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Being the Body of Christ
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November 8, 2026 9:00 am World Hunger Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Fantasy on Kingsfold* ZSJ Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Daren Meints

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 *Cornerstone*

1. My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name. (2x)
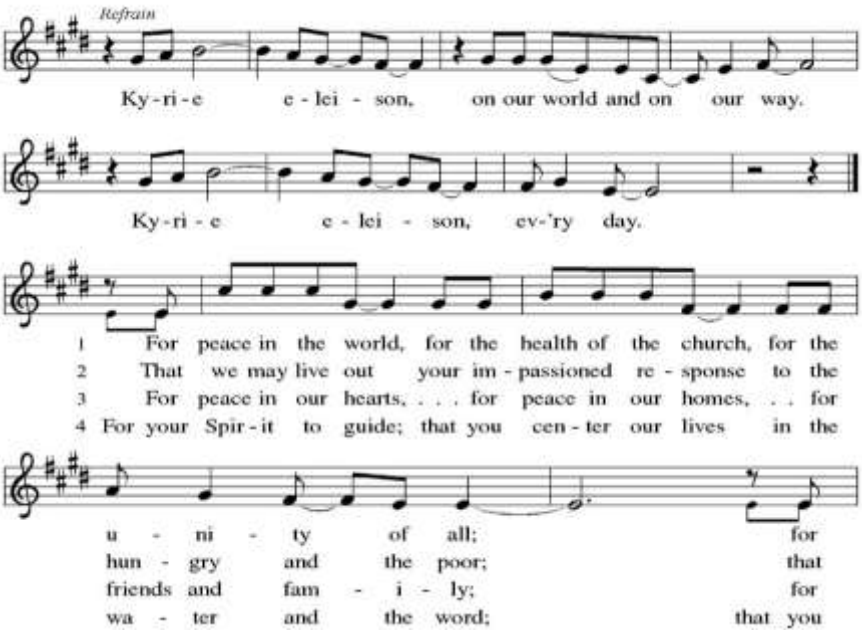
Refrain: Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

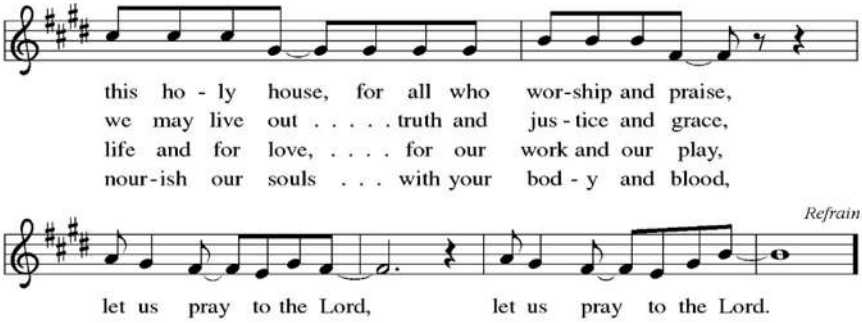
2. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain (2x)**

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Sit
FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them, and the offerings
of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
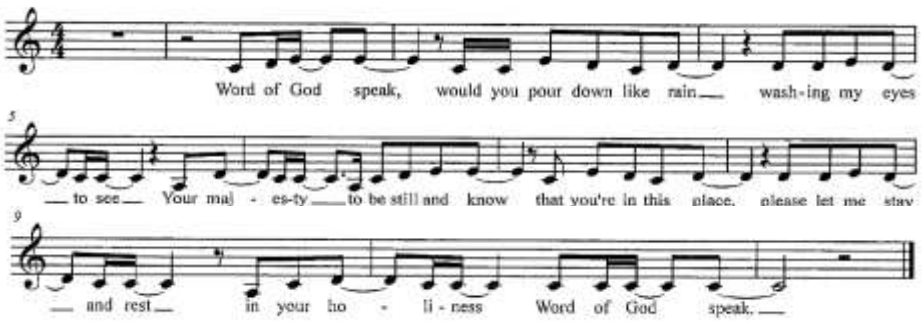
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no
hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we
declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left
until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have
died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's
call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and
the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the
air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one
another with these words.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be
like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took
flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here
is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women
got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us

some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG 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 PRAYERS

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen**

THE PEACE

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

Sit
OFFERING *Even So Come*

All of creation, All of the earth, Make straight the high way
A path for the Lord, Jesus is coming soon
Call back the sinner, Wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of your fame yes, Jesus is coming soon
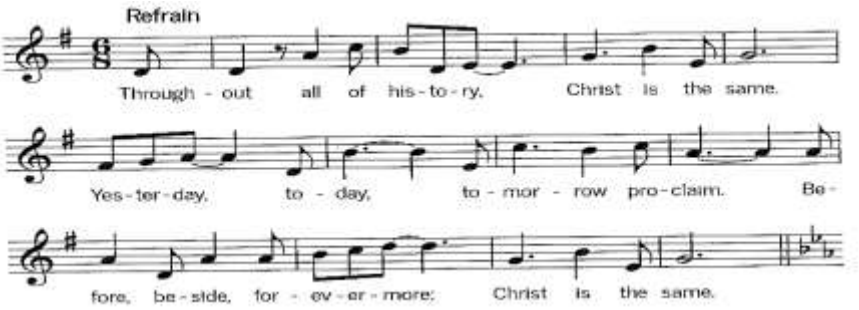
Refrain: Like a bride waiting for the groom,
We'll be a Church ready for you
Every heart longing for our King
We sing "Even so come", Oh Jesus come
"Even so come", Oh Jesus come

There will be justice, all will be new, Your name forever
Faithful and true, Jesus is soon. **Refrain**

So we wait, we wait for you, God we wait you're coming soon
(2X) **Refrain**

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**

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 (*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 *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)**

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…Alice G
Greeters/ Fellowship…Darwin & Lorna M
Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

Our Time…

Nov 1…78 LSV…23 SS…20

And Our Possessions…

Nov 1…$6,124.00 SS…$37.00

...signs of your gracious love