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## PRAISE ABLAZE

MAY 21, 2023 • 11:00AM • SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

**Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the pews/chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

**As We Gather** The Scriptures call to us, "Seek the Lord and live." "Seek good, and not evil." "Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart." In the Gospel, we are to discover what the rich young man did not, namely, the good we are to seek is not in our works, but in our coming to follow Jesus, our Lord and God, the only good one. The young man was right in one respect as he desired to inherit eternal life. The only way to inherit eternal life is by being made an heir, related to the Savior by baptismal faith.

### Worship and Sunday Study @ Zion Lutheran:

Classic Services: 8:30am • Contemporary: 11:00am

9:45am Study/ Sunday School

Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Classic Services; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Contemporary

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome**

**Opening Worship**

*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly  
Hymn of Heaven*

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Sentences, Confession and Absolution**

**Children's Message**

**God's Word** *(see opposite or screens)*

*Proverbs 16:1-9, 16  
Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11  
Mark 10:17-25*

*(Children dismissed for Children's Church (CC))*

**What We Believe**

*Nicene Creed*

**Today's Message**

**Offering**

*(Thanks for your support of God's mission here – Children return from CC.)*

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Song**

*Savior of the World*

**Dismissal**

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Proverbs 16:1-9, 16*

*(The plans belong to man, the answer to the Lord.)*

16 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. <sup>2</sup>All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. <sup>3</sup>Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. <sup>4</sup>The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. <sup>5</sup>Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished. By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil. <sup>7</sup>When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. <sup>8</sup>Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. <sup>9</sup>The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps. ...<sup>16</sup>How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

*(Jesus suffered. As people connected to Jesus, we can expect to suffer also.)*

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. ... <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your...

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## **EPISTLE** *(cont.)*

brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 10:17-25*

*(The Rich Young Man.)*

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

*P This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

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### **A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...**

Message .....	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Reader .....	Angie Robey
Children's Message .....	Chris Graves, DCE	Tech .....	Paul Vollbracht
Cont. Worship Ldr. ....	Dyann Cooper	Acolyte .....	Aiden McKinley
Elder .....	Jason Robey		

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