

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning, and welcome to worship with the Zion Lutheran congregation! We are so glad you are joining us, whether in person or at home.

Please be sure to read carefully through all of the announcements in the colored announcement sheet that you have, but there are a few items I'd like to draw your attention to this morning:

- Today at noon, we will be decorating the sanctuary for our Advent and Christmas season. Please consider staying to help prepare our worship space for this joyous time! Lunch will be served to all volunteers.
- Today is Commitment Sunday for our stewardship campaign! Some of you may have brought your pledge cards with you—these will be collected during the offering time today. If you need a pledge card, you can get one from an usher to turn in today, or you are welcome to return them to the church office during the week.
- Today is the last day that our quilters will be selling their homemade quilts. If you would like to purchase one of the blankets you see hanging on the pews, please be sure to stop and see the ladies at the back of the sanctuary following worship this morning.
- Tonight is the last night of S'mores with Sandra for the year. Grades 3-5 will meet at 6:15 PM in the north parking lot; middle school and high school will meet at 7 PM. Come enjoy a nice fire and some tasty s'mores, along with some fellowship time together.
- The Advent season officially starts next Sunday. We will be offering midweek Advent services at 6:05 PM on Wednesday evenings starting December 1st, which will feature the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. There will also be a soup supper held prior to worship from 5:15-6 PM each Wednesday.
- Finally, we would like to draw your attention to our updated prayer concerns. We received word that Stella Merkel and Charleen Hargens both passed away this past week. Stella's funeral will be held at Carlson's Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 24th at 10:30 AM. We ask that you keep the family and friends of both of these members in your prayers this coming week.

And with that, we begin with the Gathering Song, Ancient of Days.

GATHERING SONG

Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From every nation, all of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory.
Every knee shall bow at your throne, in worship.
You will be exalted, oh God
And your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days.

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Be unto the Ancient of Days.
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O Ancient of Days

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to matchless worth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to matchless worth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
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Please stand.

CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and personal confession.

Have mercy on us, O God.
We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.
We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.
We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.
Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.
Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.
Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.
Amen.

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.**

Our song of praise is Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty.

SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

Father in heaven how we love You.
We lift your name in all the earth.
May Your Kingdom be established in our praises.
As Your people declare Your mighty works.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forever more.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING **Revelation 1:4b-8**

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

Glory Hallelujah

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory, Gloria
Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.
Glory, Gloria!

Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory, Gloria
Oh..Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.

Glory, Gloria!

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **John 18:33-37**

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Mark Galbraith**

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.

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the Triune God.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

[BRIEF PAUSE]

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. [BRIEF PAUSE]

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. [BRIEF PAUSE]

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. [BRIEF PAUSE]

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community including Journey Home, Safe Harbor, Salvation Army, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Aspire. Renew them in their work. [BRIEF PAUSE]

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering, especially Deb, Barb, Julie, Harold, Connie, Richard, and Duane. We also pray for comfort and peace for the families and friends of Stella Merkel and Charleen Hargens. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. [BRIEF PAUSE]

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

[PAUSE WHILE CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS SHARE GREETINGS OF PEACE WITH OTHERS]

You may be seated.

OFFERING—Commitment Sunday

Today is Commitment Sunday for our stewardship campaign. You have received emails and a letter about this program in recent weeks. Some of you have brought the commitment cards or electronic giving forms you received in the mail to worship today. Still others have picked up a card from the ushers. If you have a card to turn in today, please do that by placing it in the basket at the front of the sanctuary as the offering hymn begins. As always, regular offerings can be placed in the back of the sanctuary as you leave worship today or dropped off in the church office during the week.

However you are strengthening the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church—whether through the giving of your time, your talents, your donations, or your prayers—**thank you** for your commitment and your support!

Our offering song this morning is Everybody's Got Something to Offer.

OFFERING SONG

Everybody's Got Something to Offer

Everybody's got something to offer;
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the lost and lowly ones the message it is clear;
We have all got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.

Everybody's got something to offer;
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the believers gathered here the message it is true;
We have all got a gift to give in all we say and do.

Everybody's got something to offer;
Young and old, the prince and the pauper.
Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world, through Jesus Christ our 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.

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

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

Please be seated. At this time, I would like to invite our deacons forward.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG

Lord Have Mercy

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken.
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you.
Now I am returning to your mercies ever flowing.
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies.
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence.
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.

Please stand.

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

Our sending song is Days of Elijah.

SENDING SONG

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord,
And these are the days of your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword,
And we are a voice in the desert crying, prepare ye the Way of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, in the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of your servant David, rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world.
And we are the laborers in the vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, in the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

There's no God like Jehovah
There's no God like Jehovah
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Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, in the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

(process out)

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, in the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!