

Sunday Worship

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

For All the Saints

Arr. Wold

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy.

C: **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.

P: For His sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #422 (v1-4,7)

For All the Saints

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

KYRIE Red hymnal #120

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Red hymnal #121

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For You alone are the Holy One, You**

alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Susie Gray
Composer: Antonio Dvorak

Gather at the River

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

R: ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And He will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸He will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 24

R: ¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: ²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

R: ³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

C: ⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

R: ⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

C: ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

R: ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C: ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

R: ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
C: ¹⁰**Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

R: ¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the One who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #124

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **John 11:32-44**

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

P: ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory

of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that You always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that You sent me." ⁴³When He had said this, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #710

Let Streams of Living Justice

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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, and He will come again 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.**

PRAYERS (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF 8 MEMBERS, who entered the church triumphant since our last All Saints gathering.

Bill Miller
Barb Kruse

Pat Cowan
Gloria Bilbay

Ed Flora
Patsy Furrow

Larry Nichols
Miriam Comer

OFFERING—Invitation—God’s Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*
Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen
and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the
Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe
again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior
and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited
to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling
One, poured out, + bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

HYMN Purple hymnal #950 *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?
C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:
“Serving Christ through serving others.”**
P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

For All Your Saints, O Lord

Arr. Wold

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Judy & Ken Bailey in honor of All Saints Day.*

*The flowers in front of the altar flowers are in memory of Lodema Gray
by Susie Gray (Indicated in last week's bulletin but not received)*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Communion Assist	Bob Keppel
Reader	Lilian Nichols
Greeter	May Fischvogt
Ushers	John & Jill Greer

ATTENDANCE 10/26 & 27:140

Sunday School: Adult:10

Unified Giving: \$2,985.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: **ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

A Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the lounge area just outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s) and return them to the tree by the designated date of **December 1st**. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children.

Our family is a single mother with two boys, ages 5 & 13.

Contact Deb Keppel with questions.

HOSTING CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING We will be offering the attendees of the Winter's Yuletide Gathering on **November 9th** a respite with a fun, classic movie and lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers to show our guests Zion hospitality. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hallway. Kids who wish to participate need to sign up as well.

A FLOWER CHART for 2025 has been posted. Our florist has been charging us \$40 for 2 bouquets for the last 4 years, which is extraordinarily inexpensive. Prices have gone up on everything, including the price she pays for flowers, so she needs to raise the price to \$45, which is still much cheaper than you can get 2 bouquets anywhere.