

Zion St. John Lutheran Church  
*Being the Body of Christ*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Wilbur Held

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned 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. 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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**GATHERING SONG** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

LBW #170

*Vs. 1-4, 6*

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol- emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a- way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de- part.



We come to hear your liv- ing word; it saves us from de- spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be- gin.  
Re- new us with your sav- ing pow'r; cre- ate in us new hearts!

**HYMN OF PRAISE**



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for- ev- er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho- ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a- lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre- a- tion, Fa- ther of sur- pass- ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav- ior, you have come from heav'n a- bove;  
Ho- ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex- alt you, we a- dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je- sus Christ, with God the Spir- it, in the Fa- ther's splen- dor bright.



Saints and an- gels bow be- fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re- store, for- give us; in your prom- ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in- her- it, glo- ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Sit*

**FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE**



**GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this

I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *The Head that Once Was Crowned* LBW #173

*Stand*

### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

### THE PRAYERS

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*After each petition:* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit*

### OFFERING

*Blessing and Honor*

LBW #525

*Stand*

### OFFERTORY

☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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.**

## PREFACE/ SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### *Sit*

## COMMUNION

*Jesus Shall Reign*

LBW #530

*Holy God We Praise Your Name*

LBW #535

### *Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING/ CANTICLE

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **✝** give you peace  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN      *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*      LBW #171

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

POSTLUDE      *Jesus Shall Reign*      Wilbur Held

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## Stewardship

**...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us**

### Our Selves...

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...Charles S    Lector...Diane W

Acolyte...Carter B    Crucifer...Gavin M-O

Greeter...Marie L

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred Re

### Our Time...

November 18...95    SS...24

### And Our Possessions...

November 18 ... \$4,397.00    SS...\$3.04

**...signs of your gracious love**