



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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 Education Hour 8:45 AM - Divine Worship 10:00 AM
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Sunday, January 10th, 2021
1st Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude
 Tower Bells
 Welcome
 Announcements and

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.

Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. The congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.

Opening Hymn *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* **LSB 400**

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
 Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

2 Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
 Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
 Vainly with gifts would His favor secure,
 Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
 Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
 Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,

5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (*Stand*)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 50:1-15

1 The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

3 Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
**before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.**

4 He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth,
that he may judge his people:

5 "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!**

7 "Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God.

8 Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
**your burnt offerings are continually before
me.**

9 I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.

**10 For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

11 I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.

**12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.**

13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,

15 and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

All: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 8:6-13 (*Congregation sits*)

6 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. 7 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. 8 And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the Holy Place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. 9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10 And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading Romans 12:1-5

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52 (*Stand*)

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his

answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

Within the Father's House

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1 Within the Father's house
The Son has found His home,
And to His temple suddenly
The Lord of life has come.

4 The secret of the Lord
Escapes each human eye,
And faithful pond'ring hearts await
The full epiphany.

2 The doctors of the Law
Gaze on the wondrous child
And marvel at His gracious words
Of wisdom undefiled.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace

3 Yet not to them is giv'n
The mighty truth to know,
To lift the earthly veil which hides
Incarnate God below.

6 (Stand) Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.

Sermon "The Only Way to Know God and His Will is to Listen to Him!"

Luke 2:46-47 and Psalm 50:7; 14-15

Apostles' Creed (*Congregation stands*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the eternal Word made flesh and His dwelling among us, full of grace and truth; that His praise would be extended into all the world; and that many more with us would come to hope in His steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church and her members, that by God's mercies He would lead us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to Him; for the sending of faithful pastors to preach Christ's Gospel among us; and for sober judgment among all Christians, that none would consider himself more highly than another, but that each would live and serve according to the measure of faith assigned by God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian homes, that following the example of our Lord Jesus, all children would be diligent to hear the Word of God, grow in wisdom and stature, submit to earthly parents, and always be about the heavenly Father's business and in His house, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders and elected officials of our nation, especially for their wisdom that God would also enable them to discern between good and evil and govern our people wisely. That God would give peaceful transitions of power in our nation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those fellow citizens who serve us day in and day out that the Lord would guide and protect them and their families; we remember before God law-enforcement, firefighters, all medical personnel, military personnel, all chaplains, educators, counselors, retail and transportation workers, and all food producers; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and everyone in any kind of need [*especially _____*]; for patience and healing according to God's will; in thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness shown to us in Christ [*especially for _____*]; and for those who mourn, [*especially _____,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, in mercy You have established the Christian home among us. We beseech You so to rule and direct our hearts, that we may be good examples to children and those subject to us, and not offend them by word or deed, but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word.

Give them Your Spirit and grace, that this seed may bring forth good fruit, so that our home life may advance Your glory, honor and praise, as well as our own improvement and welfare, and give offense to no one; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer. **And let my cry come to You.**
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father. (*Refrain*)

Refrain In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Sermon "The Only Way to Know God and His Will is to Listen to Him!"

Luke 2:46-47 and Psalm 50:7; 14-15

I. Our Lord Teaches God's Word Even as a 12-Year-Old

Listen...

We will be...

II. God says ...

(Psalm 50:7, 14-15)

Offer...

Perform...

Call...

"I will _____ you, and you shall _____ me."