

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith \* Growing in Spirit \* Reaching out to Those in Need*  
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July 11, 2010

8:30 AM

July 25, 2010

INTRODUCTION

7/11 To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

7/25 Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done**

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

By the command and authority of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father,

and of the + Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

July 11: ELW #714 - "O God of Mercy, god of Light"

July 25: ELW #742 - "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

GREETING

Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ:

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

July 11: ELW #836 - "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

July 25: ELW #825 - "You Servants of God"

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

FIRST READING **July 11: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**
 July 25: Psalm 138

SECOND READING **July 11: Psalm 25:1-10**
 July 25: Colossians 2:6-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL:
The holy gospel according to _____.
Glory to you, O Lord.

July 11: Luke 10:25-37
July 25: Luke 11:1-13

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

July 11: ELW #725 - "When the Poor Ones"
July 25: ELW #742 - "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

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.**

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings
in the "For Children Everywhere" box.

OFFERING HYMN

ELW #679 - "For the Fruit of All Creation"

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord God,
**You bless us with gifts beyond our imagining. You gather us together and surround us
with your love. You give us the peace and the promise of life forever with you. Bless
these gifts which we offer in response to your gracious gifts in Jesus Christ. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy....**hear our prayer.**

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;

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

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN July 11: ELW #729 – “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

July 25: ELW #688 – “Lord of Light”

POSTLUDE

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