THOUGHT OF THE DAY
Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Gift to Be Simple
Arr. Dale Wood

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
C: Amen.
P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Reconciling God,
C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.
P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #413

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
KYRIE

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray . . .
C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

O God Beyond All Praising
Arr. Mark Albrecht
Rachel Sebastian—Clarinet
In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” 27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” 29 God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. 4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

R: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
R: [Paul writes:] 11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. 13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

R: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
    You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL
P: The Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #411 We All Believe in One True God

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

APOSTLE’S CREED Red hymnal page 105

P: Let us confess our faith.
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Response after each petition)
P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—INVITATION—God’s Work Continues

OFFERING SONG Red hymnal #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart
C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BLESSING
P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.
C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

DISMISSAL
P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?
C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: “Serving Christ through serving others.”
P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Partita on Kingsfold—Mov. I Arr. Callahan

Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.
OFFERING 5/31
Total Unified Giving: $2,343.00
Total Building: $560.00

TREASURER’S REPORT:  
Month of March 2020 Finances
Unified Giving: $21,440.22  
Expenses: $18,378.61
Building Fund Giving:  $1,530.37  
Mortgage Payment: $2,500.00
Building Fund Balance: $32,771.39

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of March 2020, on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH / Socks for Seniors
Since 2002, Socks for Seniors hosts an annual sock drive throughout the United States. Community organizations across America are becoming involved by collecting adult socks to be distributed to senior centers and nursing facilities. Many of the residents have no funds to purchase needed items and socks are one of those most needed items. What kind of socks should you collect? The funnier, funkier styles you can find - holiday themed, bright colors, animals, patterned. One recipient of socks replied, “We’re just old, not dead and we still have a sense of humor!” Also needed are traditional tube socks. Please avoid socks that have individual toes. There will be a laundry basket and display in the lobby inside Zion’s Walnut Street entrance. If you cannot shop for socks, feel free to leave a donation and the shopping will be done for you. Socks should be placed in the laundry basket and monetary donations should be given to Linda in the office.

NEEDY BASKET is still collecting non-perishable food items during this pandemic. We encourage you to continue to support the Needy Basket food pantry by dropping off food at the church. The collecting can will be right outside the Walnut Street entrance. Many families are in need at this time. Thanks for feeding your neighbors.

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