Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church

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## **The Wonderful Cross**

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When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross bids me come and die and find that I may truly live. O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross; all who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross bids me come and die and find that I may truly live. O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross; all who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **Glory Glory (God is Able)**

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> Glory, glory, I've been singing since I laid my burden down. Glory, glory, I've been singing since I laid my burden down.

I'm singing hallelujah, God is able. Hallelujah, God is faithful. Hallelujah, Lord, I'm gonna sing. I feel better, so much better since I laid my burden down. I feel better, so much better since I laid, oh Lord, I laid my burden down. I'm singing hallelujah, God is able. Hallelujah, God is faithful. Hallelujah, Lord, I'm gonna sing. I'm singing hallelujah, God is able. Hallelujah, God is faithful. Hallelujah, Lord, I'm gonna sing. As long as I'm alive, there's gonna be praising. As long as I'm alive, there's gonna be shouting. One thing that I know deep down in my soul, as long as I'm alive, I'm gonna sing. I'm singing hallelujah, God is able. Hallelujah, God is faithful. Hallelujah, Lord, I'm gonna sing. I'm gonna sing. I'm singing hallelujah, God is able. Hallelujah, God is faithful. Hallelujah, Lord, I'm gonna sing. I'm gonna sing.

### **Living Waters**

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Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters. Tired and broken, peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters. Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters. Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.

There's a river that flows with mercy and love, bringing joy to the city of our God; there our hope is secure, do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of living waters. Spirit moving, mercy washing; healing in these living waters. Lead your children to the shoreline, life is in these living waters.

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters. Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, he is our living waters. There's a river that flows with mercy and love, bringing joy to the city of our God; there our hope is secure, do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of living waters.

There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore, praise the Lord of living waters.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

L: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
C: Amen.

# Welcome and Announcements

May 14, is the *last* night of Wednesday Night Worship and Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes!

There will be **NO** Church School on May 14.

Watch announcements for the return of Wednesday Night Worship and classes.

# Sharing the Peace

### **Come as You Are**

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#### Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted let rescue begin.

Come, find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel; Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal, Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.



There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed: come sit at the table, come taste the grace.



There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart: come as you are....



Come as you are.... Fall in his arms.... Come as you are. There's joy for the morning, O sinner, be still. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home; you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are....



Come as you are.... Come as you are.... Come as you are.



# **Opening Prayer**



# **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

L: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

#### L: Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
C: make us one as you are one.

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
C: make us one as you are one.

- L: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
- C: Amen.

## A Message for All God's Children



#### **First Reading: Acts 9:1-20**

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus. <sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

- L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.<sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me." L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



#### **I Will Follow**

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> Where you go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay; When you move, I'll move. I will follow.

All your ways are good, all your ways are sure; I will trust in you alone. Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in you alone.

Where you go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay; When you move, I'll move. I will follow you. Whom you love, I'll love; How you serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow you, I will follow you.

Light into the world, light into my life; I will live for you alone. You're the one I seek, knowing I will find all I need in you alone. In you alone.

Where you go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay; When you move, I'll move. I will follow you. Whom you love, I'll love; How you serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow you, I will follow you.

In you, there's life everlasting. In you, there's freedom for my soul. In you, there's joy, unending joy; I will follow. Where you go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay; When you move, I'll move. I will follow you. Whom you love, I'll love; How you serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow.

Where you go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay; When you move, I'll move. I will follow you. Whom you love, I'll love; How you serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow you. I will follow you. I will follow you.

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 of Intercession**





#### **There Is None Like You**

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There is none like you. No one else can touch my heart like you do. I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like you. Your mercy flows like a river wide and healing comes from your hands; suffering children are safe in your arms, there is none like you. There is none like you. No one else can touch my heart like you do. I could search for all eternity long and find there is none like you.

### **Offering Prayer**

L: Heavenly Father, thank you that you are God, and there is no other; you are God, and there is none like you. You love us with eternal love and we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts will be used to extend your kingdom in our land. L: May you, the God of all grace, who has called us into eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us holy, strong, and filled with peace. To you be glory and honor forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
C: Amen.

## Words of Institution

#### The 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. 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.

### Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten-free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.

### Here is Bread, Here is Wine

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Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.

In this bread, there is healing in this cup there's life forever in this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim, 'til he comes, Jesus crucified.

In this bread, there is healing in this cup there's life forever in this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

## **Communion Blessing**



#### **Prayer after Communion**

- L: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- C: Amen.

## Blessing

- L: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
  Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,
  light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
- C: Amen.

## Are You Washed in the Blood?

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Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each moment in the crucified? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin And be washed in the blood of the Lamb there's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean oh be washed in the blood of the Lamb

## Dismissal

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **C:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Thank you for worshipping with us!

## God bless you!

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