

Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Being the Body of Christ

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

King of Kings

ZSJ Praise Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Sharing Shoppe

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen**

GATHERING SONG *Today is the Day*

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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 (*cantor sings verses, congregation responds with refrain*)

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will

those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God speak, would you pour down like rain— wash-ing my eyes

5 — to see — Your maj - es-ty — to be still and know that you're in this place, please let me stay

9 — and rest — in your ho - li - ness Word of God speak. —

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to St Matthew the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord I Need You

1. Lord I come, I confess, Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart

Refrain:

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me.

Refrain

3. So teach my song to rise to You; When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You;
Jesus, You're my hope and stay. **Refrain**

Stand

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**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

THE PRAYERS

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray
for the world and its needs.

After each petition Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and
salvation. **Amen**

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OFFERING

I Will Wait for You

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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 and 6/8 time. The first staff is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Through - out all of his - to - ry, Christ is the same.' The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'Yes - ter - day, to - day, to - mor - row pro - claim. Be -'. The third staff concludes the piece with lyrics: 'fore, be - side, for - ev - er - more; Christ is the same.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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/ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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

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**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Sit

COMMUNION

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world and to my listening ears,
All nature sings and round me rings, the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass, I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget,
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.
4. This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns let the earth be glad.
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns let the earth be glad

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING (*2x, praise team, then all; SS children are welcome to join*)

The Lord bless you, and keep you.
Make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Amen, Amen, Amen

SENDING SONG *You Will Never Run Away*

Refrain: You will never run away, You're forever mine
 You will never run away, And You're by my side

1. Love wide as galaxies, Love deeper than the sea
 Countless as all infinity, Love like a shooting star
 Tearing apart the dark, Shining for all eternity,
 Shining for all eternity. **Refrain, 2x**
2. Love stronger than the grave, Love rolled the stone away
 Rising with endless majesty, Love takes us by the hand
 Love is the wildest dance, You are the joy and fight in me
 You are the joy and fight in me. **Refrain, 2x**
3. Hearts open wide, Hands lifted high
 Over the clouds up into the blue sky. 2x, **Refrain, 2x**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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...ZSJ Praise Team Lector...5-6th Grade SS

Greeters/ Fellowship...5-6th Grade SS

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

Our Time...

Feb 15...45 LSV...22 SS...18

And Our Possessions...

Feb 15...\$3,997.00 SS...\$12.00

...signs of your gracious love