

# A Brief Form of the Service

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Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting 3

Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, MI

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## Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### PRESERVICE MUSIC & THE BELLS

### OPENING HYMN “Praise the Almighty” LSB #797

### INVOCATION *(Please rise)*

Leader: We begin in God’s Name:  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader: 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.**

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

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

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

### PSALM *Psalm 146*

P: Praise the LORD!

C: **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

**P:** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
**C:** **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**  
 P: Put not your trust in princes,  
**C:** **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**  
 P: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
**C:** **on that very day his plans perish.**  
 P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**C:** **whose hope is in the LORD his God,**  
 P: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,  
**C:** **who keeps faith forever;**  
 P: who executes justice for the oppressed,  
**C:** **who gives food to the hungry.**  
 P: The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
**C:** **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**  
 P: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**C:** **the LORD loves the righteous.**  
 P: The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
**C:** **but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**  
 P: The LORD will reign forever,  
**C:** **your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

### **RESPONSIVE KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**  
 Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**  
 Pastor: 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.  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**  
 Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**  
 Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**People: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Pastor: Let us pray...

### **COLLECT PRAYER**

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 35***

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.  
L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7: 24-37***

<sup>24</sup> And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup> But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

## **THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB #528**

## **THE SERMON**

## **THE CREED**

Pastor: We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**ALL:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **THE OFFERING**

*We will continue to receive your Offerings in the wooden box at the entrance. However, the Offerings will be brought forward by an Elder and as they are brought forward the congregation arises and sings:*

**“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB #781**

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

## **PRAYERS**

*[After each petition, we will respond:]*

Leader: 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.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastor: We now turn our attention to these elements of God's grace, as we hear Christ's words, instituting His Holy Supper:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

And may the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Members of Zion and members of other LCMS congregations are encouraged to join us at the communion rail to receive the Lord's Supper. For those who are new among us, or members of a different faith background, please speak with pastor before partaking. We love to have conversations about the Lord's blessings, so please feel free to ask if you have questions about our beliefs and practices surrounding this Sacrament. Thank you!) [The Communion Meal is distributed.]*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

**"Word of God, Come Down on Earth" LSB #545**

**"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LSB #636**

Pastor: Having received this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, may it strengthen and preserve you, steadfast in the one, true faith, until life everlasting.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

L: 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**

**THE CLOSING HYMN “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” LSB #524**

**POSTSERVICE MUSIC**