retable Flowers:** are given by John Olson in loving memory of Diane Olson.

Sunday School Lesson

Today in Sunday School students study the account “Jesus Calms a Storm.” Just as Jesus calmed the storm with His Word for the frightened disciples, so He calms and ends the storm of sin and death by taking our sin upon Himself and dying in our place so we may live eternally. Consider discussing, “*What did Jesus do to calm to storm? How does Jesus calm the storm in our life?*”

Sunday School Class

Sunday School Class is for children 3 years through 6th grade and features exciting Bible lessons and music along with opportunities to plant the life giving Word of God in our hearts. Sunday school will be held each week during the Family Bible Hour after the Sunday morning service. Meet in the church narthex at 9:50am. Classes end at 10:30am. Pre-registration is not required and new students as well as guests and friends are always welcome. Make Sunday school a part of your Sunday morning routine.

Pastor led Bible class

Pastor led Bible class will be held Sundays after church, unless otherwise noted. Please stay in your pew in the sanctuary for class to start after church. The pastors are currently going through a study entitled, *Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation*.

Jams and Jellies

We all know that this past year has been different. But you know what? God still provided us with plenty of pickles and berries to make the jams, jellies, syrups, relish, and bread & butter pickles that we usually have for sale at the country store. The price is the same as last year, \$3.50 a jar. Proceeds benefit The Ladies of Zion. We have sweet pickle relish, bread and butter pickles, raspberry and elderberry syrup, and 15 different flavors of jams and jellies. If you would like some please contact Lynn Leinberger at 989-662-2545.



Youth Girls' Bible Study

We were created for community and relationship. So let's get together! Our youth girls' Bible study is in its second year. Drop in for a class or put it on your regular schedule. Either way, you can expect to find conversations centered around Jesus, grace, relationship, and everyday life. I promise it will be lighthearted and minimally awkward. Text a friend and invite her to come with you. Each week is a chance to grow in knowledge and understanding, and I would love to walk that path with you. 7th grade - high school girls are invited to attend on Sunday morning with Mrs. Menz. They will meet after church in the narthex.

School/Church Office

In order to preserve the efforts of our school to remain open for face to face education under the current Governor mandates, we are asking that visits to the school be limited to those absolutely necessary. If you do need to enter the building please call the office first. Thank you for your cooperation in this as we walk together through such strange times.

Holiday Food Baskets

The Zion Food Pantry will provide food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Anyone desiring to receive a holiday food basket or wanting to refer a family in need, please contact the church office. Non-perishable food for holiday baskets will be collected for the Food Pantry during November. Suggested items include soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, boxed potatoes and stuffing, gravy, jello, and brownie mix. Other items needed throughout the year are cereal, pancake mix and syrup, bottled juice, peanut butter and jam, canned tuna and chicken, pasta, laundry detergent and toilet paper. Please check the expiration date on the food you donate. Donations can be left in the food pantry located at the bottom of the steps in the church basement or placed at the altar during the Thanksgiving worship service. Thank you for caring and sharing the love of Jesus.

Grace Your Closet

Grace Your Closet is a free clothing closet available to anyone in need in the community. We are open the Third Saturday of every month from 9am-12pm at 303 Ruth St in Auburn. Do you know someone in need? Are you interested in our ministry? Would you like to help us out? Please stop in on November 21 or December 19 and check us out. If you have any questions please call Karla Weiss 989 245-8627. Our biggest need at the moment is for gently used, clean children's and young adult clothing. Donations can be dropped off at the Grace office on Tuesday or Thursday from 10-12.

Please Consider Helping

The Saginaw Valley Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League supports Camp Lu Lay Lea, the local radio broadcast of The Lutheran Hour, and the Tri City Community Good Friday Service. The Zone needs more people to become involved in order to continue to support these programs. Please contact Paul Moeller, LLL Zone President, at 989-631-1017 or pamoeller@aol.com if you are interested in supporting Zone efforts or to get information needed to attend the virtual annual meeting being held at 9 am on Saturday November 21.

Grave Blankets

Grave Blankets will be available for sale November 1st through December 6th. Due to Covid, we will only be selling from my home (we are 1.5 miles West of the Church at 2174 Seidler Road). Feel free to just stop by, or text/call ahead at 989-280-3185. Prices are small-\$25, large-\$40, and full size (available upon request) -\$55. We will stay in accordance to social distancing guidelines. We ask for your patience as we work through this year. Check is preferred payment and they can be made out to Zion Santa Store, but we will also accept cash. -Diane Hebel

Thank You!

A big thank you to Terry and Gail Wegener for delivering our quilts and baby kits to the Lutheran World Relief in Westland, MI. Also, all the helpers who helped load the boxes into the utility trailer. From The Ladies of Zion.



The Ladies of Zion

The Ladies of Zion will not meet in December this year. We also we will not be having our annual Christmas party or delivering shut-in cookie plates this year due to the pandemic. Those who had a secret pal are encouraged to send them a Christmas card telling them that you were their secret pal. We will continue with our monthly meetings in January at a new time of 6:00 P.M.

Thank You from Johnnie Meissner

Johnnie would like everyone to know he is showing improvement. Thank you for all the cards and prayers. If you would like to send Johnnie Meissner a get well card. Here is his address:
#4 Hershey Lane, Lake Placid, FL 33852
He is home recovering after a fall.