

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

July 18, 2021 10:45 AM

"The Ultimate in Worship – God at the Center"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

JEFF GROSSER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Here I Am to Worship"

1. 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.

2. 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 Amazing God, we gather around your throne to celebrate your goodness and stand in awe of your majesty. Focus our hearts and minds as we worship in ways that help us to have you at the center now in ways that keep you at the center of our lives throughout the week, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

REBECCA RIZZO

VERSE OF THE MONTH

L Let us remember together the witness of scripture.

C "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 4:1-11

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL VERSE:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:1-5

P The Gospel according to John 17:1-5

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

(After the lesson)

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: 856 "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

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 **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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 served by household. Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the sanctuary.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN: 477 "I Received the Living God"

Refrain:

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

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*1 Jesus said: I am the bread kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. [Refrain]*

*2 Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. [Refrain]*

3 Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.

You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. [Refrain]

4 Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. [Refrain]

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION:

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

C Amen

DISMISSAL HYMN "Grounded in Christ"

**Grounded in Christ and sent to be a blessing,
Venturing forth with the Light of the world,
Proclaiming the news of our Savior victorious,
Bearing his truth like a sword,
We are marching with Jesus the Lord!**

**1. We still remember the sons and daughters who fought holy battles of old,
Brothers and sisters who lived their lives so the story would always be told,
God sends us now to be gifts for the world, and to show every nation his love,
Giving a face to the Holy Spirit, Sharing good news from above.**

**2. Come join us now as we start our work as disciples who answered the call,
Burdens are light when they're shared by many, And God paved the way for us all,
Come Holy Spirit and deepen our faith so that we might be strong on our way,
You bring us hope of a life eternal, we sing your praises today!**

BENEDICTION

P The God who speaks to you and through, bless you with all that you need to continue the ministry of Jesus, 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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