

September 8, 2019

8 a.m. Praise Worship

Visitors:

Thank you for worshipping with us at Zion Lutheran Church today. If you have not already done so take a moment after the service and stop by the Welcome Center located in the main entrance lobby and introduce yourself and sign the guest book.

Membership:

Are you considering becoming a member of Zion Lutheran Church? Please stop by the Welcome Center and introduce yourself. The staff will help organize the necessary connections and assist you with any questions.

CALL TO WORSHIP- "Come People Of The Risen King"

Come, people of the Risen King, Who delight to bring Him praise; Come all and tune your hearts to sing, To the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth, We will lift our eyes to Him, Where steady arms of mercy reach, To gather children in.

**Refrain: Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night; Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease, But follow us through all our days, With the certain hope of peace. **Refrain**

Come, young and old from every land, Men and women of the faith; Come, those with full or empty hands, Find the riches of His grace. Over all the world, His people sing, Shore to shore we hear them call, The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all"! **Refrain 2x**

WELCOME

"You Are My All in All"

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek, You are my All in All. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All!

**Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.**

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name. You are my All in All. When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All In All!

Refrain

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all, even though we have run away from Your presence. Grant that we, restored into the fellowship of Your family, share with others the forgiveness we from Your hand receive; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

(Page 219 in your pew Bible) **Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

(Page 1273 in your pew Bible) **Philemon 1–21**

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother,

because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

“Ancient of Days”

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

**Refrain: None above Him, none before Him, All of time in His hands, For His throne
it shall remain and ever stand, All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days**

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name,
For my God is, the Ancient of Days **Refrain**

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face,
In the presence of the Ancient of Days
Refrain

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Page 1111 in your pew Bible) **Luke 14:25–35**

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and

deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

MESSAGE

OFFERING

"Seek Ye First"

Dayschool K-8

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(As each petition ends with the words "Lord, in Your mercy", the congregation shall respond "hear our prayer")*

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

"You Are Holy"

(praise worship) **(CONGREGATION SING THE BOLDED ECHO)**

You are Holy/ **You are Holy**, You are Mighty/ **You are Mighty**, You are Worthy/ **You are Worthy**, Worthy of Praise/ **Worthy of Praise**, I will follow/ **I will follow**, I will listen/ **I will listen**, I will love you/ **I will love you**, All of my days/ **All of my days**

Refrain: You are Lord of Lords, You are King of Kings, You are Mighty God, Lord of everything. You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I Am, You're My Prince of Peace Who is the Lamb. You're the living God, You're my saving Grace. You will reign forever, You are ancient of days. You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End. You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend. You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You.

Repeat ALL

Refrain 2x

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