

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

October 10, 2021 8:30 AM

"Faith in what God gives"

"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

PRELUDE

GARY HILLQUIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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: (Spoken)

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia

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"

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

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 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.

POSTLUDE

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