

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning, and welcome to worship with the Zion Lutheran congregation! We are so glad you are joining us today!

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

- Just a reminder that there will be no Sunday School or Youth Group next weekend due to the holiday weekend.
- If you ordered Super Bowl Soup and haven't picked up your order yet, please be sure to do so before you leave.
- We have openings for Noah's Park Preschool for the 2022-2023 school year. If you or someone you know has a 3-5 year old and are interested in enrolling them in preschool, please call the church office during the week to register.
- The youth who were attending the youth gathering this upcoming summer will be holding a silent basket auction in March. If you are interested in donating a basket to be sold, please bring them to Sandra by the end of the month. If you haven't already heard, the ELCA Youth Gathering for this summer has been cancelled; however, we're still looking at taking an alternative service learning or camp experience trip.
- Finally, we will be installing our 2022 Council Members this morning. Please keep them in your prayers as we welcome them to their new (or returning) leadership roles at Zion.

And with that, we begin with our council installation. I would like to invite all of our 2022 council members forward at this time.

2022 COUNCIL MEMBER INSTALLATION

We continue with our gathering song: Blessed Be Your Name.

GATHERING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where the streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be.

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering.

Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.
You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Please stand.

CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:
In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children 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.**

We continue with our song of praise: Praise Adonai.

SONG OF PRAISE

Praise Adonai

Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne?
Mountains bow down, ev'ry ocean roars to the Lord of hosts.

Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun
Til the end of every day.
Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth,
All the angels and the saints sing praise.

Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne?
Mountains bow down, ev'ry ocean roars to the Lord of hosts.

Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun
Til the end of every day.
Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth,
All the angels and the saints sing...

Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun
Til the end of every day.

Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth,
All the angels and the saints sing praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

KID'S TIME with Noisy Offering

Pastor Mark

[After message] It is the second Sunday of the month, so at this time, we will be collecting the noisy offering. This month's special offering is Hub Area Habitat for Humanity; all of your donations will benefit this organization.

[COLLECT NOISY OFFERING]

We thank our Zion Choir Ladies Group for sharing their musical talents with us this morning. They will sing: Blest Are They. Congregation is welcome to join in on the refrain.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Blest Are They

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Zion Choir Ladies Group

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

PSALM

Psalm 1

¹Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
 or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;
²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.
³They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
 which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
 In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ — whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

ALLELUIA

The Lord Almighty Reigns

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord reigns.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah the Lord Almighty reigns.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Mark Galbraith

SONG OF THE DAY

Blessed

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
God's kingdom is theirs today.
Blessed are those who mourn,
God will comfort them as they pray.
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit this place.
Blessed are those who thirst for righteousness, they will find God's grace.

You are the light of the world,
a city on top of a hill.
Let your light shine brightly now,
always seeking God's will,
always seeking God's will.

Blessed are the merciful people,
for they shall be forgiv'n.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for God shall live in them.
Blessed are the people of peace.
for they shall be called God's own.
Blessed are those who suffer for the truth, heaven will be their home.

You are the light of the world,
a city on top of a hill.
Let your light shine brightly now,
always seeking God's will,
always seeking God's will.

Your are the light of the world,
a city on top of a hill.
Let your light shine brightly now,
always seeking God's will,
always seeking God's will.

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Jesus the Messiah. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 CHURCH

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. [BRIEF SILENCE]

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. [BRIEF SILENCE]

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. [BRIEF SILENCE]

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer, especially Barb, Harold, Joey, Connie, Duane, and Art. [BRIEF SILENCE]

Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. [BRIEF SILENCE]

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

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

In the joy and peace we are given through the cross of Jesus Christ, please consider your gifts to Zion that will strengthen our ministry and mission together for the sake of all in need of hearing of Christ's love and grace for them. You can give online, in the mail, or in person here today. Thank you for your gracious gifts to Zion and for your partnership in the gospel of Christ.

We continue with our offering song: 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:

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever. **Amen.**

Our sending song today is: Friend of God.

SENDING SONG

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me?
That You hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me?
How You love me, it's amazing. It's amazing.

I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
He calls me friend.

I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
He calls me friend.

Who am I that You are mindful of me?
That You hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me?
How You love me, it's amazing. It's amazing.

I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
He calls me friend.

I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
He calls me friend.

God Almighty, Lord of Glory,
You have called me friend.
God Almighty, Lord of Glory,
You have called me friend.

I am a friend of God. (process out)
I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
You call me friend.

I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
I am a friend of God.
You call me friend.

SENDING WORDS

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE