

## WELCOME

Good morning, and welcome to Zion! We are so glad you are worshipping with us on this beautiful Lord's day! If you are visiting with us, please fill out the welcome sheet that can be found in your pew & drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher as you leave.

Be sure to take your announcement sheet home to read carefully through all of the announcements, but there are a few items I'd like to draw your attention to:

- Thank you to Ray & Marcie Andersh for sponsoring our radio broadcast today.
- The monthly Table of Plenty meal will be held tomorrow evening from 5:30-7:00 PM. The meal this month is ham, bean, and rice casserole, corn bread, fruit salad, and dessert and is sponsored by the Presentation Sisters. Be sure to stop by for a time of fellowship and delicious food!
- There will be an ELCA youth gathering meeting today following worship for any youth currently in grades 8-12 who are interested in attending the gathering next summer in New Orleans.
- The annual women's fall bazaar is coming up in just under a month! There are several ways you can get involved, from bringing baked goods, items for Grandma's Treasures, homemade crafts, and much more! Be sure to check your announcements for all the details!
- Finally, our Fall Kickoff Sunday is set for September 10<sup>th</sup>. We have lots of fun activities and fellowship time planned for that morning, including the Blessing of the Backpacks during worship and the first day of Sunday School. The final schedule and details are being set—we will share those with you next week in worship, and they will be in your September newsletter.

And with that, we begin worship today with our Gathering Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship.

### GATHERING SONG

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship;  
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,  
One day ev'ry knee will bow;  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

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**Please stand.**

### **INVOCATION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.  
**Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,  
we confess that we have sinned.  
We have failed to be honest.  
We have lacked the courage to speak.  
We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,  
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
**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 the Song of Praise: He is Exalted.

### SONG OF PRAISE

*He is Exalted*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;

I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.

Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Please be seated.

### KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,

but I blessed him and made him many.  
<sup>3</sup>For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

## **SECOND READING**

### **Romans 12:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

## ALLELUIA

## *Hear Our Praises*

From the mountains to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You.  
From the heavens to the nations,  
Hear the singing fill the air.

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

From the mountains to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You.  
From the heavens to the nations,  
Hear the singing fill the air.

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

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Jim

## 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**

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. 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 PEOPLE**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. Heal those who are ill, especially Della, Joyce, Kathy, Bob, Myron, Julie, Sharon, Meta, Duane, Connie, Jerry, Ken, Mildred, Barb, and Esther. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, 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**

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. Children are invited to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box at the front of the sanctuary. Thank you for your gracious gifts to Zion and for your partnership in the gospel of Christ.



## **We continue with our Offering Song: Forever.**

### **OFFERING SONG**

*Forever*

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King.  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever, forever.

Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever, forever.

**Please stand.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together:

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

## **LITANY**

Each of us is broken by sin and less than God has created us to be, but this does not disqualify us from being touched by God and serving God in any capacity, large or small, broken as we are.

God uses broken things. It takes broken clouds to give rain, broken ground to give grain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength.

## **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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

Please be seated. Here at Zion, we practice open communion, which means that all who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of The Lord's Supper are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. We have gluten-free wafers and grape juice available. If children are not communing today, they are welcome to come forward with their hands folded for a blessing.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION SONG

### *One Bread, One Body*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
One cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many throughout the earth  
We are one body in the one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.  
One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
One cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many throughout the earth  
We are one body in the one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.  
One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
One cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many throughout the earth  
We are one body in the one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.  
One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
One cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many throughout the earth  
We are one body in the one Lord.

**Please stand.**

### **BLESSING**

And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which you have received, strengthen you and keep you unto eternal life.  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together: **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.  
**Amen.**

**We conclude with our Sending Song: You're Worthy of My Praise.**

### **SENDING SONG**

*You're Worthy of My Praise*

I will worship with all of my heart.  
I will praise You with all of my strength.  
I will seek You all of my days.  
I will follow all of Your ways.

I will give You all my worship.  
I will give You all my praise

You alone I long to worship.  
You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down, hail You as King.  
I will serve You, give You everything.  
I will lift up my eyes to Your throne.  
I will trust You, trust You alone.

*(process out)*

I will give You all my worship.  
I will give You all my praise  
You alone I long to worship.  
You alone are worthy of my praise.

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You alone I long to worship.  
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### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
Thanks be to God!

### **POSTLUDE**