

## 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

10:00 am

July 25, 2010

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### 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."*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

God of righteousness, we praise you for gathering us here so that we can focus on you as the reason for our worship. We worship you as the one who gives meaning and order to our lives and a quality of life we could never achieve on our own. In your great love for the world, you chose to enter our history and our lives. How can we do other than praise and adore you for choosing to clothe your divinity in such vulnerable love? May we clothe our humanity with a like vulnerability - emptying ourselves of self-serving power so that we can love you with all our heart, soul, strength and mind and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

### OPENING SONG

July 11: "Joyful, Joyful"  
July 25: "Made To Worship"

### CONFESSION:

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to follow you and to make your love visible in the way we reach out to our neighbor.

Forgive us if we seek to justify any lack of action on our part by asking the question "Who is my neighbor?"...

**while knowing in our hearts that the correct question must always be: "Who is not my neighbor?"**

Forgive us when we make our responsibility as your followers a far lower priority than attention to our own needs and desires...

**when our comfortable lifestyles interfere with our social action.**

Forgive us when we gladly profess that our love for God is with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength and all our mind...

**while stumbling over the call to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.**

Forgive us when we ignore the cries of the poor, and are indifferent to those who have needs.

**Jesus, Savior and Lord, open our hearts to love as you loved and to care as you cared.**

Strengthen us to include in our lives, our prayers and our community those who feel excluded because of such things as their race, their sexuality, their age, their disability.....

**Help us to accept people as you accept them, as people made in the image of God, and precious to God...**

**As neighbors - of yours - and of ours. This we pray in your name. Amen**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS :

Through the graciousness of God we have been rescued from the power of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (*Colossians 1:13,14 NRSV*)

Friends, believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

### SONG OF PRAISE

July 11: "More Love, More Power"  
July 25: "Majesty"

### 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

**ALLELUIA**

July 11: "Praise, Praise the Lord"  
 July 25: "Praise, Praise the Lord"

**GOSPEL**

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

**SERMON****SONG OF THE DAY**

July 11: "Love the Lord"  
 July 25: "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****OFFERING SONG**

July 11: "Open Our Eyes, Lord"  
 July 25: "The Power Of Your Love"

**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

**THE 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;

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

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION****SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION**

July 11: "I Love You, Lord"

July 25: "Nothing But The Blood"

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

**SENDING SONG**    **July 11: “You Shine”**  
**July 25: “Friend Of God”**

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