

# Zion St. John Lutheran Church

## *Being the Body of Christ*

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August 3, 2025 10:00 am 150th Anniversary Outdoor Worship

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### PRELUDE

*This is My Father's World* ZSJ Praise Team

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### *Stand*

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR 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**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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**

#### OPENING SONG

### Christ Is The Same

*Commissioned for the 150th Anniversary Celebration for Zion St. John Lutheran Church, Sheffield, Iowa, November 2, 2025; G Kim Wills, Pastor*

Refrain



Through - out all of his-to-ry. Christ is the same.

Yes - ter - day, to - day, to - mor - row pro - claim. Be -

fore, be - side, for - ev - er - more: Christ is the same.

1. The work of the Lord needs our hands, And  
2. With pral - ses to God as we sing! Raise  
3. When taught by the saints from be - fore To  
4. To share Je - sus' love as we give To

bo - dies to fol - low com - mands We love all our neigh - bors a -  
har - mon - ies, for - ev - er bring! With in - stru - ments, voi - ces a -  
help us speak love e - ver - more And teach - ing our child - ren al -  
wel - come, feed, vi - sit, we live And strength - en for run - ning the

round, We'll walk in your path, peace a - bounds. (refrain)  
dorel, We'll sing with one voice: "Praise the Lord!" (refrain)  
ways To share In God's love ev - 'ry day. (refrain)  
race Our hearts filled with your peace and grace. (refrain)

Text: Diane Wills (based on Hebrews 13:8)  
Music: MARY THOMAS, Brooke Joyce

#### 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.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

#### *Sit*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 28: 16-17a**

<sup>16</sup> therefore thus says the Lord God,  
See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation:

‘One who trusts will not panic.’  
<sup>17</sup> And I will make justice the line,  
and righteousness the plummet;

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8

<sup>13:1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’ <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Stand GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 7:24-29

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the seventh chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup> ‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’  
<sup>28</sup> Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### SERMON

### SONG OF THE DAY 10,000 Reasons

**Refrain:** Bless the Lord Oh! my soul, Oh! my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh! my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

1. The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Refrain**
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find. **Refrain**
3. And on that day When my strength is failing  
The end draws near And my time has come  
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. **Refrain (2x)**

## Stand APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 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

## THE PRAYERS

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*After each petition:* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

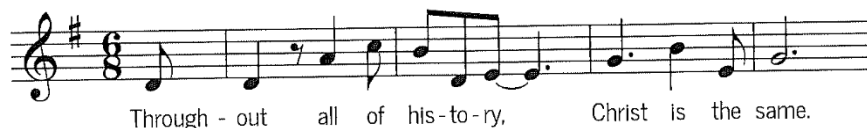
*Stronger*

1. There is Love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross  
 You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious.
  2. Faithfulness none can deny through the storm and through the fire.  
 There is truth that sets me free; Jesus Christ, Who lives in me.
- Refrain:** You are stronger, You are stronger, sin is broken, You have saved me.  
 It is written, Christ is risen, Jesus You are Lord of all.
3. No beginning and no end. You're my hope and my defense.  
 You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross. **Refrain**
  4. So let your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.(4x)  
**Refrain**

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

*Christ Is The Same*



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

**Sit**

**COMMUNION**

*Jesus Take All of Me*

1. Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God I come.  
Just as I am though toss'd about, with all my conflict, all my doubt  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

**Refrain:** Jesus take all of me! I run to you, I run to you!  
I lay ev'rything at Your feet, Let my life be Yours!

2. Just as I am, Thy love unknown,  
wilt welcome pardon, cleanse, relieve.  
Because Thy promises I believe,  
O Lamb of God I come, I come. **Refrain**

3. Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down.  
Now to be Thine, yes Thine alone  
O Lamb of God I come, I come. **Refrain (2x)**

Let my life be Yours! Let my life be Yours!

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed

**Refrain:** My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

**Refrain (2x)**

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below, will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

**Stand**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING/ PRAYER**

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

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** (*sung 2x*)

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 SONG**

*Good Good Father*

1. Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

**Refrain:** You're a Good, Good Father  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you,  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

2. Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide  
'Cause you know just what we need, before we say a word. **Refrain**

3. 'Cause you are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways to us. (repeat)

4. Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think  
As you call me deeper still (2x)  
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love. **Refrain 3x**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sit**

## **POSTLUDE**

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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...ZSJ Praise Team   Lector...Doreen D

Acolyte...Jameson O   Crucifer...Keifer H

Greeters...   Fellowship...Potluck picnic

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

#### **Our Time...**

VBS Program...100   LSV...19   July 27...38   LSV...16

#### **And Our Possessions...**

July 27...\$3,780.00

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