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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:

As The Deer

*Words and Music by
Martin Nystrom*

VERSE

♩ = 74 D A/C# A Bm D/A G A7sus A7 D2sus D



1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af-ter Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er e-ven though You are a King.
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver. On-ly You can sat-is-ify.

A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D D/C#

5



You a-lone are my heart's de-si-re, and I long to wor-ship Thee.
I love You more than an-y oth-er, so much more than an-y-thing.
You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the ap-ple of my eye.

CHORUS

Bm Bm/A G A/G D/F# G Bm/F# Em Em7 F#sus F# F#E



You a-lone are my strength, my shield; to You a-lone may my spir-it yield.

D A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D

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You a-lone are my heart's de-si-re, and I long to wor-ship Thee.

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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: 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. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(please ponder your sins)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen**

Psalm *(said responsively by half verse)*

Psalm 125; antiphon: v. 2

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
**so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.**

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to do wrong.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!

⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

**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.**

(sit)

SONG: "I Exalt Thee"

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth;
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth;
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 44

¹O God, we have heard with our ears,
our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days,
in the days of old:
²you with your own hand drove out the nations,
but them you planted;
you afflicted the peoples,
but them you set free;
³for not by their own sword did they win the land,
nor did their own arm save them,

but your right hand and your arm,
and the light of your face,
for you delighted in them.

⁴You are my King, O God;
ordain salvation for Jacob!

⁵Through you we push down our foes;
through your name we tread down those who rise up against us.

⁶For not in my bow do I trust,
nor can my sword save me.

⁷But you have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.

⁸In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.

⁹But you have rejected us and disgraced us
and have not gone out with our armies.

¹⁰You have made us turn back from the foe,
and those who hate us have gotten spoil.

¹¹You have made us like sheep for slaughter
and have scattered us among the nations.

¹²You have sold your people for a trifle,
demanding no high price for them.

¹³You have made us the taunt of our neighbors,
the derision and scorn of those around us.

¹⁴You have made us a byword among the nations,
a laughingstock among the peoples.

¹⁵All day long my disgrace is before me,
and shame has covered my face

¹⁶at the sound of the taunter and reviler,
at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.

¹⁷All this has come upon us,
though we have not forgotten you,
and we have not been false to your covenant.

¹⁸Our heart has not turned back,
nor have our steps departed from your way;

¹⁹yet you have broken us in the place of jackals
and covered us with the shadow of death.

²⁰If we had forgotten the name of our God
or spread out our hands to a foreign god,

²¹would not God discover this?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.

²²Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

²³Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

²⁴Why do you hide your face?

Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

²⁵For our soul is bowed down to the dust;

our belly clings to the ground.

²⁶Rise up; come to our help!

Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand for the Alleluia and Gospel reading)

Song: "Alleluia! Give the Glory

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give the glory and the honor to the Lord

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give the glory and the honor to the Lord

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

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

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(sit)

Song: "We Believe"

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: "Change My Heart, Oh God"

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, oh God
May I be like You

You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, oh God
May I be like You.

SERMON "Finishing a Prayer" *(based upon Romans 8: 28-39)*

Offering

Ushers bring Offering to the Altar

(Stand)

Offering Response Song:

Thank You Lord

Words by
Seth Sykes

Music by
Seth Sykes and Bessie Sykes

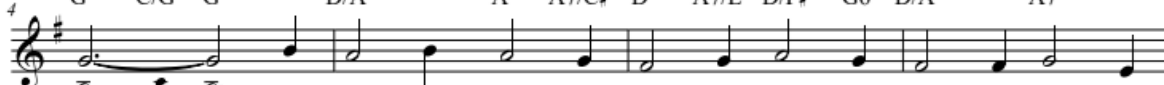
VERSE

G D7/A Am7 D7/A D7 C/D D7



1. Some thank the Lord for friends and home, for mer - cies sure and
2. Some thank Him for the flow'rs that grow, some for the stars that
3. I trust in Him from day to day; I prove His sav - ing

4 G C/G G D/A A A7/C# D A7/E D/F# G6 D/A A7



sweet; But I would praise Him for His grace, in prayer I would re -
shine; My heart is filled with joy and praise, be - cause I know He's
grace; I'll sing this song of praise to Him un - til I see His

CHORUS

8 D7sus D+ G G+ C G G/B



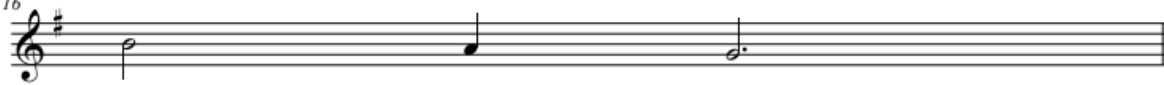
peat: Thank You, Lord, for sav - ing my soul; Thank You, Lord, for
mine. _____
face. _____

12 A7 D G G+ C G G/B G G7/D C6 E/B Am7



mak - ing me whole; Thank You, Lord, for giv - ing to me Thy great sal - va - tion so

16 G/D D7 G



rich and free.

Prayer of the Church

P: In our prayers today....

Song:

Beautiful Garden Of Prayer

Lyrics by
Eleanor Allen Schroll

(as published by Lillenas Publishing Company)

Music by
James Henry Fillmore Sr.

VERSES

1. There's a gar - den where Je - sus is wait - ing. There's a
gar - den where Je - sus is wait - ing, And I
gar - den where Je - sus is wait - ing, And He

place that is won - drous - ly fair, For it glows with the light of His
go with my bur - den and care, Just to learn from His lips words of
bids you to come, meet Him there; Just to bow and re - ceive a new

REFRAIN

pres - ence. 'Tis the beau - ti - ful gar - den of prayer. Oh, the beau - ti - ful gar - den, the
com - fort In the beau - ti - ful gar - den of prayer.
bless - ing In the beau - ti - ful gar - den of prayer.

gar - den of prayer! Oh, the beau - ti - ful gar - den of prayer! There my Sav - iour a - waits, and He

o - pens the gates To the beau - ti - ful gar - den of prayer. 2. There's a prayer. ____
3. There's a

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Song: Hymn #958 "Our Father Who Art In Heaven"

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:

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

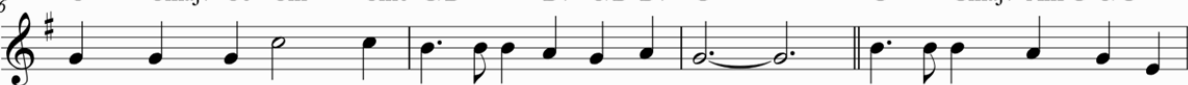
3 G/B D7/A G A9 A A9 D G G/F G7/D



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

6 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.

10 G Em D G G7 C Cm6



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

14 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.

Second Communion Song: "Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them. Whom shall I send? (Chorus)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (Chorus)

Third Communion Song:

Holy Ground

Words and Music by
Christopher Beatty

VERSE



Fourth Communion Song (if needed):

There Is Power In The Blood

Words and Music by
Lewis Ellis Jones

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 110$

$A\flat$ $D\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$



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,

$A\flat$ $D\flat$ $A\flat$



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

$E\flat$ $A\flat$ $A\flat$ $D\flat$ $A\flat$



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

$E\flat 7$ $A\flat$ $D\flat$ $A\flat$



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

$E\flat 7$ $A\flat$



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 : "Shine, Jesus Shine"

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness
Shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the
Truth You now bring us; Shine on me, Shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows
Into Your radiance, by the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus