DIVINE SERVICE SETTING TWO

STANDING STRONG + REACHING OUT + GROWING TOGETHER

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

What is your favorite family tradition? Perhaps it is an annual celebration such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. Perhaps it is a more common tradition—an old family recipe or a favorite game. Traditions are passed down from generation to generation. They are often wonderful and meaningful. But sometimes we pass down traditions that are not good for us or the world. The Israelites had passed down traditions related to divorce and giving that were not what God had intended. Jesus rightly criticizes such traditions. Today we consider the most trustworthy tradition that we continually pass from generation to generation: Jesus.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

INVOCATION AND PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

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

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. С

EXHORTATION

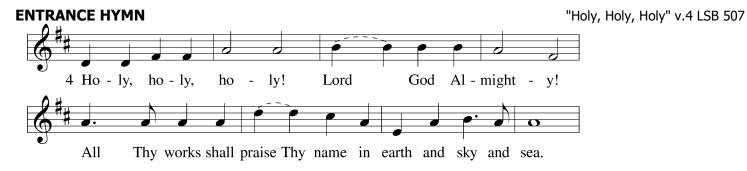
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned С against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

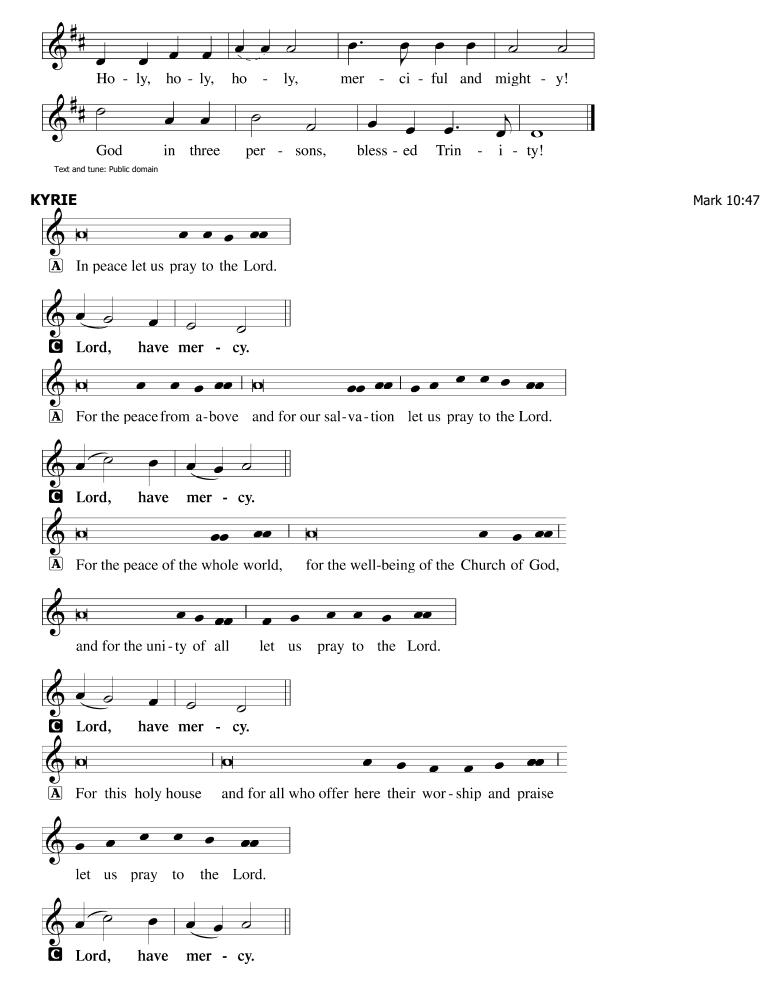


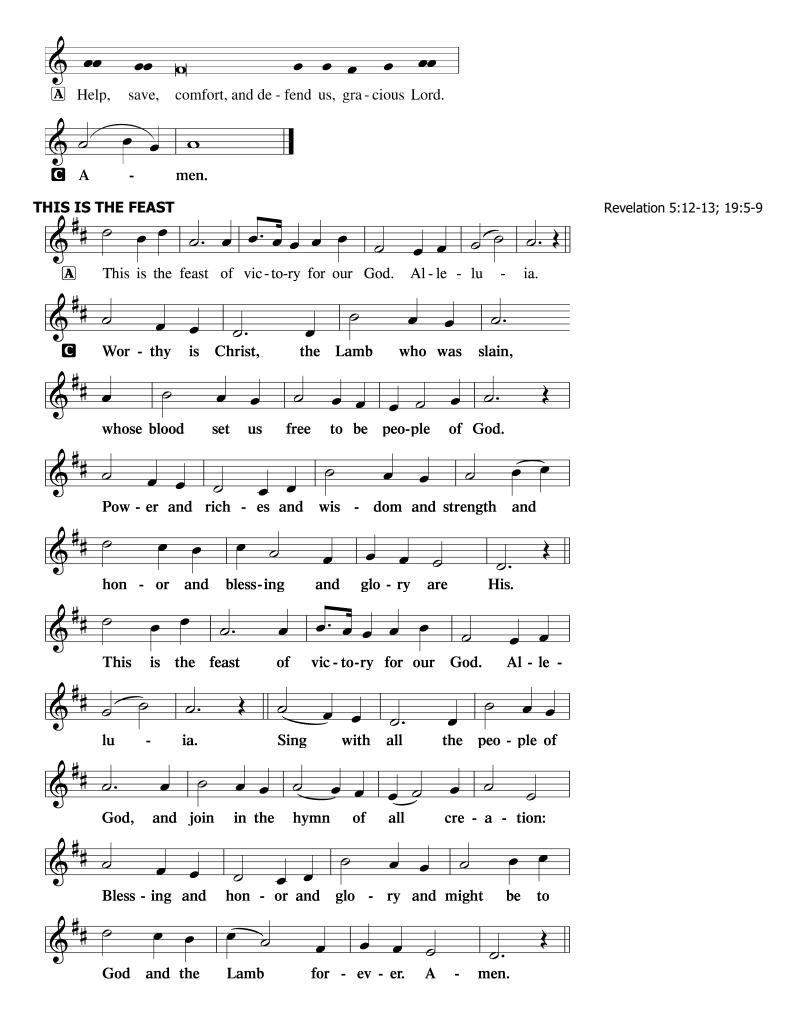


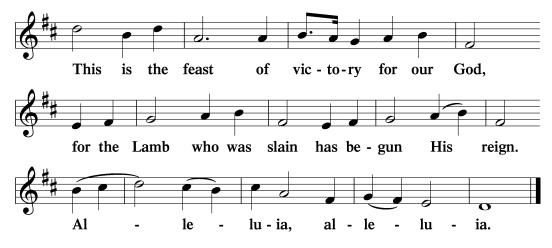
David Garcia, organ Pastor Stephen Heimer

"Holy, Holy, Holy" v.1-3 Lutheran Service Book 507

John 20:19-23







SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

▲ Let us pray. Lord God, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, receive our thanks for the blessings You have bestowed upon us through our parents and all those in authority over us. Forgive them their shortcomings and failures, and grant them Your grace and Spirit of wisdom and truth that they might faithfully do Your will. Grant us the desire and ability to honor, serve, love and obey according to Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Isaiah's vision of God turning things upside down) Isaiah 29:11–19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY



Psalm 14

¹The fool says in his heart, "There | is no God."* They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none | who does good.

²The LORD looks down from heaven on the chil- | dren of man,* to see if there are any who understand, who seek | after God.

³They have all turned aside; together they have be- | come corrupt;* there is none who does good, not | even one.

⁴Have they no knowledge, all the evil- | doers* who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call up- | on the LORD?

⁵There they are in great | terror,* for God is with the generation of the | righteous.

⁶You would shame the plans | of the poor,* but the LORD is his | refuge.

⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of | Zion!* When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel | be glad.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

EPISTLE

(Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ)

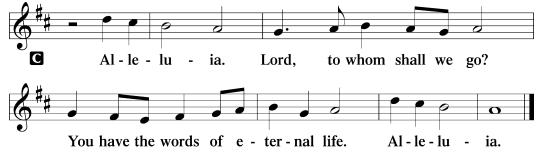
Ephesians 5:17–33

¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



John 6:68

Mark 7:1-13

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with

(The Pharisees argue with Jesus about traditions.)

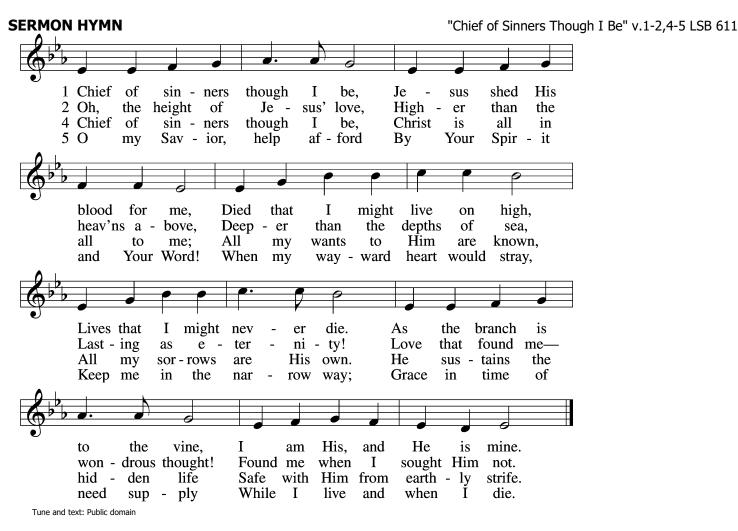
their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' ⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." ⁹And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

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"Teach Them, Show Them Jesus"
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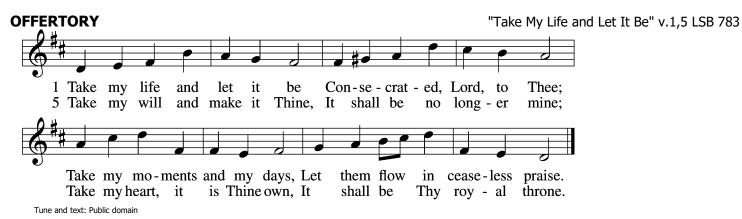
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate located on the stand while entering the church, placed in the offering box when leaving, mailed, or given online at www.zionelpaso.org.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Hear us, Father, when we pray,

G for needed help from day to day.

 P Heavenly Father, give us courage to speak to those family members and friends who have ceased to follow You or who have never followed You. Strengthen us for hard conversations so that we pass on the most important thing we have ever been given: Jesus Christ. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

G for needed help from day to day.

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Spirit and Your Son to be our comfort in times of mourning and grief. Bring comfort to all those who are suffering at the death of loved ones, [*especially . . .*]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection and eternal life. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

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Heavenly Father, we pray for all families, for husbands and wives, for children and grandchildren, for brothers and sisters, and every relationship. Help our earthly families to reflect the love, honor, and sacrifice of our eternal family to come. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

G for needed help from day to day.

Heavenly Father, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [<u>especially...</u>]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Hear us, Father, when we pray,

G for needed help from day to day.

- Heavenly Father, we commend all these prayers into Your loving hands, for You live and reign with the Spirit and the Son, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

- Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **G** Amen

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Number 6:24-26

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB 477

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ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

8/23	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
8/24	Tuesday	1:30 PM	LWML Meeting
8/25	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
8/29	Sunday	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service

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Altar Flowers today are given by Fred Hulce in memory of his wife, Nancy Hulce.

them luck as they prepare to bless the ears of many with their joyful

LWML Meeting. Zion's LWML's first meeting for 2021-2022 will be held this coming Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 1:30 pm, in the Zion Auditorium. Mariann Porter will present the Devotion and Linda Chaumont and Pat Wende will provide refreshments. During the meeting, we will be

> discussing some of our upcoming projects and events, editing our Directory, signing up for Devotions and/or providing refreshments for our future meetings,

and finalizing plans for assisting with the Pastoral Circuit Meeting on September 7th. All the ladies of Zion are welcome and encouraged to attend! We hope to see you there! Good luck Mariachi San Pablo! This week, Mariachi San Pablo will depart to South Dakota to perform for other LCMS churches. We wish

Welcome, Pastor Patten! While Pastor Stephen is away with Mariachi San Pablo, Pastor Howard Patten will lead our worship services. We are so grateful that Pastor Patten continues to be a strong part of our church! As a result, there will be no outdoor service on Sunday, September 5, 2021. The only worship service will be indoors at 10:30am.

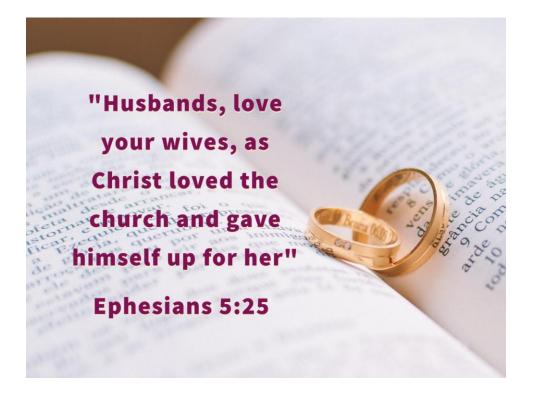


music!





This Week's Memory Verse: August 16-22, 2021





Zion Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00am-3:00pm

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