

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith \* Growing in Spirit \* Reaching out to Those in Need*  
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INTRODUCTION

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(please stand)*

God of grace, in the days when your word was rarely heard and when visions were scarce, you broke into Samuel's life and called his name...and he said "Here I am, speak, for your servant is listening" We confess that often so many voices clamor for our attention that your word is again hard to hear.

Forgive us if you have called us to be prophetic witnesses or to use our gifts to serve you, and we have not heard, or have been unwilling to respond.

Lord Jesus Christ, you met Philip and Nathanael on the road and said "Follow me" - and they did...

We confess that we do not expect to meet you on the familiar roads we travel and so we fail to discern your presence or your call on our lives.

Holy Spirit, you empower us to recognize and to respond to the invitation of Jesus to follow him, even when that means travelling on unknown and unfamiliar paths...

Merciful God, take from us all that hinders our hearing your voice and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit that we may joyfully respond to Jesus' call on our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is that even if we at first do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls again and again. When our words and actions separate us from God, the Apostle Paul assures us that Jesus was prepared to pay the price to restore us to God. Paul writes: "You were bought with a price; therefore glorify God..." (1 Corinthians 6:20)

OPENING SONG "Holy Is The Lord"

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
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The earth is filled with His glory.
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Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

And together we sing,
Everyone sing.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer,
for the countless blessings and benefits you give.
May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Zachary & Sandra Anderson

WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1–10 [11–20]

OT Pew Bible pg. 274

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

ALLELUIA

“Hallelujah”

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

The holy gospel according to John the 1st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 1:43–51

NT Pew Bible pg. 95

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

MESSAGE

Pastor Erin

SONG OF THE DAY

“Take My Life”

Take my life and let it be Consecrated Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, Always only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use Every power as You choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee
Take my will and make it Thine It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour At your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be Ever only all for thee.
Take myself and I will be Ever only all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be Ever only all for Thee.

CREED *(please stand)*

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of 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 *(please be seated)*

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.

OFFERING SONG

"Step by Step"

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning,

And I will learn to walk in your ways;

And step by step You'll lead me,

And I will follow You all of my days.

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I will seek You in the morning,

And I will learn to walk in your ways;

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And I will follow You all of my days.

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Let us pray. Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *(please be seated)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“I Surrender All”

All to Jesus, I surrender All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him In His presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender Humbly at His feet I bow.
Worldly pleasures all forsaken Take me, Jesus, take me now.
I surrender all, I surrender all All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee.
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all.

SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell
the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

“This Little Light Of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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