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PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST!

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Traditional Worship Service**  
**May 30, 2021**

## **WELCOME**

### **INTROIT: *Psalm 16:8–11*; antiphon: *Liturgical Text***

PASTOR: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PASTOR: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**ALL: who made heaven and earth.**

PASTOR: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**ALL: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

PASTOR: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**ALL: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

PASTOR: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

**All:** and on earth peace, good-will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
Receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
Have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

PASTOR: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**ALL:** Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 6:1-8***

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is

me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL:       **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–36**

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

***PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL.***

PASTOR: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: *John 3:1-17***

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus

answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

PASTOR: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **NICENE CREED (spoken in unison)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Beautiful Savior**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God, and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

# SERMON

## MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

PASTOR: Lord of hosts, Your ways are inscrutable and Your judgments unsearchable. Through Your Word, give us an ever-growing understanding of the depths of Your riches, wisdom and knowledge, that we may glorify You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Lord of hosts, You gave Your only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Bless the work of missionaries as they carry this Gospel to the ends of the earth, that many may hear of Your love in Your Son and be saved through Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Lord of hosts, have mercy on those who would deny the new birth of water and the Spirit to infants and children. Open their eyes and hearts to the fullness of Your grace, that they would no longer hinder these little ones from being born again and seeing Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Lord of hosts, we give thanks for those who have served our nation through military service, and we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for us and for the cause of freedom. Help us to honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly. Keep safe all who travel, bless our nation, and help us to protect and increase the privileges we have for those who follow us, looking always to You, from whom these privileges come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Lord of hosts, uphold... and all who suffer in our midst by Your truth, that since You are at their right hand, they cannot be shaken. Gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Lord of hosts, take away our guilt and atone for our sin by touching our unclean lips with Christ's cleansing body and blood, that we may not be lost but abide in Your holy presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken in unison)**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed by 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.**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**ALL: It is meet and right so to do.**

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PASTOR: You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the mystery of Your holy name in the Trinity of persons and the Unity of being.

PASTOR: Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: holy, holy, holy Lord!

Lo, the apostles' holy train join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun through the Church the song goes on.

Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

## **Glory Be to God the Father**

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, while eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels, glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations; heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory, to the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

## **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

PASTOR: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

PASTOR: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **God Bless Our Native Land**

God bless our native land;  
Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and nigh.  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise  
To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever night,  
Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!