

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

May 16, 2021 8:30 AM

"A Radical Vision – Everyone is In!"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: If God truly created and loves all people, who are the people you struggle to love the most and how might God in Christ help you be more accepting?

PRELUDE

GARY HILLQUIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Here I Am to Worship"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of all nations, you have made all that is and done so out of deep love that is more than just a descriptor, love is who you are. So we gather today to be filled with that love and filled so full that we overflow with it in ways that allow us to love all people in ways that love like you do, in the name of the one who is love made flesh, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

WORD

(We turn our attention to hearing God's Word)

VERSE OF THE MONTH

L Let us remember together the witness of scripture.

C "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

FIRST LESSON: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL VERSE: (Spoken)

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life

Alleluia

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:68-79

P The Gospel according to Luke 1:68-79

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

(After the lesson)

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: 650 “In Christ There is No East or West”

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,

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

THE PRAYERS

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION:

All are welcome to come forward to receive communion. Communion will be distributed in one kind (bread only) Communion will be served by household. Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the sanctuary.

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

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P The God who loves without limits,
Fill you with that same love,
That you may be God's agent in the world where you live,
In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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