

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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"God's commitment to connect heaven and earth"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

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)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERN ALLISON

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: "Alleluia"

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 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"

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

2. There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

3. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

4. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

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**

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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.**

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 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**

POSTLUDE

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