

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

August 1, 2021 10:45 AM

"An ever widening circle of love"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

JEFF GROSSER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: 641 "All Are Welcome" (verses 1, 3, and 5)

*1 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.*

*3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: [Refrain]*

*5 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]*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of all nations, your love created all things, sustains all things, and claims all things as precious in your sight. In Jesus you have come among us to make that love real and to offer yourself as a gift that redeems us and ushers in eternity. Be among us today in ways that open our hearts to welcome all people and have that love overflow from us as we go as your ambassadors into the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

DEACON MARLENE

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 6:1-8; 7:9-17

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL VERSE:

*Alleluia, Alleluia, hear the words of Jesus
Alleluia, Alleluia, word of life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, learn the way of wisdom
Alleluia, Alleluia, give glory to God, all glory to God!*

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-4

P The Gospel according to John 14:1-4

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

(After the lesson)

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: 668 "O Zion Haste"

*1 O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.*

Refrain:

*Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.*

2 Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom we live and move, is love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
and died on earth that we might live above. [Refrain]

3 He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,
make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,
through your neglect, unfit to see his face. [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: 461 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

1 All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*3 All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

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: 535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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**1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread;
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. [Refrain]**

**2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt;
strong in faith, free of doubt, tell to all the joyful Gospel. [Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

P The God who loves you in Christ
Send you forth to be Christ for the world,
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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