

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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"The Ultimate in Worship – God at the Center"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

GARY HILLQUIST

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

*(We turn our attention to hearing God's 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: "Celtic Alleluia"

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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how great thou art! How great thou art!*

*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]*

*But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; [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**

## **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.**

## **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 is the center of all life, in Christ be the focus of your life, in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

## **POSTLUDE**

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