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Blended Service



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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!

Preparation for Worship: The order of worship for today begins on the back of this page.

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to kneel or 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: Calvary Covers It All

Welcome

Opening Song:

As We Gather

*Words and Music by
Tom Coomes and Mike Fay*

♩ = 76 D D/F# G D/A A D D/F#

As we gath - er, may Your Spir - it work with - in us. As we gath - er, may we

4 G A7sus A7 G A D A/C# Bm7

glo - ri - fy Your name. Know - ing well that as our hearts be - gin to wor - ship,

7 Em7 A7sus D A/C# Bm7 Em7 A7sus D

we'll be blessed be - cause we came, we'll be blessed be - cause we came.

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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.

O God, we trust in Your power to create, to sustain, to enable. But we could not trust if we did not know that You are always near. Be with us, Lord, as we are gathered here to worship You. Help us not to check our minds or our hearts at the door but enable us to bring all that we are to You, so that we might experience Your touch upon all aspects of our life. We pray this because of, and in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution:

P: Almighty God, you love us,

C: but we have not loved you.

P: You call,

C: but we have not listened.

P: We walk away from neighbors in need,

C: wrapped in our own concerns.

P: We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace help us to admit our sin so that as you come to us in mercy,

C: we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

P: through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

C: Amen

Absolution

Psalm

Psalm 50:1–15

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

³Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.

⁴He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!

⁷“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

⁹I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.

¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.

¹²“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.

- ¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls
 or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
 and perform your vows to the Most High,
¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble;
 I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

(sit)

Song: “Bless His Holy Name”

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name
He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things,
bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:18–23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth
 that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
 so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³From new moon to new moon,
 and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 12:4–24

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.
⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand for Alleluia and Gospel reading)

Song: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried; now He lives forevermore
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!

Holy Gospel (*this is the basis of today's sermon*)

Luke 13:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Song: "We Believe" (The Apostle's Creed)

We believe in God the Father, Maker of the universe,
And in Christ His Son, our Savior come to us by virgin birth;
We believe He died to save us bore our sins, was crucified.
Then, from death, He rose victorious. Ascended to the Father's side.

We believe He sends His Spirit on His church with gifts of pow'r.
God, His Word of truth affirming, sends us to the nations now;
He will come again in glory, judge the living and the dead.
Ev'ry knee shall bow before Him, then must ev'ry tongue confess.

Jesus, Lord of all.

(sit)

Children's Message

Song:

Open Our Eyes

Words and Music by
Bob Cull

♩ = 76 D Dsus/E D/F# G2(#4) G G/A A Bm7 A7/C# G/D

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je -

7 D A/C# Bm D/A Gmaj9 Em A7 Bm7 A7/C#

sus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we

14 G/D D Dmaj7 D Dsus/E D/F# G2(#4) G Em7

love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord, and

21 A Bm7 A7/C# G/D D A/C# Bm D/A Gmaj9 Em

help us to lis - ten. O - pen our eyes, Lord,

28 A7 G2/B A7/C# Em/D D

we want to see Je - - sus.

SERMON – “A Different Question” (*Luke 13:22–30*)

Ushers bring Offering to the Altar

(Stand)

Offering Response Song: “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us;
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks

Prayer of the Church

P: In our prayers today....

Song: “Sweet Hour Of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known;

In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Song: “Our Father Who Art in Heaven”

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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."

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: "There Is a Redeemer"

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own son:
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Chorus) 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. (Chorus)

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face;
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. (Chorus)

Second Communion Song:

Calvary Covers It All

Words and Music by
Mrs. Walter Grand Taylor

VERSE

G C/G G D7 Em7 D7/F# G

1. Far dear - er than all that the world can im - part was the
2. The stripes that He bore and the thorns that He wore told His
3. How match - less the grace, when I looked on the face of this
4. How bless - ed the tho't that my soul, by Him bo't shall be

G/B D7/A G A9 A A9 D G G/F G7/D

mes - sage that came to my heart; How that Je - sus a - lone for my
mer - cy and love ev - er - more; And my heart bowed in shame as I
Je - sus, my cru - ci - fied Lord; My re - demp - tion com - plete I then
His in the glo - ry on high; Where with glad - ness and song I'll be

CHORUS

C Cmaj7 C6 Cm Cm6 G/D D7 C/D D7 G G Gmaj7 Am/G C/G

sin did a - tone, and Cal - va - ry cov - ers it all. Cal - va - ry cov - ers it
called on His name, and Cal - va - ry cov - ers it all.
found at His feet, and Cal - va - ry cov - ers it all.
one of the throng, and Cal - va - ry cov - ers it all.

G Em D G G7 C Cm6

all, my past with its sin and stain; My guilt and de - spair Je - sus

G A7/E G/D D7 C/D D7 G Gmaj7 C/G G

took on Him there, and Cal - va - ry cov - ers it all.

Third Communion Song:

There Is Power In The Blood

Words and Music by
Lewis Ellis Jones

VERSE

♩ = 110



1. Would you be free from your bur - den of sin? There's pow'r in the blood,
2. Would you be free from your pas - sion and pride? There's pow'r in the blood,
3. Would you be whit - er, much whit - er than snow? There's pow'r in the blood,
4. Would you do ser - vice for Je - sus, your King? There's pow'r in the blood,



pow'r in the blood; Would you o'er e - vil a vic - to - ry win? There's
pow'r in the blood; Come for a cleans - ing to Cal - va - ry's tide. There's
pow'r in the blood; Sin - stains are lost in its life - giv - ing flow. There's
pow'r in the blood; Would you live dai - ly His prais - es to sing? There's

CHORUS



won - der - ful pow'r in the blood. There is pow'r, pow'r, won - der work - ing pow'r in the
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blood of the Lamb. There is pow'r, pow'r, won - der work - ing pow'r in the pre - cious blood of the



Lamb.

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 X give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

(sit)

Closing Song: "From The Rising of the Sun"

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same
The name of the Lord shall be praised;
From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same
The name of the Lord shall be praised.
So praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord;
From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same
The name of the Lord shall be praised.

Repeat