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May God bless your worship with us this day. A new day of salvation!



Welcome! We worship the Triune God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. We are pleased you are here to worship with us today. Make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ. If you are visiting, please do introduce yourself to others and to our Pastor. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to stand or sit.

TIME OF LEARNING: Review Songs

Welcome

Opening Song: "America The Beautiful"

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America America God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness
America America God mend thine ev'ry flaw
Confirm thy soul in self control
Thy liberty in law

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life
America America may God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And ev'ry gain divine

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears
America America God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

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(Stand)

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the Children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Introit *(said responsively by half verse)*

Psalm 103:15–19

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over 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.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

(sit)

Song: “Glorify Thy Name”

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading *(this is the basis of today’s sermon)*

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand for the Alleluia and Gospel reading)

Song: “Allelu!”

Chorus:

Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu, for the Lord is risen, it is true; Everybody sing Allelu!

God said He would send His Son, Allelu! Allelu!

And salvation would be won. Alleluia! **(Chorus)**

On the hard wood of the cross, Allelu! Allelu!

suffered and He died for us, Alleluia! **(Chorus)**

Now we too can live anew, Allelu! Allelu!

Live in Him need all we do, Alleluia! **(Chorus)**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song: “The Apostles Creed”

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.

I believe He was born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate.
He was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead,
ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

From thence He shall 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,
and the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen!

(sit)

Children’s Message

Thy Word

Words and Music by
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

CHORUS

$\text{♩} = 70$ F C/E F B $\flat$ /D C F

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

5 C/E F B $\flat$ /D C F *Fine*

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

VERSE

C Gm Dm Am B $\flat$ C

1. When I feel a - fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -
2. I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

12 B $\flat$ /F F C Gm Dm Am B $\flat$ C

side me. Noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me
wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You

16 C/D D Csus C *D.C. al Fine*

to the end. _____
to the end. _____

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SERMON "Immediate Results" (based on Isaiah 55: 10-13)

Offering

Ushers bring Offering to the Altar

(Stand)

Offering Response Song: "We Give Thee Thanks"

For all thy goodness, Lord, we give thee thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat, and for the friends we meet,
For each new day we greet, we give thee thanks.

Prayer of the Church

P: In our prayers today....

Song: "When You Pray"

At the close of the day when you kneel to pray, will you remember me?
I need help every day, this is why I pray, will you remember me?

When you pray, will you pray for me, for I need His love and His care.
When you pray, will you pray for me, will you whisper my name in your prayer.

When I pray, I will pray for you, for you need His love and His care.
When I pray, I will pray for you, I will whisper your name in my prayer.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Song: "Hallowed Be Thy Name"

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; Hallowed be Thy name.

As in heaven, so on the earth. Hallowed be Thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.

And forgive us all our debts; Hallowed be Thy name.
Just as we forgive our debtors. Hallowed be Thy name.

Lead us not into temptation; Hallowed be Thy name.
But deliver us from evil. Hallowed be Thy name.

Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; Hallowed be Thy name.
Forever and forever more. Hallowed be Thy name.

Amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Consecration of Communion Elements

(sit)

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Here at Zion Lutheran, we believe that Christ's true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord's Supper (Real Presence). All who participate here believe the same Biblical truths and we practice "Closed Communion." (Acts 2:42, 1 Cor 1:10, 10:16-18, 11:26-29)

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Johnson or the Elder before receiving the Lord's Supper.

Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you do not meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and the wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Our Communion practices are to have four adults (with children standing in front of the adults) on each side of area in front of the chancel (Altar area) as our Pastor and Elder are serving the elements. The Ushers are instructed to limit the communicants to four. Inform the Usher if you desire NOT to be separated from someone and he'll adjust the groupings of four accordingly.

First Communion Song: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Second Communion Song: "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

Man shall not live by bread alone but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

Third Communion Song: "Great Is The Lord"

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just. By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true. By His mercy He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice. Now lift up your voice,
Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord.

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just. By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true. By His mercy He proves He is love.
Great are You, Lord and worthy of glory! Great are You, Lord and worthy of praise!
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice. I lift up my voice,
Great are you, Lord. Great are you, Lord.

Forth Communion Song (*if needed*): "Majesty"

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority
flows from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

Post Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(sit)

Closing Song: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

[Julia Ward Howe, a pioneer in woman suffrage and an ardent abolitionist, heard Union troops singing this tune with the words "John Brown's body ..." The melody is of unknown origin, but existed long before the Civil War. Desiring better words, she wrote this hymn in 1862. We sing it today in anticipation of Christ's final return.]

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
Of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

Chorus:

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men
Before His judgment seat
O be swift my soul to answer Him
Be jubilant my feet
Our God is marching on **(Chorus)**

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy
Let us live to make men free
While God is marching on **(Chorus)**

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