

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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“Created to be God’s Partners”

“Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing”

PRELUDE

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QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:

Which things in your weekly routine contribute the most to making the world look like God desires?

OPENING HYMN: W&P 93 “Lord, My Strength” (all verses)

*Lord my strength, Lord my rock, lead me through the dark.*

*Lord my strength, Lord my rock, heal this wandering heart.*

*Be my eyes, be my ears, be the only voice I hear.*

*Guide my soul, give me sight, help me walk within your light.*

*Lord my strength, Lord my rock, You and You alone.*

*Lord my strength, Lord my rock, lead me safely home.*

*Every step that I make, be the road, I will take.*

*Be the thoughts, that I keep, and in every word I speak.*

*Lord my strength, Lord my rock, lead me through the dark.*

*Lord my strength, Lord my rock, heal this wandering heart.*

*Lord my strength, Lord my rock, You and You alone.*

*Lord my strength, Lord my rock, lead me safely home.*

P We worship as we live, in the presence of the Triune God who made the world and all that is in it, who brings salvation to all creation, and who sustains life with the Spirit.

**C Amen**

P God of all creation, we gather as your people, created in your image, claimed by the death and resurrection of Jesus, and guided by your Spirit. Use this time of worship to strengthen our faith, deepen our discipleship, and motivate us to be your agents in the world. We give you thanks for the gifts of grace when we fall short and the opportunity to transform so we grow closer to you and more mature in our growth as people. Bless us as we worship and use us throughout the week. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**WORD**

*(We turn our attention to hearing God’s Word)*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON:**

**DEACON MARLENE**

**VERSE OF THE MONTH**

L Let us remember together the witness of scripture.

**C Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.  
(Romans 13:8)**

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8**

L The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL VERSE: 519 “Open Your Ears O Faithful People” (verse 1 and chorus)**

*Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God’s word.*

*Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.*

*God has spoken to His people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!*

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**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 11:1-4**

**P** The Gospel according to Luke 11:1-4

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

*(After the lesson)*

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 818 “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” (verses 1 - 3)**

*O Master, let me walk with you*

*in lowly paths of service true;*

*tell me your secret; help me bear*

*the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move*

*by some clear, winning word of love;*

*teach me the wayward feet to stay,*

*and guide them in the homeward way.*

*Teach me your patience; share with me*

*a closer, dearer company,*

*in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,*

*in trust that triumphs over wrong,*

**APOSTLES CREED**

**L** Faith is the assurance of things hoped for – strength for times like these. Together, let us confess our faith:

**C** **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,**

**and 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.**

**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**

#### **OFFERING**

*We join Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of financial resources.*

*During this unusual time, you may give by going to [www.ZionElginIL.org/give](http://www.ZionElginIL.org/give) and following the directions there. Options include our online giving portal, PayPal, GivePlus phone app, and mailing in a check to the church. Thanks for your faithful partnership during this unusual time.*

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**C** For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money for your work, but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us, to continue the ministry of Jesus. Amen.

#### **THE PRAYERS**

##### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory  
Forever and ever  
Amen

**DISMISSAL HYMN: 325 "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" (verses 1, 2, 3 and 1)**

*I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

**BLESSING FOR THE SAYLE FAMILY**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** God the Father prepare your journey,  
Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,  
The Spirit of Life strengthen your body,  
The God who is the Trinity  
watch over you,  
on every road that you may follow.

**C** Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

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