



Zion St. John Lutheran Church

*Being the Body of Christ*

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9:00 am

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*O Come to the Altar*

ZSJ Praise Team

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

**GATHERING SONG**

*My Lighthouse*

1. In my wrestling, in my doubts  
In my failures, You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea (repeat)
2. In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea (repeat)

**Refrain:**

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore, Safe to shore  
Safe to shore, Safe to shore

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each mornin', I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea (repeat) **Refrain**
4. Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms (repeat 3x)  
You will carry me safe to shore, Safe to shore  
Safe to shore, Safe to shore

## 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

Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Legacy of Faith*

ZSJ Chancel Choir

## FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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  
— to see— Your maj - es-ty — to be still and know that you're in this place, please let me stay  
— and rest — in your ho - li - ness Word of God speak. —

### GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to St John the seventeenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all

people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

### **SONG OF THE DAY** *Grace Medley*

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
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
and grace will lead me home.
4. Grace, grace, God's grace.  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.  
Grace, grace, God's grace,

grace that is greater than all my sin. (2x)

5. When we've been here ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
than when we've first begun. (2x)

*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 PRAYERS**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

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

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen**

*Sit*

## **SENIOR RECOGNITION/ BLESSING**

## *Congregational Blessing*

Members of this congregation, we ask that you also continue your commitment to lift up, talk about, equip, and pray for a nurturing faith journey with our loving and graceful God for these youth and their families.

**Our continued blessing goes with them. Amen**

## THE PEACE

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

*Sit*

**OFFERING/ SLIDESHOW** *You are Mine*

*Stand*

**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 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 a simple melody with a bass line.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

## **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

*Turn Your Eyes*

1. Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

2. Turn your eyes to the hillside , where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

**Refrain:** Jesus, to You we lift our eyes,  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

3. Turn your eyes to the morning, And see Christ the lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins. **Refrain**
4. Turn your eyes to the heavens, Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout  
'All glory to Jesus alone!' **Refrain (2x)**

*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!

## 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. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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**                      *Sing Wherever I Go*

Sing wherever I go

**Refrain:** All my life, all I know God's been good, good to my soul  
Mountain high, valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

1. God is for me, He's not against me  
I will hold to the plans He has for me  
When I'm broken, He will fix me  
I will call on the name of the Lord. **Refrain**
2. He's my heart song in my sorrow  
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow  
And when the storms rise all around me  
I will call on the name of the Lord (here we go) **Refrain (2x)**
3. I got joy, joy, joy deep in my soul  
I will sing, sing, sing wherever I go. **Refrain (2x)**

**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...ZSJ Praise Team Lector...Abby S

Acolyte...Lillian W Crucifer...Olivia R

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

**Our Time...**

May 10...95 LSV...17 SS...26

**And Our Possessions...**

May 10...\$3,041.00 SS...\$39.50

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