

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**547 S. Main Ave.
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light and grace!

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,
Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows,
Here is balm for all our woes.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: in *Celebrate*

READINGS:

FIRST READING - ISAIAH 43:1-7

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the ¹ LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo-¹ ry and strength.
²Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹ due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau-¹ ty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹ glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ¹ mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow-¹ erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a ¹ voice of splendor. **R**
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce-¹ dars of Lebanon;
⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip ¹ like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a ¹ young wild ox.
⁷The voice ¹ of the LORD
bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.
⁸The voice of the LORD ¹ shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder-¹ ness of Kadesh. **R**
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the ¹ forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a-¹ bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-¹ evermore.
¹¹O LORD, give strength ¹ to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless-¹ ings of peace. **R**

SECOND READING - ACTS 8:14-17

GOSPEL - LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

L: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel is announced.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the reading of the Gospel.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;
Come into the daylight's splendor,

There with joy thy praises render
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded.
Christ, though heav'nly high and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him
eagerly and gladly greet Him;
There he stands already knocking;
Quickly now, your gate unlocking.
Open wide the fast-closed portal,
Saying to the Lord immortal;
"Come and leave your loved one never."

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.***

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS: in *Celebrate*

PEACE: Socially distanced from pews.

ANTHEM

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ, our light.

C: Amen

Please stand as you are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you,

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

L: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

(All worshippers are to stay seated and open the small containers with the elements. All commune at the same time as the pastor says, *the Body of Christ for you* and *the Blood of Christ for you*.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

BLESSING

L: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN – Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us O Lord, to your eternal peace.

DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Amen

POSTLUDE: Ushers will dismiss worshippers by rows.