

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

October 10, 2021 10:45 AM

"Faith in what God gives"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

DARRELL ST. JOHN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: 526 "God is Here" (verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Generous God, you offer enough for us to flourish and yet we often see what we lack rather than the abundance you give. Forgive us for our lack of gratitude and help us to see and live from the abundance of your love, through 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 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."
(Psalm 51:10)

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 16:1-18

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God

GOspel VERSE: 172 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

*Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.*

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:47-51

P The Gospel according to John 6:47-51

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

(After the lesson)

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: 765 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

LUTHER'S MEANING TO THE FIRST ARTICLE

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that God has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. God also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. God richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life and defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this God does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey. This is most certainly true.

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 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

COMMUNION HYMN: 518 "We Eat the Bread of Teaching"

Refrain:

**We eat the bread of teaching, drink wine of wisdom,
Are given here a taste of the kingdom.
Together joined, the greatest and the least,
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.**

**Wisdom calls throughout the city, knows our hunger, and in pity
gives her loving invitation to the banquet of salvation.**

**Simple ones whose hearts are yearning, come and gain from Wisdom's learning;
bread and wine she is preparing, know her loving in the sharing.**

**Enter with delight and singing, for her richness now is bringing
us this joyous celebration; eat and drink in jubilation.**

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"

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

BENEDICTION

P The God who has given you everything in Christ,
give you faith to see all that you have
and the faith to use it all for God's work,
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.