

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

August 1, 2021 8:30 AM

"An ever-widening circle of love"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

GARY HILLQUIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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: (Spoken)

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia

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"

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

We join Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of financial resources. You may give by going to www.ZionElginIL.org/give and following the directions there. Options include our online giving portal, PayPal, GivePlus phone app, and mailing in a check to the church. Thanks for your faithful partnership.

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

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

DISMISSAL HYMN 535 "Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"

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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