

**MOUNT ZION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Divine Service 10am**

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 21, 2016

PREPARATION PSALMS (Hymnal Pgs.): Psalm 33 (131), 34 (131), 95 (143).

PREPARATION PRAYER: ALMIGHTY GOD, through Your Son Jesus Christ, You gave the apostles Your holy Word, and many gifts to take its saving truth to people in need. You commanded them to feed Your flock. Inspire all pastors today to preach Your Word diligently --- and enable Your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HYMNS 705 32 349:1&5

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(Supplement p 12-21, Omitting p 18-20)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prayer . . . Entrance Hymn . . . Invocation . . . Confession and Absolution

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Kyrie . . . Gloria in Excelsis . . . The Prayer of the Day - "Amen"

THE FIRST LESSON..... **ISAIAH 66:18-24**

¹⁸“And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory. ¹⁹“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. ²¹ And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD. ²² “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. ²³ From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. ²⁴“And

they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....**PSALM 72**

Pastor: Endow the king with your justice, O God,

Congregation: **the royal son with your righteousness.**

P: May he judge your people in righteousness, **C: your afflicted ones with justice.**

P: May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, **C: the hills the fruit of righteousness.**

P: May he defend the afflicted among the people

C: and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

P: May he endure as long as the sun, **C: as long as the moon, through all generations.**

P: May he be like rain falling on a mown field, **C: like showers watering the earth.**

P: In his days may the righteous flourish **C: and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.**

P: May he rule from sea to sea **C: and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

P: May the desert tribes bow before him **C: and his enemies lick the dust.**

P: May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores **C: bring tribute to him.**

P: May the kings of Sheba and Seba **C: present him gifts.**

P: May all kings bow down to him **C: and all nations serve him.**

P: For he will deliver the needy who cry out, **C: the afflicted who have no one to help.**

P: He will take pity on the weak and the needy **C: and save the needy from death.**

P: He will rescue them from oppression and violence, **C: for precious is their blood in his sight.**

P: Long may he live! **C: May gold from Sheba be given him.**

P: May people ever pray for him **C: and bless him all day long.**

P: May grain abound throughout the land; **C: on the tops of the hills may it sway.**

P: May the crops flourish like Lebanon **C: and thrive like the grass of the field.**

P: May his name endure forever; **C: may it continue as long as the sun.**

P: Then all nations will be blessed through him, **C: and they will call him blessed.**

P: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, **C: who alone does marvelous deeds.**

P: Praise be to his glorious name forever; **C: may the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

All: Amen and Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON..... **LUKE 13:22-30**

²² Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

²³ Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?” He said to them, ²⁴“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ “But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’” ²⁸“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: (Sung) “Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia!”

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Pg. 15)

HYMN 32 “Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”

THE SERMON **LUKE 19:1-10** (NIV84)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'"

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

ZACCHAEUS: SMALL MAN. . . BIG HOLE. . . GOOD SHEPHERD

OFFERTORY (Pg. 16)...**OFFERINGS**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH...LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 349:1&5 ”Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me“

Silent Prayer

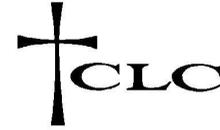
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 28 -- 10AM – Divine Service with Holy Communion

CLC NEWS

The Rev. Terrel Kesterson, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has accepted the call to Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL.

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TRINITY 13
August 21, 2016

Daily Bible readings for home devotions, Aug. 22-27, '16

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Tues Luke 13:22-30 Jesus knew the number of graduates (22-23), all of whom would ace the finals with the only acceptable answer to the question, "What do you think of Jesus?" Mere familiarity with Jesus is sham Christianity (25-27), and Jesus will have none of it (29-30).

Wed Hebrews 12:18-24 God forbids sinners getting close to Him by means of His commandments, for that spells disaster (18-21). God wants us to know that He sent His own Son to negotiate the peace treaty with humanity (24), and He offers sanctuary in God's homeland with full citizenship rights; His angels stand ready to welcome us (22).

Thurs Psalm 72 pictures the glory and universality of God's Kingdom, where Jesus rules the hearts and lives of those who know Him aright (1-4). They will have lived in every century (5-7) everywhere on planet Earth (8-9), and are made up of all sorts of people (10-11). Jesus satisfies our deep needs (12-14) abundantly and forever (16-17). Those are the ABC's of the Kingdom of God. Blessed be our great God!

Fri John 7:25-31 When Jesus presented the ABC's about God and humans, it's natural that His credentials were challenged (25-27). So He laid that out, too—explaining that His credentials bore the stamp of His Father in heaven, the single crucial factor which distinguished and authenticated Him (29-31). [He still is what He always has been.]

Sat 1 Peter 1:21-22 Nobody else has God's credentials, and no human works/labors rate beside Jesus' self-sacrifice for sinners. Jesus was *foreordained before the foundation of the world* to be humanity's Savior from sin, death, and the devil; and God has seen fit to make Jesus the key to heaven (20). God assigned the punishment of all sins to Jesus, He bore that punishment on His cross, and then the Father stamped His sacrifice with the highest approval rating by bringing Him back from the dead. Let us believe it, enjoy it, and share it!"

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