



Zion St. John Lutheran Church

*Being the Body of Christ*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*Turn Your Eyes*

ZSJ Praise Team

**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**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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**      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*      ELW#733

**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**

*Refrain*

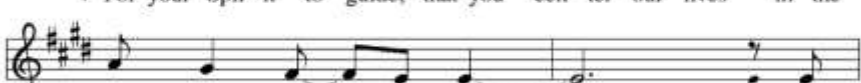


Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



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

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

*Sit*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*God's Love Medley*

**SS Choir**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7**

- <sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him  
and to strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:
- <sup>2</sup> I will go before you and level the mountains;  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron;
- <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- <sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name;  
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
- <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- <sup>6</sup> so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- <sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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 mal - es-ty — to be still and know that you're in this place. please let me shav

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup> The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said.  
<sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,  
“Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in  
accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard  
people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay  
taxes to Caesar or not?” <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are  
you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for  
the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “Whose  
head is this and whose title?” <sup>21</sup> They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said  
to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God  
the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed, and  
they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY**    *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)* PT Book # 102

*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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

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

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

*All That Lasts*

ZSJ Chancel Choir

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

*Christ is the Same*



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:

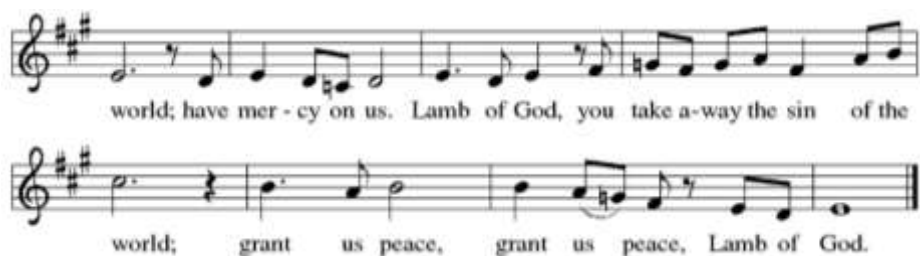
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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**

## LAMB OF GOD





*Sit*

**COMMUNION**

*Healing is in Your Hands*

PT Book #15

*Stand*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, 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 Are My Vision*

PT Book #18

**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...Doreen D

Acolyte...Tenley S Crucifer...Harper R

Greeter/ Fellowship... Roger & Marcia E

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

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

Oct 11...63 LSV...21 SS...21

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

Oct 11...\$3,640.00 SS...\$24.00

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