

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**JANUARY 23, 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**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 – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The church in earth and hev'n.

**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

### READINGS:

**FIRST READING – Nehemiah 8:5-6, 8-10**

### PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.  
<sup>3</sup>Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,  
<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.  
<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.  
<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat. **R**  
<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom<sup>1</sup> to the simple.  
<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.  
<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb. **R**  
<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.  
<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup> over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.  
<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer. **R**

**SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

**GOSPEL - LUKE 4:14-21**

**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 - O God of Every Nation,

O God of every nation,  
of every race and land,  
redeem the whole creation  
with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us  
and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us  
and heal our strife-torn world.

Keep bright in us the vision  
of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division  
give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious  
when truth and justice reign  
and Christ shall rule victorious  
o'er all the world's domain.

**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:**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN – Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of man.

Till all the world shall learn your love  
and follow where your feet have trod,  
till, glorious from your heaven above,  
shall come the city of our God!

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Amen**

## POSTLUDE