

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

September 26, 2021 8:30 AM

"God's commitment to connect heaven and earth"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

GARY HILLQUIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: 654 "The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of heaven and earth, all that is in heaven and on earth is yours and you desire the connection to be so strong that earth reflects the vision of heaven. So inspire us today as we worship to see you fully, encounter heaven in powerful and life-giving ways, and transform us to obedience and witness that all may see you as we long to see you, in the name 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 **"God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation." (Genesis 2:3)**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

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 1:43-51

P The Gospel according to John 1:43-51

C Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the lesson)

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: 588 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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 God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. 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 551 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

BENEDICTION

P The God of heaven and earth

fill you with a vision of heaven above

and a faith to engage the world below,

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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