

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
330 GRISWOLD STREET, ELGIN, IL 60123

January 17, 2021

"God is including someone you don't like (and that's good news for you)"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

GARY HILLQUIST

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: Who do you think might be bummed if they saw you with them in heaven?

OPENING HYMN: "Everlasting God" (Sing twice)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever

Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God

You do not faint

You won't grow weary

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You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak,

You comfort those in need,

You lift us up on wings like eagles.

P All loving God, you are love itself and the grounding for all love in our lives. We confess that we are unable to love as you love and that we are not always able to love who you love. So we ask for grace and forgiveness where we fall short. Pour your Holy Spirit on us and fill us with Jesus so that we do your will, sharing your love in word and deed in all that we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

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 "(Jesus said), "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." (Luke 5:10)

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 146

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL VERSE: Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-30

P The Gospel according to Luke 4:14-30

C Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the lesson)

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: 641 “All Are Welcome” (verses 1, 4, and 5)

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;*

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger. [Refrain]*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: [Refrain]*

APOSTLES CREED

L God is gracious and good – the one in whom we put our trust. 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

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

THE PRAYERS

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory,
forever and forever. Amen**

DISMISSAL HYMN: 588 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (verses 1, 3, and 4)

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.*

*'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

BENEDICTION

P The God of love
who raised Jesus from the dead,
renew your hearts and fill you with divine love.
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

POSTLUDE

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