

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your
great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of
justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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- 1 **Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.**
- 2 **Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"**
- 3 **Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.**
- 4 **Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

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- **Please silence all cell phones** during worship service. Thank you.
 - **Becoming a member of Zion...** We would love having you as part of our Zion family. Indicate your interest on the "Welcome..." pad and list your mailing address and phone number. *Please contact the church office for membership information.*
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**Zion Lutheran Church
Outdoor Worship**

Sunday, October 18, 2020



20th Sunday
after Pentecost

LISTEN to service on radio station **FM 89.9.**

GREETING

OPENING SONG: *Lord, Be Glorified*

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- 1 **In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.**
- 2 **In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.**
- 3 **In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.**
- 4 **In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
Sing to the Lord a new song; **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**
Sing to the Lord and bless his name; **Sing to the Lord of our salvation!**
Let us worship the Lord. **Praise the Name of the Lord!**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Brothers and sisters, let us come before God and admit what we are. We can honestly bring our failure, apathy, anger and hatred; the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. We can be honest because God desires to shower us with forgiveness and to help us become better than we are.

For thoughts that have wandered and led us dangerously close to things that would destroy us;

Forgive the sin of our thoughts and lead us to health and healing.

For careless words that have hurt others and profaned your name;

Forgive the sin of our lips and lead us to health and healing.

For actions that have betrayed you, and stepped on others in our ladder climb to success and power;

Forgive the sin of our deeds and lead us to health and healing.

God does forgive us and make us new. God says, "As far as the east is from the west, so I will separate you from your sins." Living in this assurance of forgiveness, let us praise God in word and in deed, in prayer and in song.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

MORNING GOSPEL ~ Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered,

"The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE: Pastor Scott Ludford

MORNING OFFERING

This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Zion respond to God's goodness with gifts to support our mission. The QR code is provided for those who prefer e-giving.



OFFERING MUSIC ~ *This Is My Father's World* Jill Sousek, keyboard

COMMUNION CELEBRATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We come to the Table of the Lord to be made new.

The cup of love and the bread of life have been given for all of us to remember the very real presence of Christ with us.

Feed us with your heavenly food. Our spirits are hungry for the bread of life.

We have come again, knowing that Christ is the God of love and will feed us that which is good.

Fill us with the cup of love. Our spirits are thirsty and we want to drink from the well giving us eternal life.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (*use "trespasses"*)

THE COMMUNION

Please come forward respecting physical distance. Baptized and communing Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. Non-communing children may come for a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC Jill Sousek, keyboard

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**