

Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Being the Body of Christ

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

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**

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



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



! Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



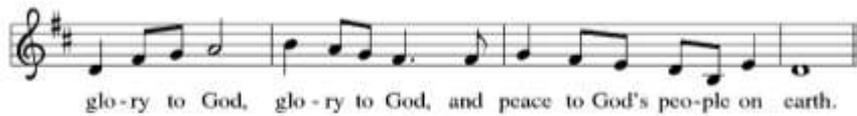
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

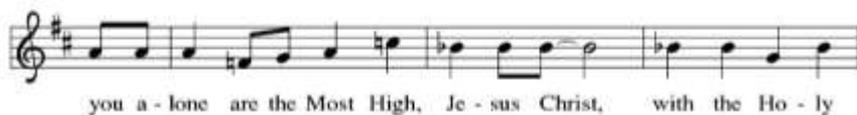
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC

I'm A Little Sunbeam

SS Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12

- ¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
- ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.
- ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.
- ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
- ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?
- ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
- ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
- ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come
proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom.

² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him
crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much
trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with
persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of
power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the
power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a
wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed.

⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed
before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age
understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of
glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to St Matthew the fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Little Light of Mine

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INSTALLATION OF ZSJ CHURCH COUNCIL

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.

He was conceived by 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

Stand

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

THE PRAYERS

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church,
the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

After each petition: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we
commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known
to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen**

Sit

OFFERING

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

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OFFERTORY

Christ is the Same

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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Through - out all of his - to - ry, Christ is the same.' The second staff contains the lyrics 'Yes - ter - day, to - day, to - mor - row pro - claim. Be -' and the third staff contains 'fore, be - side, for - ev - er - more; Christ is the same.' The music consists of eighth and quarter notes with a simple harmonic accompaniment.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.**

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**

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 SONG *We are Marching* #866
2. Dancing; 3. Praying; 4. Singing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit

POSTLUDE

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...Cindy H Lector...Darwin M

Greeters...Julie G Fellowship...Lathams

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

Our Time...

Feb 1...62 LSV...24 SS...14

And Our Possessions...

Feb 1...\$2,770.00 SS...\$10.00

...signs of your gracious love