

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

330 GRISWOLD STREET, ELGIN, IL 60123

February 5, 2023 at 8:30 AM

**“Being Humble Enough
to Learn from Jesus”**

“Grounded in Christ and Sent to be a blessing”

PRELUDE

GARY HILLQUIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

C May our hearts be open to trust you.

P: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

C May our eyes be open to see you.

P: Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

C: May our hands be open to serve you.

OPENING HYMN

“Dearest Jesus at Your Word”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of life, you are the foundation of all that endures. As we worship today help us to put our trust in you. Pour your Holy Spirit on this assembly and fill us with all that you desire us to have, so that we may go forth boldly 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 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long. (Psalm 146:1-2)

FIRST LESSON **Psalm 37:16-18** (OT page 474)

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **#169**

GOSPEL LESSON

P The Gospel according to **St. Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29**(NT page 6)

C Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the lesson)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

SERMON HYMN **“Be Thou My Vision”** **793**

CREED

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”

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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

BLESSING OF COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

DISMISSAL HYMN

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Proclaim the good news!

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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