

Zion Lutheran Church

† Serving the Lord in Gladness †

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Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

* = Please stand as you are able.

Congregational responses are in **bold**.

LBW = green hymnal

WOV = blue hymnal

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

We are so glad that you joined us for worship today. May today's worship strengthen your knowledge of God's love and the grace and forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ. If you are visiting our church today, please be certain to sign our guest book just outside the sanctuary – we would love to get to know you better.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....LBW 559
(Requested by Linda Stanley and Anonymously)

***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



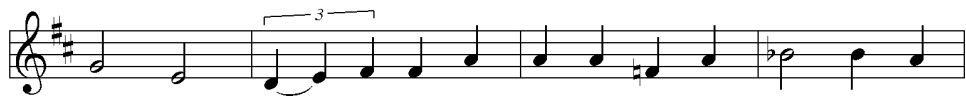
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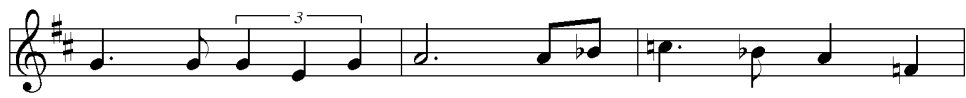
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☩ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



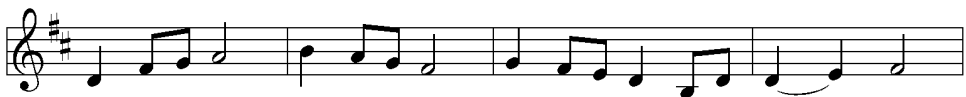
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☩ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth

do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138 (*read responsively*)

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have

come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (*sing through twice*)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
The Lord Is My Song



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.



***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to partner together, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Protect rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways. Inspire our stewardship of your creation – plants and animals, fields and forests. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice, mercy, and love. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for Rita, Carolyn, Linda, Nancy, Carolyn, Sue, Max, Elonda, Bill, Glenda, Betty, Iris, John, Ron, Gary and those we name either silently or aloud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for Zion Lutheran Church. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As your gathered children, we pray for all of the ministries in and around Hartford City. Continue to use our diverse worship, prayers, and service for the betterment of this community. Today we pray especially for the people and ministries of Hartland Bible Chapel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

(sing through twice)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The Lord Is My Song

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. or *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*" The second system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*"

***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.**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
(You are invited to share the peace with those around you.)

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to God for the gifts we've been given.

***OFFERING**

(If you would like to give to the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, you may do so at the rear of the sanctuary.)



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 6 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness.....WOV 771
(Requested by Carolyn Goetz)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE LORD TODAY

Acolytes: *Walker Family*

Lector: *Linda Baker*

Organist: *Margaret Hammond*

Usher: *Drew Walker*

THIS WEEK AT ZION

MONDAY - Coffee and Jesus at Amazing Glaze (8:00am)

THURSDAY - Worship/Music/Memorial Committee (2:00pm)

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers. If you would like to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Rita Ferguson, Carolyn Hughes, Linda Rogers, Nancy Cortwright, Carolyn Ingle, Sue Rinker, Max Hile, Elonda Pethel, Bill Hartley, Glenda Hartley, Betty Rinker, Iris Johnson, John Brown, Ron Thomas, Gary Cole

Military Personnel: *Tyler Atkinson, Peyton Smith, Dakota Willmann*



SAVE THE DATES

Pastor Sharilyn's long-delayed service of installation is scheduled for July 31, 2022 at our regular worship service with Bishop Bill Gafkjen presiding. Please join us afterwards for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Let's work together to help those with food needs! The morning of Saturday, August 6, we will come together to work for Second Harvest in their Muncie warehouse. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you plan to join us!



Second Sunday on the Square:
Three Trees Church will lead the community in worship on August 14 from 6-7pm in Weiler Plaza. Bring your lawn chair!

CONFIRMATION CLASS HOMECOMING

We will be having a confirmation class "homecoming" event this year on Reformation Sunday! One of the things we will need is help in getting current addresses or contact information for people who were confirmed in 1972 (50 year confirmation reunion) or 1997 (25 year confirmation reunion). Here are the rosters for the classes from our records:

Confirmed in 1972

Tari Lee Clamme
Timothy Allen Ehlers
Deborah Joyce Goetz
Gregory Wayne Klink
Neal Edward Langdon
Thomas Kent Nottingham
Vicki Ann Peterson
Jeffery Dewain Rinker
Loretta Kay Rogers
Kelly Sue Stath
Randall Arthur Willmann*
Vicki Jo Willmann

Confirmed in 1997

Jackie Clamme*
Vickie Uggen
Betsy Suzanne Bergdoll
Brian Ernest Hile
Jeremy Joseph Johnson

Those names with a *, we have contact information for. If you have contact information for any other of these individuals, please contact Pastor Sharilyn!



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Vice President & Elder: *Cindy Knot*
Secretary: *Paige Walker*
Treasurer: *Libby Stroble*
Trustee: *Neil Stroble*
Deacon: *Drew Walker*