

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We sit.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We receive communion this morning at the head of the center aisle. We commune by intinction, hold your bread to dip in wine. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

We remain seated.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 713

O God of Every Nation

PEACE

We share the Peace of Christ with one another as we depart.

19th Sunday after Pentecost



September 25, 2016 + 8:30am

**Zion Lutheran Church
Lexington, South Carolina**

Quiet Communion Worship

You are invited to use this time before worship begins
for quiet prayer and meditation.

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We kneel. Silence is kept for confession and meditation.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

We stand.

GATHERING HYMN # 719

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

After the reading: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

Before the reading: The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Gragg

Silence for reflection. Pastoral prayer.

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 684

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**