



WALK AS CHILDREN OF

LIGHT

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Traditional Worship Service**  
**August 15, 2021**

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT: *Psalm 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10***

PASTOR: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

**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: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**God Himself Is Present**

**God Himself is present: let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple; all within keep silence;  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone on His throne  
Is our God and Savior  
Praise His name forever.**

**God Himself is present: hear the harps resounding  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear to us here:  
Hear, O Christ the praises  
That Your Church now raises.**

**Fount of ev’ry blessing purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels, worshiping before you,  
May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will ever still  
Rule Your Church terrestrial  
As the hosts celestial.**

## **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**

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with thy spirit.

PASTOR: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Proverbs 9:1-10***

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL:      **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON: *Ephesians 5:6-21***

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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 sixth chapter.

ALL:      **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: *John 6:51-69***

[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

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.**

## **With the Lord Begin Your Task**

With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and comfort ask; Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended,  
In His name then close your eyes; be to Him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer, praise, and adoration.  
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,  
Save you from the tempter's might, with His presence cheer you.

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task be to You commended;  
May Your will be done, I ask, until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Your name begun be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done to Your praise forever.

## **SERMON**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

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.



# **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with thy spirit.**

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die,  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above;  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

### **O Bless the Lord, My Soul**

O bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name  
Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul,  
Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in un-thankfulness  
And without praises die!

'Tis He forgives thy sins;  
'Tis He relieves thy pain;  
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses  
And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love  
When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell  
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
And justice for th'oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His beloved Son.

## **BLESSING**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PASTOR: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

## **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.