

*THE TIME IS FULFILLED;  
THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND;*

*REPENT  
AND  
BELIEVE!*



**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Online Worship Service**  
**February 21, 2021**

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT: *Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16***

PASTOR: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation. Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**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: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

**There Is a Redeemer**

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain**

**Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory, I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place**

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And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

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And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

'There Is a Redeemer' by Melody Green

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**PASTOR:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

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

**PASTOR:** I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**ALL:** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sins.**

**PASTOR:** O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**ALL:** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**PASTOR:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen.**

## **KYRIE (spoken in unison)**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

# **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with thy spirit.**

PASTOR: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 22:1-18***

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you,

and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON: *James 1:12-18***

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 1:9-15***

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

PASTOR: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **APOSTLES' CREED (spoken in unison)**

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 everlasting.  
Amen.

### **O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer**

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul,  
My God, like You there is no other;  
True delight is found in You alone.  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom;  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach;  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,  
My highest good, and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
Strong defender of my weary heart,  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts;  
My song when enemies surround me;  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise;  
My joy when trials are abounding;  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life;  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,  
In my place, You suffered, bled and died.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered;  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered;  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.  
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'O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer' by Nathan Stiff  
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## **SERMON**

### **Just as I Am, without One Plea**

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

# **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**PASTOR:** Heavenly Father, as we enter this Lenten season of repentance and renewed devotion, we pray that You would remember us according to Your steadfast love and goodness in Christ and instruct and lead us by Your Spirit in Your ways so that we may repent and believe the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL:** **Hear our prayer.**

**PASTOR:** Lord God, You placed the wood of the cross on the back of Your only begotten Son, that as the promised offspring of Abraham He might possess the gates of hell. Bless, we pray, His Church and all those called to preach and teach within her with the certainty that those gates cannot prevail against them, that in faith they may boldly trample every power of the enemy underfoot. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL:** **Hear our prayer.**

**PASTOR:** Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes down to us from above, keep us from being enticed by our own desires to misuse Your gifts in sin, and help us to use them rightly in service to You and our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**ALL:** **Hear our prayer.**

**PASTOR:** Lord God, we remember with thanksgiving those before us whom You brought forth by the Word of truth who now live and reign in Your presence with Your Son. As You have also brought us forth by that Word in Baptism, we pray that You would bring us to full maturity by Your Word, that we, too, may be gathered with them to Your Son on the glorious harvest of the Last Day. 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.**

# **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.

## **The Blessing**

**The Lord bless you and keep you,  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.**

**The Lord bless you and keep you,  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
And your family and your children and their children and their children.**

**May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you,  
All around you and within you. He is with you, He is with you.**

**In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,  
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**The Lord bless you and keep you,  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.**

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