

A Brief Form of the Service

Adapted from Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting 3

Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, MI

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 9, 2021

PRESERVICE MUSIC & THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” LSB #655

(See hymn sheet)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to the Lord:

O almighty God, merciful Father,

ALL: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

INTROIT PSALM Psalm 98

- P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
C: **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**
P: The LORD has made known his salvation;
C: **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
C: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
C: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**
P: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
C: **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**
P: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
C: **make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**
P: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
C: **the world and those who dwell in it!**
P: Let the rivers clap their hands;
C: **let the hills sing for joy together**
P: before the LORD, for he comes
C: **to judge the earth.**
P: He will judge the world with righteousness,
C: **and the peoples with equity.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT PRAYER

THE EPISTLE 1 John 5: 1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL & APPLICATION John 15: 9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants,^[a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" LSB #706

(See hymn sheet)

THE CREED

Pastor: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

ALL: 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.

PRAYERS

[After each petition, we will respond:]

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

[At the conclusion of our prayers, we join together...]

ALL: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: And now, receive the blessing of our God:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with His favor, and grant to you His peace.

ALL: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "O Love, How Deep" **LSB #544** *(See hymn sheet)*

POSTSERVICE MUSIC