

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

You have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

The Word of the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 will be read responsively.

- ¹ I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
- ² **I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**
- ³ Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ **I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.**
- ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
- ⁶ **This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.**
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
- ⁸ **Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**
- ⁹ Fear the LORD, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ **The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**
- ²² The LORD will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

³ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Response C: Glory to you, O Lord.

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

WORSHIP NOTES

As we worship together once again, we want everyone to feel safe and comfortable during worship. Therefore, with that in mind the following steps will be taken:

We will sit every third pew to keep a safe distance from each other.

The offering plates will not be passed around, instead you will leave your offering in the plate as you leave worship along with the attendance form.

Hymns are also included in your bulletin as an insert. Hymns and liturgy will be sung by a cantor at this time. We will not have a Gathering Hymn. If you wish to sing along you may do so, but we request that you keep your mask on during any singing.

Communion will also be done together in the pews from the prepackaged wafer and juice you picked up on your way into the sanctuary. A waste receptacle will be on the table in the narthex for you to dispose of your communion as you leave worship.

Open the clear cellophane for the wafer first and then open the purple tab for the juice.

Included in your bulletin is an attendance form, please fill out and leave in the offering plate. This is to help us keep track of our members each Sunday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Occasionally members of our congregation need assistance with transportation to and from doctor appointments and help with groceries or meals especially during this time of the pandemic. We would like to make up a list of volunteers that would be able to assist. See Colleen or email the office at 215stpaul@gmail.com include the days and times you would be able to volunteer and contact information.

BIBLE STUDY

No Bible Study this coming Wednesday evening. Thursday afternoon at 1:00 at Zion, we will be studying the following readings: **Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13.**

HARVEST SUNDAY

Remember to bring your nonperishable food items for the SWBC Food Cupboard on Sunday, November 22. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Included in our prayers will be Thom Cipro's brother Edward Cipro in August, Eileen Saunders' brother-Fred Hood in January, nephew-George Ketterer in June, sister-Elsie Maier in October.

IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL DATES

It is that time of the year again when we start planning for 2021. It is very important that you try to be in church for the following dates: Today will be a question and answer time concerning the budget (additional copies are in the narthex), November 8 we will vote on both the budget and members running for council. If you are interested in running for council, please see a member of the council.

Council members are: John Alexander, Tim and Bev Brosenitsch, Thom Cipro, Cathy Loeffler, Gailyn Matscherz, Janet Silvonc, Nancy Williamson and Mike Wilson.

WOMEN'S JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be hosting the Christmas Party with the women of Zion Lutheran on Thursday, December 10, at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be \$15 and also bring a \$10 Grab Bag. Please RSVP to Linda Flora 724-452-1347, 724-272-2563 or lflora604@gmail.com by November 26.

COOKIE WALK 2020

Sign up sheets for donations of ingredients are on the flower chart in the narthex. Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, November 21 from 9 to 12.

ZELIENOPLE ROTARY FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Will be held Thursday, November 12, from noon to 6 PM at the American Legion Post #474 Social Hall. The American Legion is located at 308 West New Castle Street. To make an appointment visit Vitalant.org and click the "Log In" button. On the new window, choose Donor Login (previous donor) or New Donor (haven't donated with Vitalant before), and search with the group code C5300093 or call 412-209-7000. Vitalant will donate \$5.00 to the Southwest Butler Food Cupboard for each donation of blood on 11/12/2020. Vitalant is now testing blood donations for Covid-19 antibodies. Please help us maintain the community blood supply.

MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET – DECEMBER 3

Zelienople is still planning on holding the Miracle on Main Street event on December 3. Due to Covid-19 restrictions some activities will not take place. The month of November we will be collecting new or almost new children's coats, plus hats and gloves. Box for your donation will be in the back of the church next Sunday. Coats will be given out to those in need at the Miracle on Main tent. We are also planning on taking part again with handing out free hot chocolate and coffee. If you would like to help, please see Pastor Tim. More information will follow as we get closer to the event.