

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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"A Radical Vision – Everyone is In!"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

GARY HILLQUIST

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?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Here I Am To Worship"

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

Refrain:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that you're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor. [Refrain]

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

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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)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

DEACON MARLENE

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: 172 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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"

*In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, whatever your race may be!
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.*

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**

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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.

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**

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.

POSTLUDE

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