

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

January 29, 2023 at 8:30 AM

“Staying Focused on What God Wants”

“Grounded in Christ and Sent to be a blessing”

PRELUDE

GARY HILLQUIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We gather today to worship the One who created us,

C The One who calls us,

P The One who equips us,

C The One who loves us without end.

P With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

“God is Here”

526

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God who reigns on heaven and earth, we gather today in the midst of a world pulled in many directions. Our own lives are pushed and pulled by many things that call us away from you. So focus our hearts and minds on your presence, speak to us from your Word, and shape us to be able to live out of your will, made real for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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 (Jesus said) “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

FIRST LESSON **Psalm 20:1-7: (OT page 462)**

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #169

GOSPEL LESSON

P The Gospel according to **St. Matthew 6:7-21** (NT page 5)

C Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the lesson)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

**SERMON HYMN “God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” ACS
1084** (ACS is the new supplemental hymnal “All Creation Sings”)

CREEDAL AFFIRMATION:

A Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

C We believe and trust in God the Father.

A Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

C We believe and trust in Jesus the Son.

A Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

C We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

A This is the faith of the Church.

C This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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. There is also a box located on the wall outside the sanctuary for financial gifts and prayer requests. Thanks for your faithful partnership.

OFFERTORY **“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord”** **182**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior 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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION:

All are welcome to come forward to receive communion. Come by the center aisle. Grape Juice is available on the piano side and wine on the screen side. Choose whichever side you prefer. Children who have not received instruction are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P God who reigns in heaven, reign in your life as well, empowering you to live out God's will in all you do, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

DISMISSAL HYMN **"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"** **544**

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace, Christ is with you!

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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